

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
October 5, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**DAVID LATINO, PRESIDENT
JIM SWARTZ, VICE PRESIDENT
ROB GORDON
LINDA DAPCIC-ANGST
JIM PIERCE
ELIZABETH MERIN**

ALSO PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

LINDA PALM

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

Motion made by J. Swartz to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2022 Council Meeting.
J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Fred Chapman, DCED

Fred Chapman: Mr. Chapman spoke to Council about the services offered through the DCED for the Strategic Management Planning Program.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 370 calls for the Month of September. 83 calls were in the Borough.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 100 Calls for the month of September. 4 calls were in the Borough. J. Renshaw also told Council that the Fire Department is having their Open house on October 15th.

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Western Berks Ambulance: Written report submitted. 45 calls for the month of September. 8 calls for Phoebe Berks.

Wernersville Public Library: Written report submitted.

Engineer Report: Written report submitted.

West Ridge Suites: The only info we received is a copy of the review letter from the Berks Co. Conservation District regarding the NPDES Permit Application.

Bachman Roofing Land Development: The Developer is proposing paving the alley and parking lot the week of October 17th.

Stone Ridge Development: No change in status.

Wenger's Bakery Lots 1 & 2 Furnace Rd.: Received Stormwater Management Study for both Lots 1 and 2 and prepared a review letter. A copy was supplied to Borough Council by memo on September 22, 2022.

Omega Builders 36 Mountain Blvd: Received a copy of the Stormwater Management Report and prepared a review and sent review letter to Omega Builders. Council received our review letter on September 22, 2022. Waiting for revised copy of Stormwater Management Report.

MS4 Waiver Process: Submitted Waiver Request to DEP and copied Borough Council on that waiver request on September 22, 2022.

Penn Ave. Crosswalks: Sent memo to Council on September 26, 2022 along with PennDOT email and attachments. Mr. Fulmer and Mr. Griffe will get cost estimates for permits and signs for the November meeting.

Beckley St and Lincoln Dr. Storm Sewers: Reviewed video and pictures of storm sewers that are in need of repair or replacement. Mr. Fulmer and Mr. Griffe will get estimates on replacing the storm sewers.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written reports were submitted.

4 Permits were issued for September. 12 Property Maintenance issues and 6 Zoning issues. Council asked G. Kraft to continue looking into the situation at 107 N Reber St and concerns about businesses being run out of the residence.

Public Works: Written report submitted.

Dan Griffe reported to Council the work completed in September in the Public Works Department. He spoke to Council about a tree that needs to be removed on the playground property, but is too large for Public Works to take care of themselves. Motion made by J. Pierce to approve using Rocky's Tree Service to take the tree down at a cost not to exceed \$350. Motion seconded by L. Dapcic-Angst and carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report: Written report submitted including a letter to Council about her intention to perform marriage ceremonies in accordance with the PA Borough Code. Mayor Dean addressed Council about the situation with the CCC. She wrote a letter in support of shutting down the CCC. Motion made by J. Pierce in support of Council sending a letter to join in the call for the

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closure of the CCC. Motion seconded by J. Swartz and carried by a 4-2 vote. L. Dapcic-Angst and E. Merin opposed the motion.

Council's Report:

Jim Pierce: J. Pierce told Council that the police matters should be finalized by next month.

Linda Dapcic-Angst: L. Dapcic Angst spoke to Council about the Grants that she has submitted. She expects to be notified by November 15th on the Grant for the loader. The Grant for the repaving projects was submitted and she should have a decision between March and May of 2023.

Rob Gordon: R. Gordon asked Council if there is an Ordinance on residential lighting. His neighbors have several floodlights on their property. G. Kraft and M. Gombar will check on this.

Elizabeth Merin: E. Merin told Council that she has a list of potential Volunteers for the Rec Board.

Solicitor's Report:

Zoning Ordinance Amendment: Motion made by R. Gordon to enact Zoning Ordinance Amendment containing changes requested by South Heidelberg Township. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Easement Agreement with Wernersville Municipal Authority: Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to authorize the execution of the Easement Agreement with WMA for the installation of the Rain Garden on the WMA property as initially required by DEP for MS4 compliance. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Resolution for Tax Collector: Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to enact a Resolution to establish guidelines for the Borough Tax Collector to comply with Act 57 of 2022. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously. J. Pierce abstained.

Omega Builders 36 Mountain Blvd.: Motion made by J. Pierce to authorize the execution of the Stormwater Facilities Maintenance Agreement with Omega Builders, Inc. for the residential dwelling to be constructed at 36 Mountain Blvd. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Wengers Bakery, Inc. 101 & 103 Furnace Road: Motion made by J. Pierce to authorize the execution of the Stormwater Facilities Maintenance Agreement with Wengers Bakery for 2 residential dwellings to be constructed at 101 and 103 Furnace Road. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Rules for Borough Council Public Meetings: Council will review proposed Resolution establishing rules for all Borough Council public meetings and consider adopting this for next year.

PennDOT Pedestrian Traffic Signal Upgrade: Motion made by J. Swartz to ratify approval by Council President for Borough's participation in a program with PennDOT to have the pedestrian traffic signal at Penn Ave. and Werner St. intersection upgraded at no cost to the Borough. Motion seconded by L. Dapcic-Angst and carried unanimously.

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Old Business:

EMC Position: Council will continue to consider hiring Justin Schlottman as our EMC.

New Business:

Handicap Parking Space Request: Motion made by J. Swartz to have a Handicap sign installed for Sandra Reed at 76 S. Reber St. Motion seconded by L. Dapcic-Angst and carried unanimously.

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021: We received our payment of \$146,947.71. We now have a total of \$293,480.43 in this account. Our auditors recommend closing this account and transferring the money to our General Account. Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to transfer the money into our general account, apply it to police services and the standard allowance for loss revenue under the ARPA regulations and close American Rescue plan Account. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Trick or Treat Night: Motion made by R. Gordon to hold trick or treat night on Monday, October 31, 2022 from 6 pm to 9 pm. Motion seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

433 Lincoln Dr.: This property is up for sale, and they are asking for a waiver for curb and sidewalk. Note, on Aug.5 2020 a waiver was granted for the neighbor's house at 441 Lincoln Dr. because of the issues raised by PennDOT. Motion made by J. Pierce to grant a temporary waiver for sidewalk and curbing. Motion seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

2023 Budget: Please email Deb with prices for any large items or projects Council is considering for 2023.

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

Balance Sheet: Motion made by R. Gordon to accept the Balance Sheet. L. Dapcic-Angst seconded and carried. J. Pierce abstained.

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Attest:

Borough Secretary