

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
August 6, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

MAYOR, MELISSA DEAN

D. Latino called the Wernersville Borough Council Meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2025 meeting.
K. Worley seconded and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Aristides Otero, Wilkinson Design Group, for West Ridge Suites
Laura Grande, for West Ridge Suites
Jim Dimmerling, for West Ridge Suites
Scott Wilson, 507 W Penn Ave
Josh Wilson, 117 N Walnut St

Aristides Otero, Laura Grande and Jim Dimmerling: Ms. Grande and Mr. Otero spoke to Council about the progress on West Ridge Suites.

West Ridge Suites Time Extension: They asked Council for a time extension for another 90 days (to 11/5/2025). Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to grant the 90 day extension. Motion seconded by K. Worley and carried unanimously.

Mr. Dimmerling spoke about the traffic study for the traffic light on Penn Ave at Furnace Rd. A new traffic study will be performed once school has started.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 516 calls for July and 143 were in the Borough. Chief Hook told Council that National Night out went well and they had a good turnout.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 132 calls for the month of July. 14 calls were in the Borough. Jared gave a demonstration of the new breathing apparatus that the Fire Department was able to purchase, using LSA Grant funding.

Western Berks Ambulance: No written report submitted.

Wernersville Public Library: Written report submitted.

EMC Report: No report submitted

Engineer Report: Written report submitted.

West Ridge Suites: I received an email from PennDOT in which I have forwarded by memo on July 9th.

K. Fulmer asked if Council could send a letter of Appreciation to PennDot for their help with the traffic signal.

Sewer Planning Module: Still waiting from the Wernersville Municipal Authority regarding this and whether it is ready for Borough Council to take action.

Stone Ridge Subdivision: Sent memo on July 25, 2025 suggesting that since Grande's Representatives will be attending the meeting, they can discuss the schedule for completion of the improvements.

Ms. Grande indicated that she anticipates the streets to be dedicated and all work to be completed at Stone Ridge by the Spring.

2025 Street Projects: Received a project schedule for Sacks & Sons, Inc. which was forwarded by memo on July 25th. Work has begun on the Streets.

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

12 permits were issued, 15 Property Maintenance issues and 17 zoning issues.

Glenn Bertolet told Council that Family Dollar has been notified of their violations (tent sales, etc). If anyone sees this occurring again, Kraft should be notified.

Glenn also told Council that there is a Zoning Hearing Board meeting scheduled for September 15, 2025 for a detached garage at 104 S Reber St.

Public Works: Written report submitted.

Matt Spoke about the cooperative agreement with South Heidelberg that was approved at the South Heidelberg meeting. M. Gombar will have a resolution for this agreement for the September Council meeting.

Matt also spoke to Council about the policy on Public works employees being required to wear pants. J. Pierce suggested that office staff check with the Insurance company to see if there are any policies that would be applicable.

Recreation Board:

Scott Wilson told Council that the recent Movie Night was a success. The next Rec Board event will be the Halloween parade on Saturday, October 25.

Mayor's Report:

Written Report submitted.

Council's Report:

Linda Dapcic-Angst: Linda would like to attend the PSAB Fall Leadership Conference at Penn State on October 3 to October 5, 2025. The cost for the Conference is \$190 plus the hotel for 2 nights is \$375.18 for a total of \$565.18. Motion made by J. Pierce to approve paying for Linda to attend the conference. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Carl Reidler: Carl mentioned that next year is the 250th anniversary of the Country and maybe the Borough can plan something to celebrate. This will be discussed further at future meetings.

Keegan Worley: Keegan spoke briefly about the Tennis Court Project. The Borough will need to get a determination on prevailing wage from the Department of Labor and Industry.

Prevailing wage would be approximately 20% above the cost estimate for this project.

M. Gombar will reach out to the contact for the project and J. Fidler will help, if needed.

Rob Gordon: Rob proposed that an amendment be made to the Zoning Ordinance which discusses recreational vehicles to allow for ONE vehicle/item to be parked on a non paved area in the front or side of the property. J. Fidler supports this possible change.

Chad Numbers, 55 W Gaul St, spoke up in agreeance about this, as he has several vehicles from his previous business, etc.

Council asked that R. Gordon and J. Fidler discuss size limit and details on this proposal that Council can discuss at a future meeting.

Dave Latino: Dave said that they interviewed 1 applicant so far and are still actively looking for a Borough Manager.

Solicitor's Report: Written report submitted.

Security Camera Policy Ordinance: Motion made by J. Pierce to enact ordinance to establish regulations governing the Public Security Camera System. Motion seconded by J. Fidler and carried unanimously.

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Optimist CDL 600 E. Penn Ave.: M. Gombar informed Council that Optimist CDL has received the HOP from PennDot. Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to Grant Optimist CDL a time extension to complete improvements to curb entrance area from July 31, 2025 to December 31, 2025. Motion seconded by K. Worley and carried unanimously.
Executive Session: Will be held after meeting to Discuss a Potential litigation matter.

Old Business:

Security Cameras: Motion made by K. Worley to approve quote from Schatz Electric to install electric at the Tot Lot for the Security Cameras at a cost of \$7,410 and add 100-amp service to support future lighting and events, for an additional \$860, (PPL fee approx. \$500 and Schatz's cost would be \$360). This would be a total cost of \$8270. Motion seconded by J. Fidler and carried unanimously. J. Pierce indicated that he and Public Works will work on a weather proof box for the new electric service.

New Business:

Censure of Mayor: Resolution to censure Mayor Dean was publicly read by M. Gombar. Scott Wilson addressed the Borough about the Mayor's passion and good intentions for the Borough. Motion made by J. Fidler to enact Resolution issuing formal censure of the Borough Mayor. Motion seconded by K. Worley and carried unanimously.

Rewire Christmas Lights: Due to an accident in April 2025, a pole got knocked down at 235 W. Penn Ave. which had our Christmas Lights attached. Motion made by J. Pierce to have Schatz Electric replace the electricity at a cost of \$2,200. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Debbie Pierce Retirement: Debbie submitted a letter to Council stating she would be retiring from her Secretary/Treasurer's position effective December 5, 2025. Motion made by R. Gordon to accept, with regret, Debbie's retirement notice. Motion seconded by K. Worley. J. Pierce abstained. Motion carried. Dave Latino thanked Debbie for all of her years with the Borough and said that she is appreciated for all the work she has done.

Bird Houses around Borough: Mrs. Stoy, teacher for CW N.E.E.D. Camp is asking permission to install bird houses at Borough Hall and our 2 playgrounds. Motion made by R. Gordon to allow the birdhouses to be installed. Motion seconded by L. Dapcic-Angst and carried unanimously. Public works will help with this project.

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

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

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 7pm.

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Motion made by J. Fidler to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Executive Session: To discuss a potential litigation matter held after meeting adjourned.
No action taken.

Attest:

Borough Secretary