

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
January 5, 2026**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**DAVID LATINO, PRESIDENT
JIM PIERCE, VICE PRESIDENT
ROB GORDON
JOSH FIDLER
JOSH WILSON**

ALSO PRESENT:

**MAYOR, CARL REIDLER
CHRIS MUVDI, SOLICITOR
JENNIFER VELEZ, SECRETARY
MATT ZERR, ROADMASTER
ALEX DOELP, SOUTH HEIDELBERG POLICE DEPARTMENT
KEN FULMER, GVC
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT MUNICIPAL GROUP**

ABSENT:

**LINDA DAPCIC-ANGST
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Reidler called the Wernersville Borough Council Meeting to order at 7pm.

Mayor Reidler swore in the following newly and reelected officials:

Dave Latino, Council
Rob Gordon, Council
Josh Wilson, Council
Debra Pierce, Tax Collector

Announcement that Carl Reidler resigned from his seat on Council, effective 12/31/2025.
Motion made by J. Fidler to accept his resignation. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Mayor Reidler took nominations for Council President. Jim Pierce made the motion for Dave Latino for President of Borough Council. R. Gordon seconded the nomination. Mayor Reidler moved the nominations to be closed. All were in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

Dave Latino took nominations for Vice President. D. Latino made the motion for Jim Pierce for Vice President. Nomination seconded by J. Fidler. All were in favor and the motion was carried unanimously for Jim Pierce as Vice President.

Zoning Hearing Board: Motion made by R. Gordon to reappoint Jason Stephenson to the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Appointment to Planning Commission: There is a vacancy on Planning commission, as Dave Latino's term is up and there cannot be more than 2 Council members on Planning Commission.

Samantha Busch has expressed interest in filling the Vacancy.

Motion made by J. Pierce to appoint Samantha Busch to Planning Commission. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Other Appointments:

Motion made by R. Gordon to appoint the following:

Great Valley Consultants: Engineer for Borough

Spotts Stevens & McCoy: Engineer for Planning Commission

Kraft Municipal Group: Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer

Michael J. Gombar, Masano Bradley, Solicitor

Andrew S. George, Kozloff Stoudt, Zoning Hearing Solicitor

Justin Schlottman, EMC

Motion seconded by J. Fidler and carried unanimously.

Motion made by J. Pierce to approve minutes from the December 3, 2025 meeting. Motion seconded by J. Fidler and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Matt Zerr, 153 W Gaul St

Aristides Otero, for West Ridge Suites

Eric Keller, 200 N Pearl St

Lindsay and Bella Capone, 651 Christopher Dr.

Matt Zerr: Matt presented his design idea for a Borough Logo to Council. Council will discuss further and this will be put on the Agenda for the February Council meeting.

Eric Keller: Mr. Keller expressed interest in filling the vacant seat on Council.

Lindsay & Bella Capone: Came in support of Carl Reidler.

Aristides Otero: Mr. Otero spoke to Council about the Sewer Planning Module and request for time extension for West Ridge Suites.

Motion made by R. Gordon to approve the Sewer Planning Module for West Ridge Suites on the recommendation of the WMA. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Motion made by J. Pierce to approve extension of time to April 15, 2026 for West Ridge Suites subdivision and land development. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Police Report:

367 calls for the month of December. 78 Calls were in the Borough. 5167 calls for the year. Officer Doelp told Council that the Parking issue on S. Walnut was addressed. Council briefly discussed the traffic study that was completed on Stitzer Ave.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 140 total calls for the month of December. 11 calls were in the Borough. 1473 total calls for 2025.

Western Berks Ambulance: No Written report submitted.

Wernersville Public Library: Written report submitted. Cathy thanked Borough Council and employees for their continued support and help.

EMC: Written reports submitted for October and November, 2025. Council spoke briefly about Justin needing to attend meetings. This will be an ongoing discussion.

Engineer Report: Written report submitted.

West Ridge Suites: PennDOT sent a review letter for the Traffic Signal Report for the traffic signal at the intersection of Penn Ave and Furnace Rd on November 18, 2025. I had forwarded that review to Borough Council and we are awaiting Mr. Dimmerling's response to PennDOT's comments.

I have informed Borough Council by memorandum on December 11, 2025 that paper copies of the drawings for West Ridge Suites were delivered to the Borough Hall on that day and also to our office on the same day. We are in the process of reviewing and it is my understanding that there may be some further comments from the Authority that will need to be addressed.

Sewer Planning Module: K.Fulmer will assist Borough Secretary with the completion and submission of the necessary forms.

Stone Ridge Subdivision: Nothing to Report.

Beckley Street Drainage Project: Matt Zerr spoke to Council about the sinkhole that recently opened up on Beckley Street. Public works plans to patch the pipe and fill with cold patch/flowable fill. Matt will reach out to AH Moyer for an estimate on all the repair work needed.

Mandatory Sewer Connection Ordinance: I have provided some assistance to the Solicitor and also send a memorandum to Borough Council dated December 22, 2025 showing properties within the Borough that are not sewer connected.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report submitted for December. 1 permit was issued. 3 property maintenance issues and 10 zoning issues.

Public Works: Written report submitted.

Matt spoke to Council about the recent winter weather events.

Carl asked about snow and ice that was piled at the edge of the Family Dollar lot. Matt will check into this.

Matt was commended on his recent certification by the American Public Works Association.

Matt spoke briefly about the renewal of the FCC Radio License.

Mayor's Report:

The Mayor told Council that he will be placing a flag inside the Library.

He will also be working with the Boy Scouts to put out small flags around the Borough for Memorial day.

Carl is working with South Heidelberg and Lower Heidelberg on the upcoming Centennial Celebration. This will most likely be held behind Green Valley Elementary School.

Council's Report:

Dave Latino: Dave spoke to Council about the former Mayor's Facebook page. He will get in touch with her to have the page removed.

Jim Pierce: Jim said he is still waiting for PPL to connect the electric to the Tot Lot for the Security system.

Josh Wilson: Josh is looking forward to serving on Council.

Rob Gordon: Rob indicated that he is interested in helping with the Centennial Celebration.

Solicitor's Report: Written report submitted.

WMA salary increase: Motion made by J. Fidler to approve an increase of salary from \$25 per meeting to \$50 meeting for the WMA. Motion seconded by J. Wilson. Motion opposed by J. Pierce. Carried by majority.

Western Berks Ambulance Agreement renewal: Motion made by J. Pierce to renew the Borough's agreement with Western Berks Ambulance Association. Motion seconded by J. Fidler and carried unanimously.

Mandatory Sewer Connection ordinance: Motion made by R. Gordon to authorize the solicitor to advertise the Mandatory Sewer Connection ordinance. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Intergovernmental Agreement with County of Berks Uniform Construction

Code Board of Appeals. Motion made by R. Gordon to renew the Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Berks Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals. Motion Seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

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

Balance Sheet: Motion made by J. Pierce to accept the Balance Sheet. Motion seconded by J. Fidler and carried unanimously.

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, February 4 at 7pm.

Motion made by R. Gordon to adjourn meeting at 8:16 pm. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary

