

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
May 1, 2024**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**DAVID LATINO, PRESIDENT  
JIM PIERCE, VICE PRESIDENT  
ROB GORDON  
JOSH FIDLER  
CARL REIDLER**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

**LINDA DAPCIC-ANGST  
KEEGAN WORLEY  
MATT ZERR, ROADMASTER**

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

Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2024 meeting. C. Reidler seconded and carried unanimously.

**Visitors:**

Dave Phillips, Irish Creek Excavating  
David Randler, Conrad Weiser Community Pool

Dave Phillips, Irish Creek Excavating: Mr. Phillips spoke to Council about closing Werner Street while he is making street cuts to install a new water line at 60 Werner St. He would need to close the street for possibly 3 days. Council asked him to coordinate with the Railroad, as they plan to close Werner while making repairs. This is scheduled to take place around Mid May. Debbie will give contact information to Dave Phillips so that he can coordinate with the Railroad.

**David Randler:** Mr. Randler spoke to Council about improvements being made at the Conrad Weiser Community Pool. He is asking for a donation to help fund the pool. Motion made by J. Fidler to donate \$1000. Motion seconded by D. Latino. Motion failed for lack of votes. This will be discussed again at the June meeting.

**Police Report:** Written Report Submitted. 416 calls for April and 84 in the Borough. Chief Hook discussed the traffic study that was performed on Holland St. between Gerhart St and S Church Rd. Council discussed possibly lowering the speed limit to 15 MPH.

**Fire Report:** Written Report Submitted. 126 Calls for the month of April. 16 calls were in the Borough.

Jared spoke to Council about the proposal of new 21,000 square foot Fire Department. They requested \$15 Million in a Federal Grant for this project. He showed Council drawings of preliminary plans.

**Western Berks Ambulance:** Written report submitted. 62 calls were reported for April. 36 were in Phoebe Berks.

**Wernersville Public Library:** Written Report submitted.

**Engineer Report:** Written report submitted.

**West Ridge Suites:** Sent memo regarding the Revised Transportation Impact Study on Feb. 28, 2024 and am still waiting for a reply.

**Sewer Planning Module:** Still waiting from the Wernersville Municipal Authority regarding this.

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

**Stone Ridge Subdivision:** Sent memo on April 18, 2024 regarding the revised Stone Ridge Plans and plan for Stone Ridge Subdivision and Sidewalk Easement across property of Edwin and Susan Stricker. The sinkhole on site in the Stormwater Management basin had been remediated as I previously reported, but I have received reports of some settlement in the area which has been backfilled.

**Optimist CDL Coaching School:** I am awaiting the results of the review from PennDOT regarding the driveway onto SR422.

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

**Street Paving 2024:** Sent memo April 24, 2024 regarding potential projects.

This will include N. Reber St, N. Bucks St and parts of E. Wilson Ave.

Motion made by R. Gordon to have K. Fulmer prepare and advertise bids for the 2024 street work not to exceed \$90,078.50. Motion seconded by J.Fidler and carried unanimously.

**Beckley Street Storm Sewer:** Sent memo April 24, 2024 regarding potential rehab of the storm sewer beneath the Beckley St./Lincoln Dr. intersection. Public works will video the storm sewer line at this location within the next week or 2. Motion made by J. Pierce to approve K. Fulmer to do a survey of this area. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

**Zoning and Building Enforcement Report:** Written report submitted for April. 3 permits were issued. 3 property maintenance issues and 12 zoning issues. Glenn Bertolet discussed some issues with the Penn Werner. Kraft will be re-addressing the suites and following up on complaints and issues. Glenn also talked to Council about the property at 23 W Penn Ave (Jack Keener). Kraft has not received a resubmission of plans for the storage facility. Violations at 143 Beckley were discussed. Glenn said that he was able to get better pictures and he has issued a Final posting to the owner.

**Public Works:** Written report submitted.

**Paint for Tennis/Pickle Ball Court:** Motion made by C. Reidler to approve purchasing paint for the Tennis/Pickle Ball Courts from Sherwin Williams in an amount not to exceed \$1500. Motion seconded by J. Fidler and carried unanimously.

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

Council gave their approval for the Mayor to paint a new Mural at the playground.

**Council's Report:**

**Carl Reidler:** Carl spoke to Council about the Memorial Day Parade.

**Dave Latino:** Motion made by R. Gordon to appoint Michael Drobeck Jr., 607 Christopher Dr, to fill the vacancy left by Ron Swope on the Robesonia Wernersville Joint Authority. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

**Josh Fidler:** Josh spoke to Council about the Rec Board Ordinance. Motion made by J. Fidler to draft and advertise an ordinance to change the number of members on the Recreation board from 9 to 5. Motion seconded by C. Reidler and carried unanimously. Rec Board members will be appointed at the June meeting.

Josh then spoke to Council about Paul Jansen meeting with Council in executive session about a possible Borough Manager. Possible dates are May 13 or May 15. Josh will let Council know. This will be noted in the June meeting minutes.

**Rob Gordon:** Rob told Council that he took a tour of the current Fire Station. He is in favor of the new proposed Station.

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

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**Old Business:**

**Memorial Day Parade:** Motion made by J. Pierce to ratify sending the letter of support for the Memorial Day Parade street closures. Motion seconded by J. Fidler and carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

**July Council Meeting:** Do we still want to meet on July 3? Motion made by J. Fidler to move the meeting to Wednesday, July 10, 2024. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

**Strawberry Festival @ Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church:** Motion made by J. Pierce to close Hill Rd. from Rebecca St. to Lincoln Dr. AND Rebecca St. from S. Walnut to Hill Rd. on Saturday June 8, 2024 from 2 pm to 8 pm. Motion seconded by C. Reidler and carried unanimously.

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

**Balance Sheet:** Motion made by J. Fidler to accept the Balance Sheet. R. Gordon seconded and carried. J. Pierce abstained..

**Next Council Meeting:** Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 7pm.

Motion made by C. Reidler to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary