

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
September 3, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**DAVID LATINO, PRESIDENT
JIM PIERCE, VICE PRESIDENT
LINDA DAPCIC-ANGST
CARL REIDLER
KEEGAN WORLEY
JOSH FIDLER (arrived at 7:25pm)
ROB GORDON**

ALSO PRESENT:

**MICHAEL GOMBAR, SOLICITOR
DEBRA PIERCE, SECRETARY
JENNIFER VELEZ, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
MATT ZERR, ROADMASTER
TIM CROUSE, PUBLIC WORKS
CPL. DOELP, SOUTH HEIDELBERG POLICE
KEN FULMER, GVC**

ABSENT:

**MAYOR, MELISSA DEAN
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT MUNICIPAL GROUP**

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

Motion made by R. Gordon to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2025 meeting.
C. Reidler seconded and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

James Gossert, 245 Marcello Circle

James Gossert: Mr. Gossert expressed his interest in being appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion made by J. Pierce to appoint James Gossert to the Zoning Hearing Board to fill the current vacancy. Motion seconded by C. Reidler and carried unanimously.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 477 calls for August and 111 were in the Borough.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 113 calls for the month of August. 11 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written report submitted. 48 Calls for the month of August. 19 were in Phoebe.

Wernersville Public Library: Written report submitted. Cathy Martin, the new Library Director, introduced herself to Council and spoke briefly about some of the programs at the Library.

EMC Report: No report submitted

Engineer Report: Written report submitted.

West Ridge Suites: Mr. Dimmerling at the August meeting stated that they will be taking additional traffic counts at W. Penn Ave. and Furnace Rd. as PennDOT requested, around the second week of September.

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: Nothing to Report.

2025 Street Projects: Motion made by J. Pierce to approve Change Order #1 and payment to Sacks and Sons Inc. for the amount of \$94,538.17 conditioned upon PENNDOT approval of the use of liquid fuels funds for payment. Motion seconded by C. Reidler and carried unanimously.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report submitted for August. 3 permits were issued, 19 Property Maintenance issues and 15 zoning issues.

Public Works: Written report submitted.

Matt spoke to Council about painting curbs around the Borough at intersections for added safety. Motion made by J. Pierce to authorize Public Works to paint the curbs at these intersections. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Worley to authorize Matt to purchase the paint for the curbs from Sealmaster, in the amount of \$2,690. Motion seconded by C. Reidler and carried unanimously.

Matt also spoke to Council about placing the Jersey Barriers between the 10 West property and the Hoover lot to prevent cars from using the Hoover lot as a cut through. It was the consensus of the Borough Council to install the 2 Jersey Barriers. Matt will work with South Heidelberg to install them.

Recreation Board:

Josh Wilson told Council that the next Rec Board event will be the Halloween parade on Saturday, October 25.

Mayor's Report:

No written Report submitted.

Council's Report:

Jim Pierce: Jim told Council that he is waiting for Schatz to put in the poll at the Tot Lot. He also said that he will start working on getting training on the Camera System.

Carl Reidler: Carl spoke briefly about the 250th Anniversary of the United States Celebration for July 4, 2026. He will be working with neighboring municipalities.

Linda Dapcic-Angst: Linda told Council members that she will send out the Lancaster Ordinance about Plastic Bags for everyone to view so that it can be discussed at the October meeting.

Linda spoke about the Grant for the security system. The installer of the system has contacted her and acknowledges that Prevailing wage is required. They are working to complete this so that the grant funds can be released. The Borough can possibly pay ½ of the difference and the Security company could pay the other ½.

Linda is working on a Grant for a street sweeper which is due by the end of September. Matt said he will speak to South Heidelberg about this at his meeting with them.

Keegan Worley: Keegan told Council that we are still waiting for the prevailing wage determination for the Tennis Courts.

Rob Gordon: Rob spoke to Council about proposed Fire Tax changes. The Fire Company is proposing that the millage for the Fire Tax will be the same for everyone.

Dave Latino: Dave spoke about the Savvy Citizen app for resident alert system now being available. It was noted that several residents have signed up. This will be included in the next newsletter.

Solicitor's Report: Written report submitted.

Resolution to enter Intermunicipal Agreement with SHT: Motion made by R. Gordon to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with SHT for shared manpower and equipment for certain public works related projects on an as-requested basis from time to time. Motion seconded by J. Fidler and carried unanimously.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

MMO 2026: Motion made by R. Gordon to approve a Resolution for the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Non-Uniform Pension for 2026 for budgeting purposes in the amount \$15,812.74. Motion seconded by K. Worley. J. Pierce abstained. Motion carried.

Health Insurance: Motion made by C. Reidler to renew the same health insurance plan for 10/1/2025 to 9/30/2026. Motion seconded by K. Worley. J. Pierce abstained. Motion carried.

2026 Budget: Motion made by R. Gordon to advertise a budget workshop meeting for Monday, October 13 at 6pm. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

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

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Balance Sheet: Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to accept the Balance Sheet. R. Gordon seconded and carried. J. Pierce abstained.

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 7pm.

Motion made by J. Pierce to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary