

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
October 2, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

**MICHAEL GOMBAR, SOLICITOR
DEBRA PIERCE, SECRETARY
JENNIFER VELEZ, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
MATT ZERR, ROADMASTER
TIM CROUSE, PUBLIC WORKS
DET. HEIDEN, SOUTH HEIDELBERG POLICE
KEN FULMER, GVC
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT MUNICIPAL GROUP
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT**

ABSENT:

**KEEGAN WORLEY
MAYOR, MELISSA DEAN
MARIA GERASKLIS-LONG, WERNERSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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

Motion made by J. Fidler to approve the minutes from the September 4, 2024 meeting.
R. Gordon seconded and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Deb West, 309 N Walnut
Josh Wilson, Rec Board Vice Chair
Scott Wilson, Rec Board Chair
Brian Worrell, 54 Pine St

Deb West: Ms. West spoke to Council about the Leash Law and said that there are some residents who let their dogs outside without a leash. Detective Heiden and Council advised her to call the police if she sees this happening.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 424 calls for September and 84 were in the Borough.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 103 Calls for the month of September. 16 calls were in the Borough.

Jared told Council about their upcoming Open House on Saturday, October 5th.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written report submitted. 58 calls were reported for September. 32 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 Sept. 25th.

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.: Borough received a request for release of escrow for the Maintenance Guarantee. I submitted a memo dated Sept. 23rd for Council's consideration. Motion made by J. Pierce to release the remaining escrow in the amount of \$5,581.37 conditional on Ken Fulmer inspecting and approving the stormwater management and other facilities. Motion seconded by C. Reidler and carried unanimously.

Stone Ridge Subdivision: Borough Council approved the revised final plan at the June Meeting. The Plan was picked up to be recorded but the Borough has not received a copy of the recorded plan as of this date.

Optimist CDL Coaching School: Nothing to report.

Fastbridge Fiber Optic: Nothing to report.

Street Projects 2024: I have received submittals and been in contact with Construction Masters Services. Work was started this week and is scheduled to be completed by October 31.

170 Beckley St.: Sent a memo on Sept. 16th regarding proposed construction of sidewalk. ADA ramp not recommended at the corner of Lincoln and Beckley, at this time.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report submitted for September. 5 permits were issued, 16 Property Maintenance issues and 15 zoning issues.

A request was received for a temporary use permit to sell merchandise at a pop-up-tent in the parking lot at 2 E. Penn Avenue but it was received within 24 hours of the meeting and, as a result, was not on the agenda. The permit approval process requires Borough Council approval. The applicant for the permit was invited to attend the meeting to prove entitlement to the permit under the Zoning Ordinance but did not attend. Council will consider at the November meeting.

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Public Works: Written report submitted.

Matt Zerr told Council that the roofers will start on the Borough Hall roof on Monday, October 14th and it should take them about 4 days to complete.

Recreation Board:

Recap of End of Summer Bash: Scott Wilson told Council that since the End of Summer Bash was cancelled, the hot dogs, waters and ice pops were saved and will be handed out to Halloween Parade Participants.

Halloween Parade Update: The Halloween Parade is on October 26th starting at 11am.

Budget Approval: Scott gave Council Members an estimated breakdown of the Rec Board Budget for 2025. He also asked for approval for the Halloween Parade Budget. Motion made by R. Gordon for the Rec Board to use up to \$475 for expenses for the Halloween Parade. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Tree Lighting: The Borough Rec Board will hold their Holiday event on December 7, 2024 from 4-6pm.

Mayor's Report: Written Report submitted.

Council's Report:

Linda Dapcic-Angst: Linda told Council that the LSA4 Grant was submitted on September 30, 2024 requesting the amount of \$102,508.15 for Tennis Court lights and an architect/designer for the playground.

She also spoke to Council about the Local Share Account Grant that is due on November 30.

Linda would like to submit for new equipment; possibly a sweeper, new pick up truck, etc.

This will be put on the November Agenda to grant approval for Linda to apply for this Grant.

Linda also mentioned a few other upcoming grants.

Josh Fidler: Josh voiced concerns about some of the books that are available in the Wernersville Library. He shared some adult content in the books that he felt was inappropriate for younger children and teens. Council decided that they will meet with the Library to discuss this matter. The meeting will be attended by Dave Latino, Jim Pierce and Josh Fidler.

Josh also spoke to Council about meeting with Paul Jansen about the potential for hiring a Borough Manager. It was decided that an executive session meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9 at 6pm.

Rob Gordon: Rob told Council that bids will go out for the 2025 Trash and Recycling contract on Friday, October 4 for response by November 1. There are 10 possible options for the contract.

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Solicitor's Report: Written report submitted.

Ordinance amending the Property Maintenance Code: Motion made by J. Pierce to enact the Ordinance to amend the Property Maintenance Code regarding weeds and parking of vehicles in yards. Motion seconded by C. Reidler. Motion opposed by J. Fidler and R. Gordon. Motion carried by majority 4 to 2 vote.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Security and Technology: Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to approve spending \$65,005 for installing security cameras at the Borough Hall, Garage, Laurel St. Playground and the Tot Lot and a yearly re-occurring cost of \$2,400 from Security Service Company Inc. We did receive the LSA4 Grant in the amount of \$48,652. Approval to Install a new Server, Server based Quick books, WIFI access points, locking server rack for a cost of \$16,826 from Stratix Systems. Installing new network cable where necessary to accomplish the server/switch relocation for \$3,000 from LinkTech.

Motion seconded by J. Fidler and carried unanimously. All vendors are COSTARS approved.

2025 Budget: Motion made by J. Pierce to hold and advertise a budget meeting on October 16, 2024 at 6pm. Motion seconded by L. Dapcic-Angst and carried unanimously.

Monthly Bills: Motion made by J. Fidler to approve the bill list and bills previously paid to avoid penalty. C. Reidler 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, November 6, 2024 at 7pm.

Motion made by J. Pierce to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm. Motion seconded by J. Fidler and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary