

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
July 5, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

**MAYOR, MELISSA DEAN
MICHAEL GOMBAR, SOLICITOR
DEBRA PIERCE, SECRETARY
JENNIFER VELEZ, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
CHIEF HOOK, SOUTH HEIDELBERG POLICE DEPARTMENT
KEN FULMER, GVC
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES
MATT ZERR, ROADMASTER**

ABSENT:

**KEEGAN WORLEY
ROB GORDON
LINDA PALM
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2023 Council Meeting.
J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Linda Bean, 57 E Wilson Ave
Marshall Lytle, owner of 60 & 70 Werner St

Linda Bean: Ms. Bean told Council about a program that the Library offered with an individual from the Environmental center who brought in a Red Tail Hawk, a Barred Owl and a Box Turtle. She thanked the Library for a great presentation.

Ms. Bean also asked Council about the construction off of Lincoln Dr. Council told her it is Stone Ridge Development with 17 single homes.

Marshall Lytle: Mr. Lytle told Council that he came to observe the meeting and be involved since he owns properties in the Borough.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 450 calls for the Month of June. 93 calls were in the Borough.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 70 Calls for the month of June. 8 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written report submitted. 60 calls for the month of June. 7 calls for Phoebe Berks.

Wernersville Public Library: Written Report submitted.

Engineer Report: Written report submitted.

West Ridge Suites: Nothing to Report.

Bachman Roofing Land Development 208 W. Penn Ave.: Nothing to Report.

Stone Ridge Subdivision: Final Subdivision and Land Development Plans have been recorded.

Penn Ave. Pedestrian Crosswalks: Received an email from PennDOT on June 20, 2023 and sent a memo to Council on June 22. The Borough can proceed with the installation of the crosswalks. Matt Zerr will get quotes to contract out for painting the crosswalks on Penn Ave. and traffic control.

DCED Grant Paving Improvements: Sent update by Memo to Council on June 22, 2023 and have scheduled bid opening for July 20, 2023 at 11am. Three contractors picked up specs for the bids. D. Latino and L. Dapcic-Angst will attend the bid opening.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report submitted. 11 permits were issued. 15 property maintenance issues and 16 zoning issues.

Public Works: Written report submitted.

M. Zerr reported to Council that the cast iron Borough line signs have been reinstalled. He and Mike Oberly have been replacing the old traffic signs.

M. Zerr also informed Council that the sewer camera system will be delivered in about 2 weeks. Matt also included a picture in the Roadmaster packet of proposed new "NO PARKING" signs which will be more cost effective and easier to use. The consensus of Council was to support M. Zerr's recommendation on the purchase of 200-250 of the new NO PARKING signs.

Mayor's Report: Written Report Submitted.

Mayor Dean presented a chart with information on the proposed updates to the Joint Comprehensive Plan.

She also told Council that she has information from the PA State Association of Boroughs Conference and will be happy to share her summary of the conference.

Mayor Dean reminded everyone that August 1st will be the National Night out from 5:30 to 8 at South Mountain Park.

Council's Report:

Linda Dapcic-Angst: L. Dapcic-Angst informed Council that she submitted the Grant for the Speed Control Sign. She is hoping to hear something in about 3-4 months. Linda also informed Council that she attended the PSABS conference and learned about options for insurance coverages which she will review with the Borough Secretary. Linda also told Council that she is planning to write more Grants for Playground improvements in September.

Solicitor's Report: Written report submitted.

Ordinance Mid Penn Bank Loan: Motion made by J. Pierce to enact an ordinance to approve modification of the Mid Penn Bank Loan. Motion seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

Ordinance establishing Landlord Tenant Disruptive Conduct Regulations: Motion made by J. Pierce to enact the Landlord Tenant Disruptive Conduct Ordinance. Motion seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Optimist CDL School Preliminary Plan: Unofficial Preliminary plan was submitted to the Borough. Council reviewed the plan briefly and agreed that more information needs to be provided. Dimensions of the paved area and other details need to be included. They will need to submit a revised plan by the August Council meeting.

New Business:

Motion to Amend Agenda: Motion made by J. Pierce to amend the Agenda to include an action item to appoint Matt Zerr as Borough Roadmaster. Motion seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

Hire Matt Zerr as Roadmaster: Motion made by J. Swartz to hire Matt Zerr as Roadmaster. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Possible Stop Signs at Stitzer Ave. & Wilson Ave.: a school bus driver asked if stop signs could be placed on Stitzer Ave. Council discussed and at this time decided not to proceed.

Possible Stop Signs on Lincoln Dr. and Wernersville Blvd. at North & South Rosewood Court: Council discussed this and decided not to proceed at this time.

Technology Update: Motion made by J. Pierce to purchase switches, wiring and battery backups not to exceed \$6,800.00. Motion seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously. This is Phase one of technology updates. Phase 2 is to purchase the server which will be discussed at a later date.

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Monthly Bills: Motion made by J. Swartz to approve the bill list and bills previously paid to avoid penalty. L. Dapcic-Angst seconded and carried with a majority of the quorum. J. Pierce abstained.

Balance Sheet: Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to accept the Balance Sheet. J. Swartz seconded and carried with a majority of the quorum. J. Pierce abstained.

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 7pm.

Executive session held to discuss a personnel matter.

After recess, motion made by J. Pierce to increase the Assistant Secretary hourly wage by \$2.45 per hour. Motion seconded by L. Dapcic-Angst and carried unanimously.

Motion made by J. pierce to adjourn meeting at 8:30pm. Motion seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary