

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
May 6, 2026**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

ROB GORDON

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

Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2026 meeting.
J. Fidler seconded and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Janet McIlhenney, 9 Reading Dr. Apt 226
Jay Leininger, 109 N Church Rd
Maura Nadeau, Women's Club of Wernersville
Andrew Preston, 326 E Washington St
Mark Bisignaro, 320 Stitzer Ave

Janet McIlhenney: Ms. McIlhenney spoke to Council about the proposed Joint Zoning Ordinance and her concerns about water use in Data Centers. She also questioned if ICE detention centers should be addressed in the Joint Zoning Ordinance.

Jay Leininger: Mr. Leininger spoke to Council about a possible waiver for sidewalk along Washington St at his property located at 109 N Church Rd, should he sell the property. He provided Council with a written statement in support of his request (SEE EXHIBIT 1 attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference).

After discussion, a motion was made by J. Fidler to NOT grant a Waiver for the sidewalk along Washington St. Motion was seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Andrew Preston: Mr. Preston lives across the street from Mr. Leininger and came in support of Mr. Leininger's request.

Maura Nadeau: As the Vice President of the Women's Club of Wernersville, Ms. Nadeau came to express the Club's desire to help out with upcoming Rec Board events. Rec Board members will reach out to her to discuss this further.

Angie and Tom Wambaugh: Angie spoke to Council about the Rec Board's upcoming Summer event, on August 16th at the Tot Lot, and asked for approval to spend up to \$3000 for Dave Kline and his band, performers, porta potties and other small costs.

Motion made by J. Wilson to approve the Rec Board to spend up to \$3000 for this event. Motion seconded by L. Dapcic-Angst and carried unanimously. This action item was already on the agenda under the Recreation Board report.

Mark Bisignaro: Mr. Bisignaro spoke to Council about using the Ball field at Laurel and Fairview Playground for the Berks Christian Fellowship Softball Association.

Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to amend the Agenda for approval to use the ball field at Laurel/Fairview Playground for the Berks Christian Fellowship Softball Association on Saturdays from June 6 through August 29. Motion seconded by J. Wilson and carried unanimously.

Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to authorize the Berks Christian Fellowship Softball Association on Saturdays from June 6 through August 29 conditioned upon providing proof of insurance naming the Borough as an additional insured, maintenance of the field and consideration of providing a monetary donation to the Recreation Board at the end of the season. Motion seconded by J. Wilson and carried unanimously.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 435 calls for April and 102 were in the Borough. Chief Hook informed Council that they have started an initiative to address the prevalence of Electric Scooters.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 99 Calls for the month of April. 12 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written report submitted. 62 calls for the month of April. 38 were in Phoebe.

Wernersville Public Library: Written Report submitted.

EMC: Written report submitted for April.

Engineer Report: Written report submitted.

West Ridge Suites:

Traffic Signal: Sent a memo to Borough Council on April 27, 2026 regarding the Penn Ave and Furnace Rd Traffic Signal Application and Communications with Grande representatives and PennDOT regarding when the traffic signal permit will be issued.

Vacation of Paper Streets: Sent a Memo to Borough Council on April 27, 2026 regarding vacation of paper streets in the Borough. M. Gombar will draft an Ordinance to vacate portions of Lincoln, Fulton, Hain, Columbus and S. Laurel.

Sewer Planning Module: Sent memo to Borough Council on April 28, 2026 regarding the status of the Sewer Planning Module.

Construction cost estimate: Received a construction cost estimate around April 9, 2026. Comments were sent to Aristides Otero with information that was missing and asked several questions. The revised cost estimate was received earlier in the week but still has deficiencies which will be addressed in a response to the developer.

Stone Ridge Subdivision: Sent a memo to Borough Council on April 28, 2026 with the latest update on the Stone Ridge Subdivision.

Beckley Street Drainage Project: Matt Zerr confirmed that Sacks & Sons has started working and they have marked where the soft digs will be. L. Dapcic-Angst told Council that we should know by May 21 if the Grant Money can be moved to the Beckley St project. Matt also told Council that he will work with the Water Authority to coordinate with them, as they will be replacing the water main.

PPL Request for Permit for Replacement of Utility Poles: I signed the permits and forwarded to Jen for issuance.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report submitted for April. 7 permits were issues. 9 property maintenance issues and 8 zoning issues.

Public Works: Written report submitted.

Matt informed Council that the new Tennis Courts (at Laurel and Fairview) are being worked on and should be completed in early June.

Recreation Board:

Josh Wilson resigned from the Rec Board effective April 9, 2026.

Motion made by J. Pierce to accept his resignation. Motion seconded by R. Dobransky and carried unanimously.

Council asked Josh Wilson if he would be willing to be the liaison between the Rec Board and Council. He will be appointed as the Liaison at the June Council meeting.

Summer Event: The Summer event was discussed during the visitor section and Council approved the spending limit of \$3000.

June Meeting: The next Rec Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2 at 7pm, instead of on Monday, June 1 due to some scheduling conflicts. This has been advertised and changed on the Webpage.

Mayor's Report: No written report submitted

Council's Report:

Jim Pierce: Jim Informed Council that the new printer/copier/scanner will be delivered to the Borough office on Thursday, May 7.

Rick Dobransky: Rick asked about the road repair on Woodrow Ct from the water main break. M. Zerr informed him that AH Moyer will be fixing the uneven road around May 14th.

Linda Dapcic-Angst: Linda told Council that she received 19 surveys back from residents. She met with the Playground designer on Monday. She would like to try to set up a zoom meeting with the designer. Council will work to set up a TV/computer to make this possible.

Solicitor's Report: Written report submitted.

Temporary Construction Easement: Motion made by J. Pierce to ratify execution of Temporary Construction Easement for WMA. Motion seconded by R. Dobransky and carried unanimously.

Intermunicipal Agreement with WMA: Motion made by J. pierce to enact a Resolution authorizing Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement with WMA for shared public works employees and equipment. Motion seconded by J. Wilson and carried unanimously.

Stormwater Permit for 104 S Reber St: Motion made by J. Fidler to approve the stormwater permit for 104 S. Reber Street conditioned upon compliance with the SSM review letter dated April 23, 2026 and to authorize the execution of the Stormwater Management Agreement. (a copy of the SSM review letter is in the meeting packet). Motion seconded by R. Dobransky and carried unanimously.

Joint Planning Commission members: Dave Latino and Rob Gordon will both stay on the Joint Planning Commission. A meeting will be coming up in June for the Joint Zoning Ordinance Amendment proposed by South Heidelberg Township.

Old Business:

Hiring of Part time Assistant Secretary: Motion made by L. Dapdcic-Angst to ratify hiring Beth Satizahn as a part time Assistant Secretary effective April 23, 2026. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

New Business:

Quote from Alltemp: We received a quote from Alltemp after the yearly inspection suggesting that we replace the grounded blower motor on the Library side unit, at a cost of \$2103.75. Do we want to schedule this?

Council asked Matt Zerr to speak to Alltemp about this before making a decision.

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

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 7pm.

Motion made by R. Dobransky to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary