

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
August 2, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**DAVID LATINO, PRESIDENT  
JIM SWARTZ, VICE PRESIDENT  
LINDA DAPCIC-ANGST  
JIM PIERCE  
KEEGAN WORLEY  
ROB GORDON  
LINDA PALM**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**MAYOR, MELISSA DEAN  
MICHAEL GOMBAR, SOLICITOR  
DEBRA PIERCE, SECRETARY  
CHIEF HOOK, SOUTH HEIDELBERG POLICE DEPARTMENT  
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT  
KEN FULMER, GVC (VIA TELEPHONE)  
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES**

**ABSENT:**

**JENNIFER VELEZ, ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
MATT ZERR, ROADMASTER**

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

Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the minutes from the July 5, 2023 Council Meeting.  
J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

**Visitors:**

Kirby Sensenig and Jared Daub, 50 E. Penn Ave. Old Hoover Building  
Scott Sweigart, C2C Design, on behalf of Optimist CDL Coaching LLC  
Joann Ruchlewicz, Attorney for Optimist CDL Coaching LLC  
Zaida Guadalupe-Sanchez, 600 E Penn Ave, Optimist CDL Coaching LLC

Kirby Sensenig and Jared Daub: Mr. Sensenig and Mr. Daub spoke to Council about the plans for the old Hoover Building at 50 E Penn Ave. They will get together with Kraft Municipal group to discuss the possibilities of this building.

**Police Report:** Written Report Submitted. 389 calls for the Month of July. 95 calls were in the Borough.

Chief Hook spoke about the National Night out and told Council that it was a big success.

**Fire Report:** Written Report Submitted. 161 Calls for the month of July. 8 calls were in the Borough.

J. Renshaw told Council about a fire at Phoebe Berks that involved a tractor and shed and hand sanitizer. Jared thanked Matt Zerr, Roadmaster, and the Municipal Authority for their assistance with the fire.

**Western Berks Ambulance:** Written report submitted. 54 calls for the month of July. 15 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:** Work is ongoing. No issues that we are aware of.

**Penn Ave. Pedestrian Crosswalks:** Nothing to Report.

**DCED Grant Paving Improvements:** Bids were opened on July 20, 2023. Schlouch, Inc. was the lowest bid received at \$130,619.00. We recommend the Contract be awarded to Schlouch Inc.

Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to receive all bids, accept the bid from Schlouch Inc. for \$130,619.00 as the lowest responsible bidder and authorize execution of all necessary contracts conditioned upon the review and approval of the Borough Engineer and the Borough Solicitor. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

**Zoning and Building Enforcement Report:** Written report submitted. 9 permits were issued. 16 property maintenance issues and 12 zoning issues.

**Public Works:** Written report submitted.

The Pathfinder Camera System was delivered and some training was provided.

D. Latino reported that M. Zerr has been in contact with companies for painting the crosswalks. One company responded but said that they would be unable to complete the work this year. M. Zerr get more quotes.

**Mayor's Report:** Written Report Submitted.

The Mayor thanked South Heidelberg Township Police for hosting the National Night Out. It was a great way to bring the community together.

Mayor Dean asked Council to continue to consider the proposal from Berks County Planning Commission to update the Joint Southwestern Berks Comprehensive Plan.

**Council's Report:**

**Linda Palm:** L. Palm informed Council that her written resignation from Council has been submitted to the Council President with an effective date of August 31, 2023 due to her moving out of the Borough. Action will be required at next month's meeting to accept the resignation.

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**Linda Dapcic-Angst:** L. Dapcic-Angst told Council she would like to apply for an LSA Grant which can be used for improvements to the quality of life in the Borough. Motion made by K. Worley to authorize the Borough to apply for the Grant. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

L. Dapcic-Angst said she will be applying for a mining Grant to clean up the mine hole behind the Borough Garage. Council will address this again at the September Meeting.

She also told Council that the Loader should be delivered in September.

**Rob Gordon:** R. Gordon informed Council that the trash contract has been renewed for one year and will expire 12/31/2024. We will need to review bids early for a new contract for 2025.

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

**LHT proposed Zoning Map Amendment:** No proposed amendments at this time from the Borough to add to the proposed amendment pending from LHT.

**Joint Planning Commission:** D. Latino and R. Gordon will remain on the Joint Planning commission. No action needed as they are the current appointees.

**Berks County Tax Collection Committee:** The Borough's alternate delegate, Gloria Grim, is no longer employed by Robesonia Borough. Council will consider appointing a possible replacement in the future.

### **Old Business:**

**Optimist CDL School Preliminary Plan:** Scott Sweigart, C2C Design, Joann Ruchlewicz, Attorney and Zaida Guadalupe-Sanchez spoke to Council about paving certain portions of the lot at 600 E Penn Ave. Their plan showed proposed millings and K. Fulmer explained that the areas must be paved per Borough standards. They will work with K. Fulmer so they know exactly what the requirements will be.

### **New Business:**

**Tim Crouse:** Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to hire Tim Crouse as Public Works Assistant. Motion seconded by K. Worley and carried unanimously.

**UGI gas:** Motion made by J. Pierce to enter into an agreement for one (1) year with Engie PA Natural Gas as our supplier. Their rate is .60930. This would be a savings of approximately \$800 per year. Motion seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

**Borough Credit Card:** Motion made by J. Pierce to allow the Borough to sign up for a credit card to be used only when needed. Motion seconded by K. Worley and carried unanimously.

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

**Balance Sheet:** Motion made by R. Gordon to accept the Balance Sheet. K. Worley seconded and carried with a majority of the quorum. J. Pierce abstained.

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**Next Council Meeting:** Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 7pm.

Motion made by J. pierce to adjourn meeting at 8:25pm. Motion seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary