

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
January 2, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**DAVID LATINO, PRESIDENT
JIM PIERCE, VICE PRESIDENT
LINDA DAPCIC-ANGST
ROB GORDON
JOSH FIDLER
CARL REIDLER**

ALSO PRESENT:

**MAYOR, MELISSA DEAN
MICHAEL GOMBAR, SOLICITOR
DEBRA PIERCE, SECRETARY
JENNIFER VELEZ, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
MATT ZERR, ROADMASTER
TIM CROUSE, PUBLIC WORKS
CHIEF HOOK, SOUTH HEIDELBERG POLICE DEPARTMENT
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT
KEN FULMER, GVC
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT MUNICIPAL GROUP**

ABSENT:

KEEGAN WORLEY

Mayor Dean called the Wernersville Borough Council Meeting to order at 7pm.

Mayor Dean took nominations for Council President. L. Dapcic-Angst made the motion for Dave Latino for President of Borough Council. R. Gordon seconded the nomination. Mayor Dean moved the nominations to be closed. All were in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

Dave Latino took nominations for Vice President. R. Gordon made the motion for Josh Fidler for Vice President and L. Dapcic-Angst seconded the nomination. D. Latino made the motion to for Jim Pierce for Vice President. Nomination seconded by J. Fidler. R. Gordon withdrew his nomination for Josh Fidler. D. Latino moved the nominations to be closed. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously for Jim Pierce as Vice President.

Motion made by R. Gordon to reappoint Troy Smith to the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Motion made by J. Pierce to reappoint Keegan Worley to the Municipal Authority. Motion seconded by L. Dapcic-Angst and carried unanimously.

Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to reappoint Rob Gordon to the Planning Commission. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Motion made by J. Pierce to appoint Great Valley Consultants: Engineer for Borough, Spotts Stevens & McCoy: Engineer for Planning Commission, Kraft Code Services: Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer, Michael J. Gombar, Masano Bradley, Solicitor and Andrew S. George, Kozloff Stoudt, Zoning Hearing Solicitor. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Motion made by J. Pierce to approve minutes from the December 6 and December 28, 2023 meetings. Motion seconded by L. Dapcic-Angst and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Emmet Flynn, FastBridge Fiber
Mark Bisignaro, 320 Stitzer Ave

Emmet Flynn: Mr. Flynn spoke to Council about FastBridge Fiber installation. There will be no installation fee for residents who sign up, before December 31, 2024. They are looking at installation being complete by the end of March 2024.

Police Report:

318 calls for the month of December. 51 Calls were in the Borough. 4599 calls for the year.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted.

120 Calls for the month of December. 13 calls were in the Borough. 1,234 calls for the year. J. Renshaw spoke to Council about the 3 Emergency Plugs they purchased with donations from Prime Wellness for use on Electric Vehicles. These plugs are to assist with stopping Electric Vehicles in an emergency situation.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written report submitted. 56 calls for the month of December. 12 calls for Phoebe Berks.

Wernersville Public Library: No report submitted.

Engineer Report: Written report submitted.

West Ridge Suites: Nothing to Report.

Bachman Roofing 208 W. Penn Ave.: They did not provide Financial Security to date.

Stone Ridge Subdivision: Sent memo December 27, 2023 regarding Submission of revised plans for Stormwater Management Basin A.

Optimist CDL Coaching School: Sent memo December 12, 2023 regarding Completion of Phase One Paving of Parking Lot. Phase 1 has been completed.

Fastbridge Fiber Optic: offered my comment to Solicitor Gombar Regarding the proposed agreement.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report submitted for December. 2 permits were issued. 3 property maintenance issues and 4 zoning issues. Motion made by J. Pierce to adopt the 2024 Fee Schedule. Motion seconded by L. Dapcic-Angst and carried unanimously.

Public Works: Written report submitted. Matt told Council that they collected a total of 1120 yards of leaves this year.

Mayor's Report:
The Mayor talked about the Borough working with Schneider Electric for possible future projects. Council gave their approval to work with Schneider Electric at no cost to the Borough. The Mayor asked Glenn Kraft to check on Permits for A & A Auto at 311 E Penn Ave.

Council's Report:
Carl Reidler: Carl complimented the Fire Company and the Wernersville Public Works Department for the work that they do.
Linda Dapcic-Angst: Linda spoke to Council about the Grant for up to one million dollars to refurbish the minehole area. The Grant opens on February 1, 2024 and is due the end of May, 2024. This would be for possible Landscaping, benches, and possibly opening the pond for fishing, etc. The Borough will look into Insurance Costs and having the water tested, in the meantime.

Solicitor's Report: Written report submitted.
Fastbridge Wireless Agreement: Motion made by J. Pierce to authorize executing Right of Way and Financial Security Agreement with Fastbridge Wireless. Motion Seconded by J. Fidler and carried unanimously.

Old Business:
None

New Business:
Intergovernmental Agreement with County of Berks Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals. Motion made by J. Pierce to renew the Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Berks Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals. Motion Seconded by L. Dapcic-Angst and carried unanimously.

Monthly Bills: Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to approve the bill list and bills previously paid to avoid penalty. J. Fidler seconded and carried. J. Pierce abstained.

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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, February 7 at 7pm.

Motion made by J. Pierce to adjourn meeting at 8:02 pm. Motion seconded by C. Reidler and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary

