

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
June 1, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**DAVID LATINO, PRESIDENT  
JIM SWARTZ, VICE PRESIDENT  
LINDA DAPCIC-ANGST  
LINDA PALM  
JIM PIERCE**

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

**MICHAEL GOMBAR, SOLICITOR  
DEBRA PIERCE, SECRETARY  
JENNIFER VELEZ, ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT  
CHIEF LEON GRIM, SOUTH HEIDELBERG POLICE DEPT.  
KEN FULMER, GVC  
DANIEL GRIFFE, ROADMASTER  
TIM LEVAN, PUBLIC WORKS**

**ABSENT:**

**ROBERT GORDON  
ELIZABETH MERIN  
MAYOR, MELISSA DEAN  
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES**

D. Latino called the Wernersville Borough Council Meeting to order at 7 pm.

Motion made by J. Swartz to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2022 Council Meeting.  
J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

**Visitors:**

Ron Swope, 628 Christopher Dr (no comment)  
Rich & Dottie Regetta, 499 Mountain Blvd (no comment)

**Police Report:** Written Report Submitted. 38 calls for the Month of May. 83 calls were in the Borough.

Chief Grim showed council a short video from an officer's bodycam of a domestic situation.

**Fire Report:** Written Report Submitted. 86 Calls for the month of May. 1 call was in the Borough.

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**Western Berks Ambulance:** Written report submitted. 58 calls for the month of May. 10 calls for Phoebe Berks.

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

**Engineer Report:** Written report submitted.

**West Ridge Suites:** Issued Memo dated May 17, 22 with our comments regarding Final Plan.

**Bachman Roofing Land Development:** Site work has begun, Stormwater Management BMP – Infiltration bed substantially complete, see memo dated May 26, 22.

**Stone Ridge Development:** K. Fulmer, L. Dapcic-Angst and J. Pierce met with Brian Focht and Scott Sweigart from C2C on May 6, 22 to discuss Construction Cost Estimate and status of conditions for Final Plan approval. See memo from May 23, 22 regarding waivers for use of a curb machine and construction cost estimates. Also see memo from May 25, 22 regarding revised construction cost estimates and contractor's proposal. Council recommended that \$16,864.55 will need to be added to the construction cost estimate for the HOP. Council is still concerned about inflation for construction costs. The 10% inflation contingency was not included in the latest cost estimate and Borough Council is concerned and is requesting that it be provided.

**MS4:** The preliminary Construction Cost Estimate from the BMP facility for the Gerhart Street "Drainage Ditch" is \$94,100. The cost estimate for the offline Rain Garden at Elm and Wilson Streets is \$141,160.

Council authorized M. Gombar to contact the Wernersville Municipal Authority asking them to grant an easement to the Borough, since the rain garden will be on their property.

**Zoning and Building Enforcement Report:** Written reports were submitted.

8 Permits were issued for May. 16 Property Maintenance issues and 4 Zoning issues.

**Public Works:** Written report submitted. Dan Griffe reported to Council the work completed in May in the Public Works Department. Dan discussed quotes for painting the Borough building. Council asked that he wait for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quote before the Borough decides.

Dan also spoke to Council about the Sinkhole discovered at Walnut & Fairview. Motion made by J. Pierce to authorize the work and accept the lowest bid after Dan gets 2 more telephone/email quotes for the sinkhole repair with the cost not to exceed \$13,100. The job will go to the lowest bidder. Motion seconded by L. Palm and carried unanimously.

Tim Levan gave Council his letter of resignation. His last day will be Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Mayor's Report:**

Written report and suggested master plan for the Borough submitted.

**Council's Report:**

**Linda Dapcic-Angst:** L. Dapcic-Angst asked Council if we would be able to purchase a new State Flag for outside the Borough Building.

**Linda Palm:** L. Palm asked Council when we will be looking at Insurance costs. This will be discussed in a future meeting. L. Dapcic-Angst and L. Merin will research insurance costs.

She also asked J. Pierce about a time clock app for Borough Employees. J. Pierce said that he will do some more research about that.

**Solicitor's Report:**

**Memorandum of Understanding with Berks Co. Conservation District:** Motion Made by L. Dapcic-Angst to approve a new MOU. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

**Joint Zoning Ordinance Amendment:** Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment has been introduced by South Heidelberg Township. No action required. It will first be reviewed by the Planning Commission at its next meeting.

**Executive Session:** Request for an executive session at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss a real estate related matter and a personnel matter.

**Old Business:**

**Trees:** We still have not received payment from 4 Property Owners that had trees trimmed by the Borough. Council asked that Debbie and Jen contact the owners of those properties to remind them of their cost and set up a payment plan.

**Fire Marshall and EMC:** Mike Palm indicated that he is not interested in continuing his role as EMC and Fire Marshall. Further discussion at the July meeting.

**Purchase Order Amount:** Motion made by L. Palm to set a \$750 threshold amount for requiring a purchase requisition. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

**300 Beckley St.:** We have received numerous complaints regarding high grass and weeds. The owner passed away and no one is living there. Kraft Code has verified the grass and weed violation.

Motion made by J. Pierce to have our Roadcrew mow the grass/weeds at the property every 2 weeks and to file a lien for the costs that accrue. Motion seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

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

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

Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to adjourn the public meeting at 8:08 pm. Seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

**Next Council Meeting:** Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 7pm.

**Executive Session:** Council convened to discuss a real estate matter and personnel matter.

Attest:

Borough Secretary