

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
April 1, 2026**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**JIM PIERCE, VICE PRESIDENT
LINDA DAPCIC-ANGST
JOSH FIDLER
ROB GORDON
RICK DOBRANSKY
JOSH WILSON (arrived at 7:04pm)**

ALSO PRESENT:

**MAYOR, CARL REIDLER
MICHAEL GOMBAR, SOLICITOR
JENNIFER VELEZ, SECRETARY
MATT ZERR, ROADMASTER
TIM CROUSE, PUBLIC WORKS
CHIEF MATT HOOK, SOUTH HEIDELBERG POLICE
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT
KEN FULMER, GVC (via telephone)
GLENN BERTOLET, KRAFT MUNICIPAL GROUP**

ABSENT:

DAVID LATINO, PRESIDENT

J. Pierce called the Wernersville Borough Council Meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Motion made by R. Dobransky to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2026 meeting.
L. Dapcic-Angst seconded and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Janet McIlhenney, 9 Reading Dr. Apt 226 (just observing)
Shawn Strunk, Conrad Weiser Youth Baseball (not present, but on Agenda)
Gregory Nadeau, 270 Wernersville Blvd
Frank & Carol Gregorek, 324 Columbus St
Aristides Otero, Wilkinson Design Group for West Ridge Suites
Laura Grande and Fabrizio Grande, for West Ridge Suites
Natasha Manbeck, Mike Drobeck & Matt Walborn; Wernersville Municipal Authority
Justin Schlottman, EMC

Shawn Strunk: Mr. Strunk was not present at the meeting, but Matt Zerr had copies of the proposed plan for adding a baseball field at the Laurel Street Playground. L. Dapcic-Angst will reach out to Shawn to discuss. Matt indicated that Conrad Weiser Youth Baseball will cover all associated costs.

Gregory Nadeau: Mr. Nadeau spoke to Council about concerns that he has about the construction of West Ridge Suites. He is concerned about traffic, drainage, turkey vultures, noise, etc. Council explained that most of his concerns have been addressed and plans approved through our Planning Commission.

J. Velez will acquire up to date digital plans and email them to Mr. Nadeau.

Frank Gregorek: Mr. Gregorek spoke to Council about his concerns about West Ridge Suites and increased Traffic and narrow streets. He also spoke about noise concerns if any blasting is done at the site. M. Gombar indicated that blasting is not part of the proposal to his knowledge but, if it is, permits would need to be obtained.

Aristides Otero, Laura Grande and Fabrizio Grande: Mr. Otero spoke to Council about the list of conditions for final plan approval. He also spoke briefly about the Sewer Planning Module which needs to be amended and sent back to DEP.

Motion made by R. Gordon for conditional final plan approval conditioned upon satisfying all conditions set forth on the listing provided by the Borough Solicitor and Borough Engineer. Motion seconded by J. Fidler and carried unanimously.

Natasha Manbeck, Mike Drobeck & Matt Walborn: Members of WMA attended to discuss possibly sharing an office employee with the Wernersville Borough. This will be discussed in executive session.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 383 calls for March and 88 were in the Borough. Chief Hook talked to Council about their Annual meeting and the recent Community Heros day.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 107 Calls for the month of March. 15 calls were in the Borough. Jared also spoke to Council about the recent home fire at 389 Mountain Blvd.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written report not submitted.

Wernersville Public Library: Written Report submitted.

EMC: Written reports submitted for February and March.

Engineer Report: Written report submitted.

West Ridge Suites:

Sent a memorandum 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 Avenue and Furnace Road. Mr. Dimmerling has indicated that he will be responding and addressing the comments, as of this date I do not know if Mr. Dimmerling has responded to PennDOT.

Sewer Planning Module: DEP responded to the Sewer Planning Module by letter dated March 16, 2026. I sent a memorandum regarding the same to Borough Council on March 18, 2026, including a copy of the DEP review letter and Mr. Otero's comments. Mr. Otero is preparing a

response letter, and he is awaiting information from Wernersville Municipal Authority and Robesonia-Wernersville Municipal Authority.

Site Improvement Cost Estimate: Received a cost estimate dated March 3, 2026, from Mr. Otero. I forwarded a copy of the same to the Borough staff and Solicitor. I attempted to perform a review but found the information to be extremely confusing and disorganized. I had a phone conversation and sent a memorandum on March 9, 2026, to Laura Grande, Kirk Barnett, and Mario Cepeda regarding the same and suggested that they reorganize the construction cost estimate similar to the cost estimate prepared for Stone Ridge Subdivision. I understand from Mr. Otero that the revised construction cost estimate is being prepared, and we are waiting for the submission of the same.

Conditions for Final Plan Approval: Assisted Solicitor Gombar in preparing a list of conditions should Borough Council consider conditional plan approval.

Stone Ridge Subdivision: Nothing to report

Beckley Street Drainage Project: Submitted memorandum to Borough Council Members and Staff dated March 9, 2026. Matt submitted copy of the Conceptual Drawings to PennDOT Berks County Permit Supervisor and the reply received was not very helpful. The reply simply stated that a Highway Occupancy Permit will need to be applied for, which Matt and I were well aware of. See Public Works report for soft dig information.

PPL Request for Permit for Replacement of Utility Poles: Jill Pierce had submitted responses to the Borough and copied Borough Council Members and Borough Staff. Joanne Mouyniovng sent an email to Jen and myself requesting a status review. I defer this issue to Solicitor Gombar. Motion made by R. Gordon to bill PPL for any costs associated with this project from M. Gombar and GVC. Motion seconded by J. Wilson and carried unanimously.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report submitted for March. Glenn B. told Council that the owners of 53 E Penn Ave have been notified that their plan for the property will need zoning relief. No planning meeting will be held in April.

Public Works: Written report submitted.

Motion made by R. Gordon to hire Sacks and Sons at the rate of \$4950 per day (not to exceed 2 days) for soft digs at Lincoln and Beckley. Motion seconded by R. Dobransky and carried unanimously.

Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to spend up to \$2000 to fix the Hydraulic Cylinder on the 2006 Ford F-450, through Keystone Hydraulic. Motion seconded by R. Dobransky and carried unanimously.

Recreation Board:

Josh Wilson told Council The Rec Board held the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28th. The event went very well and had a good turn out.

Linda gave Josh information about the Greenways Grant for playground equipment. The deadline is April 30.

Motion made by R. Gordon to amend the agenda to file a grant application for playground equipment. Motion seconded by J. Wilson and carried unanimously.

Motion by L. Dapcic to approve submission of grant application for playground equipment. Motion seconded by J. Wilson and carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Reidler told Council that he attended the Annual Police Meeting.

Council's Report:

Jim Pierce: Jim discussed quotes for new Copier. Motion made by R. Gordon to approve purchasing a new Copier, not to exceed \$5377. Motion seconded by J. Fidler and carried unanimously.

Linda Dapcic-Angst: Discussed quotes for Landscape Architect. Motion made by R. Gordon to hire Derck & Edson at the cost of \$14,900. Motion seconded by R. Dobransky and carried unanimously.

Linda also mentioned that a survey went out with the Spring Newsletter and she will be holding a Community Meeting on Monday, April 27th at 6:30pm at the Borough Hall to get input from residents for the Playground design.

Rob Gordon: Rob told Council that the COG just finished submitting for a Grant to get new Recycling totes.

Solicitor's Report: Written report submitted.

Executive Session to be held at the conclusion of the regular meeting to discuss pending litigation regarding the Optimist CDL land use appeal.

M. Gombar informed Council that the Borough was released from the Slip and Fall Lawsuit that was discussed previously.

Old Business:

Letter of Support for South Heidelberg Township: Motion made by R. Gordon to Ratify sending a letter of support for South Heidelberg Township to request federal funding to renovate the South Heidelberg Police Department. The letter was signed by Dave Latino on 3/11/26 and sent over to Sean McKee. Motion seconded by J. Fidler and carried unanimously.

Letter of support for DCNR Grant: Motion made by J. Wilson to amend the agenda to authorize sending a letter of support for South Heidelberg Township to request a DCNR grant for renovations/improvements to the Heidelberg Run West recreation area. Motion seconded by R. Dobransky and carried unanimously.

Motion by R. Gordon to approve sending a letter of support for South Heidelberg Township to request a DCNR grant for renovations/improvements to the Heidelberg Run West recreation area. Motion seconded by J. Wilson and carried unanimously.

New Business:

Conrad Weiser Pool request for Donation: A letter was sent to Mayor Reidler from Conrad Weiser Community Pool asking for Sponsorships or Donations. After brief discussion, Council members decided that the Borough would not be making a donation.

Monthly Bills: Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to approve the bill list and bills previously paid to avoid penalty. J. Fidler seconded. J. Wilson abstained with respect to the payment of any bills to the Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer due to his employment with Kraft Municipal Group. Motion carried.

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

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 7pm.

Executive Session was held to discuss pending litigation and a personnel matter

Upon returning from Executive Session, Council indicated that they decline to move forward with the Wernersville Municipal Authority to share a clerical Employee.

The Wernersville Municipal Authority told Council that they will come back to a meeting when they have more information about third party billing, for their water/sewer bills and potentially for the Trash/Recycling Bills.

M. Gombar will work on drafting a Cooperative Agreement between the Wernersville Borough and the Wernersville Municipal Authority.

Motion made by R. Dobransky to adjourn the meeting at 8:46pm. Motion seconded by J. Wilson and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary