

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
July 10, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

ROB GORDON

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

Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2024 meeting. C. Reidler seconded and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Scott Wilson, 507 W Penn Ave, Chair of Wernersville Recreation Board
Mark Bisignaro, 320 Stitzer Ave
Elizabeth Magovern, Attorney representing Optimist CDL, 600 E Penn Ave
Chuck Franz, Engineer, Optimist CDL

Mark Bisignaro: Mr. Bisignaro spoke to Council about his concerns with people riding scooters and bikes on the newly paved and painted tennis/pickleball courts. Council instructed that anyone who sees this can call the non emergency police line and the officers will address it. Council also discussed possibly adding a bike rack to the park right outside the Court fence.

Elizabeth Magovern & Chuck Franz: Attorney Magovern told Council that PennDot is requiring Optimist CDL to Widen the entrance to the lot located at 600 E Penn Ave. Due to the cost for

this, Optimist CDL is asking for an exemption to the Land Development requirement for phase II and Phase III paving. Council will take everything into consideration and discuss.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 455 calls for June and 85 in the Borough. Chief Hook also briefly mentioned that they will again be holding the National Night Out on August 6th at the Sinking Spring Playground at 111 Evans Ave. M. Gombar discussed the upcoming Court hearing for 327 Lincoln Dr regarding the Rooster violating the noise ordinance.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 134 Calls for the month of June. 16 calls were in the Borough.

Jared spoke to Council about a recent call they responded to at the Wernersville State Hospital.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written report submitted. 47 calls were reported for June. 24 were in Phoebe Berks.

Wernersville Public Library: Written Report submitted.

Engineer Report: Written report submitted.

West Ridge Suites: No change in status.

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: Borough Council approved the revised final plan at the June Meeting. The Borough received an email from PennDOT regarding Highway Occupancy Permit No. 05050338 stating that Grande Land requested a time extension which has been issued by PennDOT.

Optimist CDL Coaching School: Nothing to report.

Fastbridge Fiber Optic: Nothing to report.

Street Projects 2024: K. Fulmer reported that there were 4 bidders for the Street work. Motion made by K. Worley to award the Street Paving Project to Construction Masters Services, Sinking Spring in the amount of \$97,182.50. Motion seconded by J. Fidler and carried unanimously. K. Fulmer will send out a notice to Construction Masters Services.

Beckley St. Drainage Project: Sent memo July 1, 2024.

Swope Drainage Easement: We briefly discussed last month the issue of whether the Borough has a drainage easement across properties where a storm sewer leaves Hill Rd. and drains to Lincoln Dr. The Borough has an easement agreement, and the Solicitor has reviewed it.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report submitted for June.

10 permits were issued. 14 property maintenance issues and 11 zoning issues.

G. Kraft told Council that the old Herb Motor Building at 23 W Penn Ave has been Transferred and permits are in the process of being reviewed for the Self Storage Facility. The new name is We Store 4 U.

Council discussed the multiple cars parked at 55 W Gaul St. and requested that Kraft look into this. Chief Hook will also send out an Officer to check for cars that are not registered and/or inspected.

Public Works: Written report submitted.

Matt told Council that the Courts have all been Painted and all of the Crosswalks on Penn Ave are completed, including signage.

He will put a list together of the Heating and Cooling issues in the building.

There is also an issue with old smoke detectors. Matt and Tim will work on replacing the smoke detector heads.

The idea of Memorial Benches in the parks was discussed briefly.

Matt and Tim gave the addresses of the overgrown trees on Penn Ave to Office Staff. Letters will be sent out to the property owners.

Mayor's Report: Written Report submitted.

The mayor asked about portable signs for in the middle of the crosswalks. Council decided that these signs were not practical, as they may get hit by traffic.

Council discussed the new Speed Sign and getting an upgrade so that the data would be viewable.

Council's Report:

Keegan Worley: Keegan again spoke to Council about meeting with Ryan Knarr about a possible grant to resurface the Tennis Courts at Laurel St playground through the USTA. Keegan said that Ryan Knarr will attend the August Council meeting.

Solicitor's Report: Written report submitted.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Recreation Board: Scott Wilson, Chair of the Rec Board, spoke to Council about upcoming events that the Rec Board will be holding.

Movie night will take place on Jul 26, with an approximate cost of \$950.

On Sunday, August 18th, the Rec Board plans to have an "end of the Summer Bash" at Wernersville Park. Approximate cost for this event will be \$1375. Scott and the Rec board will continue to look for donations. L. Dapcic-Angst said that she will donate bottles of water.

Motion made by C. Reidler to approve up to \$2500 for the two events (movie night and Summer bash). Motion seconded by J. Fidler and carried unanimously.

The Halloween parade will be held on October 26th.

A tree lighting event will be held on December 7th at Greth Memorial Park.

These events and costs will be discussed at a later date.

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 K. Worley to accept the Balance Sheet. L. Dapcic-Angst seconded and carried. J. Pierce abstained.

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at 7pm.

Motion made by K. Worley to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Executive Session held after meeting adjourned to discuss personnel matters and possible litigation. No action taken.

Attest:

Borough Secretary