

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
June 5, 2024**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**DAVID LATINO, PRESIDENT  
JIM PIERCE, VICE PRESIDENT  
ROB GORDON  
JOSH FIDLER  
KEEGAN WORLEY**

**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 KRAFT, KRAFT MUNICIPAL GROUP  
MARIA GERASKLIS-LONG, WERNERSVILLE LIBRARY**

**ABSENT:**

**LINDA DAPCIC-ANGST  
CARL REIDLER  
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2024 meeting. R. Gordon seconded and carried unanimously.

**Visitors:**

Scott Wilson, 507 W Penn Ave, Chair of Wernersville Recreation Board  
Brian Focht, C2C Design, for Grande Construction, Stone Ridge

Scott Wilson: Mr. Wilson spoke to Council about different ideas that have been discussed by the Rec Board.

Brian Focht: Mr. Focht discussed with Council the revised final plan update for Stone Ridge. This includes an agreement with the neighbor at 109 S Reber St for installation of sidewalk and a revised retaining wall. The agreement will need to be updated for public use of the sidewalk at a later date.

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Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the revised final land development plans. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

**Police Report:** Written Report Submitted. 381 calls for May and 68 in the Borough. Chief Hook also briefly mentioned that they had multiple calls at 309 Werner St over the past Month.

**Fire Report:** Written Report Submitted. 127 Calls for the month of May. 16 calls were in the Borough.

**Western Berks Ambulance:** Written report submitted. 55 calls were reported for May. 29 were in Phoebe Berks.

**Wernersville Public Library:** Written Report submitted. Maria spoke to council about the start of their Summer Reading program and some other activities that are planned for the Summer.

**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 and whether it is ready for Borough Council to take action.

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

**Stone Ridge Subdivision:** Sent memo on May 15, 2024 regarding the revised Final Land Development Plans. The Borough received an email from PennDOT regarding HOP#05060338 stating that Grande requested a time extension. Since Council has accepted the revised plan, K. Fulmer suggested that the Borough make sure that Grande is current with bills prior to releasing the signed plan for recording.

**Optimist CDL Coaching School:** No response from PennDOT on HOP.

**Fastbridge Fiber Optic:** Nothing to report.

**Street Projects 2024:** We completed drawings, specifications and contract documents, scheduled bid opening for July 8, 2024 at 10 a.m.

**60 Werner St.:** New water service has been constructed and street restoration completed.

**Beckley St. & Lincoln Dr. Storm Sewers:** the existing storm sewer and junction box are in very poor condition. This has been televised and discussions will be ongoing.

**Zoning and Building Enforcement Report:** Written report submitted for May. 13 permits were issued. 15 property maintenance issues and 7 zoning issues. Council asked that Kraft check on the property at 23 W Penn Ave (We Store 4 U) to check on work being done.

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**Public Works:** Written report submitted.

**Air Compressor:** Motion made by K. Worley to purchase an Air Compressor with a Cost not to exceed \$1,500. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Matt said that they have the signs for the Crosswalks and the crosswalks will be installed in the near future. This will be done in sections, going West to East on Penn Ave.

**Mayor's Report:** No Written Report. Mayor Dean thanked Public Works for their efforts in improving the playground and reported on the event that she participated in with the Library.

**Council's Report:**

**Josh Fidler:** Josh spoke to Council about the possible plans for a Movie night run by the Rec Board. R. Gordon suggested checking with South Heidelberg about borrowing the screen and projector. Council also suggested asking Clover Farms and Wawa for donations of drinks and snacks.

The Rec Board meetings will be held the first Monday of the Month at 6:30pm.

**Keegan Worley:** Keegan spoke to Council about a possible grant to resurface the Tennis Courts at Laurel St playground through the USTA. This could also lead to possible revenue for the Borough as Conrad Weiser could rent the courts if/when needed. He also expressed support for a payment to Conrad Weiser Community Pool, which should not impact the Borough's budget due to his company donating services for the Borough newsletters, which saves appx. \$2,500 annually.

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

**Recreation Board Ordinance:** Motion made by R. Gordon to enact the Ordinance changing the membership of the Recreation Board to a minimum of 5 and maximum of 9 members. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

**Executive Session:** An executive session was held on May 13 to discuss a personnel matter. Council will reconvene executive session on this matter at the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting when all Council members are present.

**Old Business:**

Motion made by K. Worley to make a payment to the Conrad Weiser Community Pool in the amount of \$1000. Motion Seconded by J. Fidler and carried unanimously. Solicitor Gombar indicated that the pool would be scheduling some community events this Summer that will be free admission to Borough residents subject to capacity limits.

**New Business:**

**Trash Liens:** Motion made by R. Gordon to file the following liens for outstanding trash payments:

Jeanni Fichthorn 113 W. Penn Ave. \$942.60;

Robert Pennypacker 55 W. Gaul St. \$775.10;

Troy Hafer 212 S. Rosewood Ct. \$775.10

Lori Baumer 212 N. Elm St. \$598.89;  
Joseph Miller III 143 Beckley St. \$575.10  
and Catharine Erdman 106 Mountain Blvd. \$575.10.  
Motion seconded by J. Fidler and carried unanimously.

**Samuel Edwards 116 S. Rosewood Court:** Motion made by K. Worley to approve exonerating the taxes for 2023 and 2024 since Mr. Edwards is a totally disabled veteran. The County has exonerated their portion. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

**Rec. Board:** Motion made by J. Fidler to appoint Scott Wilson, Chair, Josh Wilson, Vice Chair, Alyssa Bushkie, Secretary, Angela Wambaugh, Board Member, and Maria Kaufman, Board Member to the Rec Board. Motion Seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Motion made by J. Pierce for Josh Fidler to be the Liaison between the Rec Board and Council. 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 J. Fidler to accept the Balance Sheet. R. Gordon seconded and carried. J. Pierce abstained.

**Next Council Meeting:** Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 7pm.

Motion made by K. Worley to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm. Motion seconded by J. Fidler and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary