

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
March 4, 2026**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**DAVID LATINO, PRESIDENT
JIM PIERCE, VICE PRESIDENT
LINDA DAPCIC-ANGST
JOSH WILSON
ROB GORDON
RICK DOBRANSKY**

ALSO PRESENT:

**MAYOR, CARL REIDLER
MICHAEL GOMBAR, SOLICITOR
JENNIFER VELEZ, SECRETARY
SAMANTHA BUSCH, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
MATT ZERR, ROADMASTER
CHIEF MATT HOOK, SOUTH HEIDELBERG POLICE
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT
KEN FULMER, GVC**

ABSENT:

**JOSH FIDLER
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT MUNICIPAL GROUP**

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

Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2026 meeting.

R. Gordon seconded and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Janet McIlhenny, 9 Reading Dr. Apt 226

Dave Lorah, 520 W Washington St

Janet McIlhenny and Dave Lorah came to the meeting with interest in the vacant seats on Planning Commission.

Chris Reed, 215 Lincoln Dr had submitted a letter of interest, which was distributed to Council.

Motion made by R. Gordon to appoint Janet McIlhenny, Dave Lorah and Chris Reed to Planning Commission. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Motion made by R. Gordon to accept Samantha Busch's resignation from Planning Commission.

Motion seconded by R. Dobransky and carried unanimously.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 352 calls for February and 79 were in the Borough.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 119 Calls for the month of February. 12 calls were in the Borough. Jared told Council that the t shirt fundraiser raised \$379 for Weiser Wishes. Jared also spoke briefly about the gas leak at the Fire Department on February 16th.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written report not submitted.

Wernersville Public Library: Written Report submitted.

EMC: Written report not submitted

Engineer Report: Written report submitted.

West Ridge Suites: Sent a Memo to Borough Council on February 20, 2026 regarding PennDOT's response to the latest submission of the Traffic Signal Report for the intersection of Penn Ave and Furnace Rd. Mr. Dimmerling has indicated that the traffic signal is warranted and that he will be responding and addressing all the comments on PennDOT's latest review.

Sewer Planning Module for this project was completed by Borough Staff and our office and was sent to DEP on January 27, 2026. Mr. Otero sent me an email on February 26, 2026 stating that DEP has confirmed they received the Sewer Planning Module. They requested a copy of the Utility Plan, which Mr. Otero sent to them.

Ken received a construction cost estimate. He will review.

Ken expects that Grande will be looking for Conditional plan approval at the April Council meeting.

Stone Ridge Subdivision: Grande has submitted Request for Escrow Release No 4 which we received on January 30, 2026. We reviewed the Escrow Release and had several comments on items being requested for release that were not appropriate for payment to Borough Council. We sent a Memo regarding the same to Grande on February 18, 2026 requesting a revised Escrow Release request.

We received revised Escrow Release No 4 and issued a memo with recommendation for release of \$233,008.03 on February 25, 2026. Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the release of escrow #4. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously. M. Gobar will contact the bank for a new letter of credit.

Beckley Street draining Project: Council discussed using the Grant money from the N. Walnut and Elm St Grant for the Beckley St storm sewer repairs. This will likely require a PennDot HOP. Matt Zerr will contact a contractor to perform a soft dig. Motion made by J. Pierce to approve switching the Grant money to the Beckley St project, if approved by the grant provider, and authorize Ken Fulmer and Matt Zerr to move forward with research and estimates. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Mandatory Sewer Connection Ordinance: Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the Mandatory Sewer Connection Ordinance. Seconded by J Wilson and carried unanimously. It was noted that this ordinance matches the South Heidelberg policy of only requiring connection upon (1) sale/transfer of the property, or (2) failure of the on-lot system, for the properties on Furnace Road located in both the Borough and South Heidelberg that may be impacted by the West Ridge Suites development.

PPL Request for Permit for Replacement of Utility Poles: I sent a Memo regarding this request to Borough Council on February 23, 2026. We received a permit application and issued a review and response on February 25, 2026. M. Gombar will send a letter to PPL addressing this situation.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report submitted for February. 2 permits were issued, 6 Property Maintenance issues and 7 zoning issues.

Public Works: Written report submitted.

Street Sweeper rental: Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the rental of a street sweeper from Golden Equipment in the amount of \$7100 for a 2 week period. This will be from April 13 through April 24, 2026.

Recreation Board:

New Board members: Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the appointment of new Rec board members. Chris Kaufman, Tom Wambaugh, James Gossert and Ashley Christman. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Existing Board members are Maria Kaufman, Chair; Angie Wambaugh, Vice Chair; Josh Wilson, Board member.

Josh Wilson told Council that the next event will be the Easter Egg Hunt on March 28th at 10am at the pavilion and field behind the Borough Hall.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Reidler spoke to Council briefly about a few topics in the Borough.

Council's Report:

Jim Pierce: Jim mentioned that PPL still has not hooked up the power at the Tot Lot. He also told Council that he received one preliminary quote for a new Copier. The estimate is between \$5500 and \$6000. He will get another quote for the April meeting. Jim, Dave, Linda and Rob will work on the Employee Handbook.

Rick Dobransky: Rick said he would like to have a large street map of the Borough available for the Council meeting room. Matt said he would take care of this.

Linda Dapcic-Angst: Linda told Council that she would like to attend the PSAB Conference again this year from May 31 through June 3. Motion made by R. Gordon to approve the fees for Linda's attendance at the conference. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report: Written report submitted.

M. Gombar spoke to Council about a few property maintenance appeal hearings coming up and a slip and fall Lawsuit that was served against the Borough.

Old Business:

Greenways Grant for Playground Design: The Greenways grant was approved in the amount of \$12,452. Council needs to continue to discuss how this will be used. Original submitted amount was \$24,905. We received the Executed Grant Contract on February 20. This will be on the April agenda as an action item. Linda will email copies of quotes to Council for review.

Mine Hole Grant: Motion made by R. Gordon to authorize Linda Dapcic-Angst to apply for the Grant to clean up the Mine Hole area. Motion seconded by R. Dobransky and carried unanimously.

New Business:

Land Development Waiver for Paradise by the Slice: Motion made by R. Gordon to approve the Land Development Waiver for Paradise by the Slice for their addition, based on the revised letter from SSM. Motion seconded by J. Wilson and carried unanimously.

Substitute Crossing Guard: Samantha covered shifts for Ryan Kurshak while he was away on vacation.

*Jan Carlin, 6801 Penn Ave Lot 40 submitted an application for the substitute crossing guard position on 2/24/2026. Samantha said she would stay on as a back up substitute in the event that Jan is unable to cover needed shifts.

Motion made by J. Pierce to ratify hiring Samantha Busch (effective January 12, 2026) for substitute Crossing Guard position at the rate of \$15 per shift and to hire Jan Carlin for the substitute Crossing Guard position, at the rate of \$15/shift. Motion seconded by R. Dobransky and carried unanimously.

CW Youth Baseball: Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to allow CW Youth Baseball the use of the baseball field from March 23 through June 27, 2026. They will provide a porta-potty and a copy of insurance. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

2026 Memorial Day Parade: Motion made by R. Gordon to allow the Patriotic Order Sons of America to hold the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25, 2026 at 10 a.m. The route will be the same as last year. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

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

Balance Sheet: Motion made by R. Gordon to accept the Balance Sheet. J. Wilson seconded and carried unanimously.

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 7pm.

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Motion made by J. Pierce to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary