

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
July 6, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

DAVID LATINO, PRESIDENT (Present via phone call on speaker phone)
JIM SWARTZ, VICE PRESIDENT
LINDA DAPCIC-ANGST
LINDA PALM
JIM PIERCE
ELIZABETH MERIN

ALSO, PRESENT:

MAYOR, MELISSA DEAN
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
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES
DANIEL GRIFFE, ROADMASTER

ABSENT:

ROBERT GORDON

J. Swartz called the Wernersville Borough Council Meeting to order at 7 pm.

Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2022 Council Meeting.

L. Palm seconded and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Steve Bensinger, Stackhouse Bensinger, for West Ridge Suites
Fred Grande, For West Ridge Suites
Rich & Dottie Regetta, 499 Mountain Blvd (no comment)
Deb West, 309 N Walnut St (no comment)
Andrew, Beth and John Tharp, 44 N Pearl Street (no comment)
Scott Wilson, 507 W Penn Ave (no comment)
Tina Wiatrowski, 26 Elm View Ct (no comment)
Matt Zerr, 153 W Gaul St (no comment)

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 395 calls for the Month of June. 73 calls were in the Borough.

Chief Grim told Council that National Night out will be on 8/2/2022 at Heidelberg West.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 76 Calls for the month of June. 11 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written report submitted. 55 calls for the month of June. 10 calls for Phoebe Berks.

Wernersville Public Library: Written report submitted.

Engineer Report: Written report submitted.

West Ridge Suites: Issued Memo dated May 17, 2022 with comments regarding Final Plan. Planning Commission recommended conditional Final Plan approval at its last meeting. Council will wait to consider the request for Conditional Final Approval until the traffic study comes back.

Bachman Roofing Land Development: Nothing to Report.

Stone Ridge Development: Council approved the latest revision of the construction cost estimates. See copy of the estimate dated June 3, 2022. Motion made by J. Pierce to grant waiver from the Borough's Curb and Sidewalk Ordinance to allow the use of a curb machine. See memo dated June 8, 2022. Motion seconded by L. Dapcic-Angst and carried unanimously.

Wenger's Bakery Lots 1 & 2 Furnace Rd.: Angelo Giannotti owns this property and is building 2 homes. This was approved back in 2008. I advised Berkshire Building Systems and Folino Construction Company that they must follow all the requirements for Soil and Erosion, the Borough's Subdivision Ordinance, and the Borough's Stormwater Management Ordinance. Soil testing was scheduled to be done on June 24, 2022.

108 S. Walnut St.: Did the curb stakeout for the frontage along Rebecca St. See memo dated June 23, 2022 showing proposed curb alignment.

MS4: See memo dated June 20, 2022 with DEP correspondence. DEP has agreed to defer, indefinitely, the construction of the BMP-1 "Best Management Practices" "Rain Garden" at the intersection of North Elm Street and West Wilson Street.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written reports were submitted.

11 Permits were issued for June. 11 Property Maintenance issues and 8 Zoning issues. Request was made to look into the former Caron properties located at 60-70 Werner properties that were recently sold to Marshall Lytle.

Public Works: Written report submitted.

Dan Griffe reported to Council the work completed in June in the Public Works Department.

Dan told Council about an individual who he caught fishing in the "mine hole". He has since put up "Private Property. No Trespassing" signs. Council told Dan to get estimates for putting up a fence around the pond. He will also bring further information and quotes to Council at next month's meeting on the proposed painting of the municipal building.

Motion made by J. Pierce to authorize Dan to move forward with the MS4 inventory plan.. Motion Seconded by E. Merin and carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report:

Written report and updated master plan for the Borough submitted.

The Mayor also announced her Proclamation for “**The Cone Day**” on July 17, 2022.

Council's Report:

Jim Pierce: Police dissolution matters should be cleared up within the next 6 months. Jim told Council he is working on getting the phone lines switched over to Verizon. Jim discussed the possibility of trying to get a 3 way stop sign installed at Lincoln and South Church Rd due to visibility and speeding. Motion made by L. Palm to authorize J. Pierce to look into this and contact PennDot. Motion seconded by E. Merin and carried unanimously.

Linda Dapcic-Angst: Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the job descriptions for Secretary/Treasurer and Assistant Secretary. Seconded by E. Merin and carried unanimously.

Elizabeth Merin: E. Merin made a statement expressing her disagreement with the Mayor's recent actions of unilaterally putting flyers in the mailboxes of Borough residents.

David Latino: D. Latino also addressed the Mayor about concerns with her recent actions addressed in Councilor Merin's statement and her treatment of Council members.

Solicitor's Report:

West Ridge Suites: Motion made by J. Pierce to sign the NPDES Apex E&S letter. Motion seconded by L. Palm and carried unanimously.

License Agreement: Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to authorize signing of License Agreement with David Schaeffer for farming of Borough property adjacent to the playground area on a 1 year renewable basis. Seconded by E. Merin and carried unanimously.

MS4 Rain Garden Easement with WMA property: Council agreed to move forward with the easement agreement with WMA even though the waiver was granted by DEP.

Stormwater Management Ordinance: The proposed Stormwater Management Ordinance needed for MS4 compliance was reviewed. The Borough Engineer has a few minor concerns which he will address with the Solicitor. This will be reviewed again at a future meeting.

Animal Waste Ordinance: The proposed Animal Waste Ordinance needed for MS4 compliance was reviewed. Motion made by J. Pierce authorizing Solicitor to advertise ordinance for enactment at a future meeting. Seconded by E. Merin and carried unanimously.

Trash COG: Council agrees that the COG should renew the contract for 1 year.

Old Business:

EMC: Council decided to table the discussion about hiring Justin Schlottman as the Borough EMC until the August meeting.

Tim Levan: Motion made by J. Pierce to accept, with regret, the resignation of Tim Levan, effective June 13, 2022. Motion seconded by L. Palm and carried unanimously.

New Business:

Planning Commission: Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to appoint Whitney Brady (274 E Penn Ave) to the Planning Commission to fill the vacant seat last held by M. Palm. Motion seconded by D. Latino and carried unanimously.

Public Works Employee: Council recessed into executive session to discuss hiring a Public Works Employee at 8:20 pm at which time Mayor Dean left the meeting. Council returned from executive session at 8:40 pm.

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

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

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 7pm.

Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to adjourn the public meeting at 8:45 pm. Seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary