

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
September 4, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

**MAYOR, MELISSA DEAN
MICHAEL GOMBAR, SOLICITOR
DEBRA PIERCE, SECRETARY
JENNIFER VELEZ, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
MATT ZERR, ROADMASTER
CHIEF HOOK, SOUTH HEIDELBERG POLICE
KEN FULMER, GVC
GLENN BERTOLET, KRAFT MUNICIPAL GROUP
MARIA GERASKLIS, WERNERSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

ABSENT:

**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 August 7, 2024 meeting. K. Worley seconded and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Heather Hanna, Candidate for PA 5th legislative District
Justin Schlottman, EMC
Clayton Balistiere, Remodeling Authority

Heather Hanna: Heather reintroduced herself to Council as the PA 5th legislative District Candidate and said she is excited to learn more about the area.

Justin Schlottman: Written report submitted.

Justin updated Council on his EMC activities and trainings. Justin spoke about the Code Red and Everbridge notification systems. Council will look into these further and make a decision next year.

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Clayton Balistiere: Clayton spoke to Council about the cost of the roof replacement and the Borough's financial responsibility after the Insurance Claim payment from the claim submitted for hail damage. The Borough's approximate cost for the roof replacement would be \$25,500, which includes the \$500 insurance deductible. This includes the main roof and both rubber sections (one on each side of the building).

Motion made by J. Pierce to accept the full insurance estimate of \$58,529.08 (subject to \$500 deductible), adding in the cost of the rubber roof replacements of \$25,000 and the cost of removal and replacement of the HVAC units by Alltemp at a cost not to exceed \$8,000. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 421 calls for August and 72 in the Borough.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 139 Calls for the month of August. 19 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written report submitted. 81 calls were reported for August. 40 were in Phoebe Berks.

Wernersville Public Library: Written Report submitted.

Maria spoke to Council about Library program attendance and some future events. She also voiced concerns about security in the Library.

Engineer Report: Written report submitted.

West Ridge Suites: Motion made by J. Fidler to grant a 185-day time extension to February 7, 2025. Motion seconded by J. Pierce. Opposed by R. Gordon. Motion carried by majority.

Still waiting from the Wernersville Municipal Authority regarding the sewer planning module and whether it is ready for Borough Council to take action. Also, updated traffic study was just received. Mr. Fulmer will review for next month's meeting.

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. Waiting for outstanding bills to be paid before the plan can be recorded.

Optimist CDL Coaching School: Nothing to report.

Fastbridge Fiber Optic: Approved the permit in August for another roadway crossing.

Street Projects 2024: Held a brief pre-construction meeting with Construction Masters Services on Aug. 20, 2024. Sent memo. The work is scheduled to start the week of Sept. 16, 2024.

Beckley St. Drainage Project: Nothing to Report.

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

Glenn Bertolet spoke to Council about a few current property issues.

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Public Works: Written report submitted.

Matt Zerr told Council that he will need to purchase 4 new tires for the Leaf Vac Machine. The cost through Keppley's is \$728 which is below the \$750 minimum required for Council prior approval.

Matt also told Council that all 47 smoke detectors in the Borough building have been replaced.

Recreation Board: End of Summer Bash was cancelled. The hot dogs from the event were frozen and will be used for after the Halloween parade. The Mayor noted that all of the participants from last year will be in the parade plus new participants.

Mayor's Report: Written Report submitted.

The Mayor spoke to Council about the Berks County United Way Day of Caring on September 11, 2024. Western Berks Fire Dept will be teaming up with other organizations to offer smoke detectors to home owners who need them.

Council's Report:

Jim Pierce: Jim told Council that he will be working on the Security System for the Borough Building and Garage.

Linda Dapcic-Angst: Linda spoke to Council about the LSA4 Grant that she is applying for relative to playground improvements, a new pavilion, a possible playground parking lot, etc. This grant is due on September 30. Council members will help to make sure that the Grant is finished since Linda will be leaving for Vacation. Linda also mentioned other possible Grants, such as the LSA State Wide Grant due in November and the Greenways Grant for May 2025.

Josh Fidler: Josh spoke to Council about having a meeting with Paul Jansen about a possible Borough Manager. Council will schedule an in person special meeting with Mr. Jansen to discuss this further.

Solicitor's Report: Written report submitted.

Property Maintenance Code: Review draft ordinance amending Property Maintenance Code regarding weeds and parking of vehicles in yards. Consensus of Council was to move forward with advertising and consideration for enactment at next month's meeting.

Optimist CDL: Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Optimist CDL 600 E. Penn Ave. Motion seconded by K. Worley and carried unanimously. HOP will be completed by March 31, 2025; Driveway entrance and curbing will be completed by July 31, 2025 and Optimist's lease of the property is set to expire on 1/31/2027.

Hoover Property: Property Maintenance Code violation appeal was filed. (Discuss in Executive Session)

327 Lincon Drive: M. Gombar briefly spoke to Council about the Court decision for the Noise Ordinance violation at 327 Lincoln Dr. The Rooster must be removed from the property by September 6, 2024.

Old Business:

Local Share Assessment Grant: Motion made by J. Pierce to adopt a Resolution approving the Submission of and Authorizing Linda Dapcic-Angst to sign an application for the LSA4 Grant for the funding of general Borough Projects. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

New Business:

Health Insurance Renewal: Motion made by J. Pierce to select Option 11 for Capital Blue effective October 1, 2024. Motion seconded by K. Worley and carried unanimously. Consideration is also being given to include the water authority employees.

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.

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

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 7pm.

Motion made by R. Gordon to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Executive session regarding pending litigation held after the meeting was adjourned. No Action taken.

Attest:

Borough Secretary