

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
December 1, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**KEEGAN WORLEY, MAYOR  
STEPHEN PRICE, PRESIDENT  
JIM SWARTZ, VICE PRESIDENT  
ROBERT GORDON  
LINDA DAPCIC-ANGST  
LINDA PALM  
DAVID LATINO**

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

**MICHAEL GOMBAR, SOLICITOR  
JENNIFER VELEZ, ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
DANIEL GRIFFE, ROADMASTER  
KEN FULMER, GVC  
CHIEF LEON GRIM, SOUTH HEIDELBERG POLICE DEPT.  
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT  
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES**

**ABSENT:**

**JIM PIERCE  
DEBRA PIERCE, SECRETARY  
MICHAEL PALM, BOROUGH EMPLOYEE**

S. Price called the Wernersville Borough Council Meeting to order at 7 pm.

Motion made by J. Swartz to approve the minutes from the November 3, 2021 Council Meeting.  
D. Latino seconded. Comment made by L. Dapcic-Angst to correct her Council report in the November minutes.

**Visitors:**

Karen Krater, Hoffert Surveyors, for Bachman's Roofing  
Brad Boltz, Bachman's Roofing  
Deb West, 309 N Walnut St

**Karen Krater, Hoffert Surveyors, for Bachman's Roofing (208 W Penn Ave):** Motion made by R. Gordon to grant conditional final land development plan approval conditioned upon compliance with the SSM November 23, 2021 review letter, per recommendation of the Planning Commission at the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion seconded by L. Palm and carried unanimously. Karen also discussed the need for using a temporary loading area for deliveries. Glenn Kraft approved this loading space. The Fire Marshall also verbally indicated no issue and will be issuing a letter at some point in the future.

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**Police Report:** Written Report Submitted. 390 calls for the Month of November. 86 calls were in the Borough.

**Fire Report:** Written Report Submitted. 83 Calls for the month of November. 5 calls were in the Borough.

**Western Berks Ambulance:** Written report submitted. 33 calls for the month of November. 5 calls for Phoebe Berks.

**Wernersville Public Library:** Written report submitted.

**Engineer Report:**

**West Ridge Suites:** K. Fulmer issued a memo dated November 15, 2021 regarding recommendations and suggestions for the Traffic Impact Study for this Development. He has not yet heard back from Stackhouse Bensinger.

**Stone Ridge Subdivision:** K. Fulmer issued a memo dated November 8, 2021 regarding review of the Highway Occupancy Permit Plans. In Mr. Fulmer's memo, He noted that Mr. Dimmerling in his email of October 29, 2021 asked when the "Borough would be able to provide the signed M-950AA form". Motion made by R. Gordon to authorize the Council President to sign the M-950AA for Highway Occupancy Permit provided that this authorization is not construed as an approval by Council of the Highway Occupancy Permit Plans. Motion seconded by D. Latino and carried unanimously. Form was signed during Council meeting by S. Price.

**Zoning and Building Enforcement Report:** Written reports were submitted. 18 Permits were issued for November. 5 Property Maintenance issues and 7 Zoning issues.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Worley told Council that he checked with Concord Public Finance about possibly refinancing the Building loan but, since the existing low interest rate is locked in until 2025 and the remaining principal balance / repayment terms are beneficial, a refinance would not provide any significant cost savings to the Borough at this time.

**Council's Report:**

D. Latino told Council that the Borough will be extending leaf collection until December 10, instead of December 3.

He also told Council that he and the Road Crew are beginning to actively look for a Loader. They are looking at possibly renting one, if they can find a rental close to \$1500 per month.

D. Latino also mentioned to Council that New Castle Landscaping has been dumping the leaves from Phoebe Berks on N Church Rd. Mayor Worley will call them and make sure they are aware that they cannot continue doing this.

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Council presented plaques of appreciation to Gary Heydt and Council President Steve Price in recognition of their many years of service to the Borough. Gary is retiring at the end of the year and the Council President's term is expiring at the end of the year.

**Solicitor's Report:** Written report was submitted.

**Sewer Lateral Inspection Ordinance:** Decision was made by Council to send this to Wernersville Municipal Authority for review and comment.

**Paradise by the Slice:** Considered action to authorize the filing of civil actions against Paradise by the Slice seeking monetary fines for failing to comply with Notices of Violation issued by Kraft Codes. Council members would check to see if tables are still set up outside and review the matter at next month's meeting.

**Old Business:**

**Trees:** We received a quote from Martin's Tree Service for \$8,100 and a quote from Stoltzfus Professional Tree Service for \$19,600. Rocky's Tree Service did not send us a quote. Motion made by J. Swartz to accept the bid from Martin's Tree Service for \$8,100 as the lowest responsible bidder. Seconded by D. Latino and carried unanimously. The Borough will send out registered letters to residents still not in compliance with the ordinance and give them a deadline of January 15<sup>th</sup> before the Borough will have the work completed by Martin's and then bill the respective property owners.

**New Business:**

**206 Beckley St. Sidewalk Installation Extension:** Dalton Welsh purchased this property on August 26, 2021. According to the Ordinance he would need to install his sidewalk by December 24, 2021. He is asking for an extension until Spring. Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to grant the owner of 206 Beckley St an extension on installing sidewalk, with a deadline of May 31, 2022. Motion seconded by D. Latino and carried.

**2022 Budget:** Motion made by R. Gordon to advertise the proposed 2022 budget with no tax increase. Seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

**Special Meeting:** Motion made by D. Latino to advertise and hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at 8 a.m. to adopt the 2022 Budget and any other business properly brought before Council. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

**Reading Area Transportation Study (RATS) Coordinating Committee:** S. Price has served on this Committee since Jan. 2002. S. Price discussed this with Council and R. Gordon said he would be interested in filling the position.

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**Monthly Bills:** Motion made by J. Swartz to approve the bill list and bills previously paid to avoid penalty. D. Latino seconded and carried. L. Palm abstained.

**Balance Sheet:** Motion made by J. Swartz to accept the Balance Sheet. D. Latino seconded and carried. L. Palm abstained.

**Next Council Meeting:** Monday, January 3, at 7pm. This will serve as both the required Reorganization meeting and the general business meeting.

Motion by L. Palm to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

Executive Session was held after Meeting adjourned to discuss a personnel matter.

Attest:  
Borough Secretary