

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
March 6, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**JIM PIERCE, VICE PRESIDENT
LINDA DAPCIC-ANGST
KEEGAN WORLEY
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
KEN FULMER, GVC
GLENN BERTOLET, KRAFT MUNICIPAL GROUP**

PRESENT VIA PHONE:

DAVID LATINO, PRESIDENT

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

Motion made by J. Fidler to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2024 meeting. K. Worley seconded and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Dan Guzman, 274 E Penn Ave

Dan Guzman: Mr. Guzman spoke to Council about the sidewalk installation at his property located at 274 E Penn Ave. Due to financial hardship he asked Council for an extension while he works with Mayor Dean to try to find funding. Mayor Dean recently found information on a Grant which may be able to help Mr. Guzman and other Borough residents with the cost of sidewalk installation. Motion made by J. Fidler to extend the deadline to June 1, 2025 for sidewalk installation. Motion seconded by C. Reidler. Opposed by D. Latino. Motion carried by majority.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 332 calls for February and 73 in the Borough. Chief Hoof mentioned the Citizens Police Academy that they are holding on March 27, 2024. He also spoke briefly about the Traffic Study at Pearl and Franklin. Council discussed the possibility of adding stop signs at the intersection of S. Pearl and Franklin.

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Chief Hook said they will continue to have a presence in that area to monitor speeding. Council asked Glenn Bertolet to look at the Intersection of Furnace and Penn Ave. The trees are blocking visibility which causes people to use Franklin and Pearl as a cut through to avoid the Penn Ave intersection. Glenn B. will report back to the Borough so that Council can make a decision about possibly removing the trees.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 80 Calls for the month of February. 9 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written report submitted. 65 calls for the month of February. 38 at Phoebe Berks.

Wernersville Public Library: Written Report submitted.

Engineer Report: Written report submitted.

West Ridge Suites: Received a copy of revised Transportation Impact Study. Sent a memo to Council dated January 29, 2024. Also reviewed the Transportation Impact Study and sent a memo to Borough Council on February 28th.

K. Fulmer told Council that the draft study indicates that a traffic signal is not warranted. He is providing more information to the traffic engineer for the final report. He recommends that Council should put a condition on the final plan approval that a traffic signal permit be obtained from PENNDOT to be installed at Penn Ave and Furnace.

Motion made by K. Worley to grant 185 day time extension from March 6, 2024. Motion seconded by J. Fidler and carried unanimously. This extension will expire on 9/7/2024.

Sewer Planning Module: Motion to adopt the Resolution within the planning module subject to Wernersville Municipal Authority's concurrence is tabled pending further review by WMA.

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

Stone Ridge Subdivision: Sent memo on January 30, 2024 regarding submission of revised final land development plans, we are waiting for a response. A sinkhole opened up on site and I sent a memo dated February 26th. The sinkhole has been filled.

Optimist CDL Coaching School: Nothing to Report.

Fastbridge Fiber Optic: Construction is proceeding and we have been providing part time construction observation for the street crossings.

Street Paving 2024: North Reber Street Paving, sent memo February 28th. Ken will work with Matt Zerr to look at the entire list of possible street work.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report submitted for February. 9 permits were issued. 3 property maintenance issues and 9 zoning issues.

Public Works: Written report submitted.

Matt spoke to Council about the possible purchase of a 2024 F350 at the cost of \$87,400. This will be put on the April Agenda for an official vote.

Matt spoke to Council about Street Sweeping and said that they will be renting the sweeper from Golden Equipment for \$3400 for the week.

He also informed Council that they will be purchasing 100 Cubic Yards of Playground Mulch from George Ely Assoc. for \$2900.

Matt discussed the possible placement of 2 Stop signs at S. Pearl and Franklin to deter speeding in that area. Motion made by J. Fidler to authorize Public Works to place the 2 stop signs and to authorize M. Gombar to prepare and advertise an ordinance. Motion seconded by L. Dapcic-Angst, opposed by D. Latino, carried by majority.

J. Fidler, C. Reidler and J. Pierce will meet with Matt Zerr to look at streets that need work in the Borough.

Mayor's Report: Written Report Submitted.

The Mayor spoke about taking part in Read Across America at CW East and that she is working on videos to promote Wernersville.

The Mayor requested an executive session after the Council meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

Council's Report:

Keegan Worley: Keegan recommended Natasha Manbeck of 204 S Rosewood Ct, be appointed to the Wernersville Municipal Authority. Motion made by K. Worley to appoint Natasha to WMA to fill the vacancy of R. Swope's appointment for remainder of his term. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Keegan also indicated Natasha may be interested in the Planning Commission vacancy. He also told Council that the Water Authority meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month now instead of the first Tuesday.

The water authority will soon be taking online payments.

Josh Fidler: Josh said that he will look at the Park and the unused 1 acre with the Mayor. He spoke to Brian Clements and the Farmer has indicated that he is ok with the Borough reclaiming that piece of land.

Council decided that improvements on the park land will wait until 2025 since they will need to be in the budget.

The Rec committee will be meeting on either 3/19 or 4/2 to start discussing ideas.

Carl Reidler: Carl spoke to Council about the overgrown trees on Penn Ave. M. Zerr will speak to PennDot to see if they will trim the trees.

Carl asked Council about blocking off the Hoover parking lot since it is being used as a cut through. Since the lot is private property, Council doesn't believe there is anything they can do.

Solicitor's Report: Written report submitted.

ZHB Decision 23 W. Penn Ave: The ZHB approved the variance for the 91 indoor self-storage units and parking requirements.

Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board & WMA: Natasha Manbeck will fill the vacancy on WMA and possibly Planning Commission. We still need to fill vacancies on ZHB and the Robesonia Wernersville Joint Authority.

Old Business:

Municipal Dinner: The Center for Excellence in Local Government's annual dinner is on March 14th. Motion made by J. Fidler to approve paying for any Council member and employees that are interested in attending.

Deadline to register is March 8th. Motion seconded by K. Worley and carried unanimously.

The Mayor said she will attend.

New Business:

CW Youth Baseball: Motion made by R. Gordon to allow CW Youth Baseball the use of the baseball field from March 25 through June 23, 2024. They will provide a porta-potty and a copy of insurance. Motion seconded by L. Dapcic-Angst and carried unanimously.

Trash Liens: Motion made by R. Gordon to file trash liens for: Silesia Ann Linette, 128 N. Church Rd. \$1,665.40; Cindy Sue Miller 140 S. Reber St. \$1,659.05; George Saltzman, 439 Mountain Blvd. \$942.54. Motion seconded by K. Worley and carried unanimously.

Monthly Bills: Motion made by K. Worley to approve the bill list and bills previously paid to avoid penalty. J. Fidler seconded and carried. 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, April 3, 2024 at 7pm.

Motion made by J. Fidler to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm. Motion seconded by L. Dapcic-Angst and carried unanimously.

Executive Session Held. No action taken.

Attest:

Borough Secretary