

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
June 3, 2026**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**DAVID LATINO, PRESIDENT
JIM PIERCE, VICE PRESIDENT
JOSH FIDLER
RICK DOBRANSKY
ROB GORDON
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 BERTOLET, KRAFT MUNICIPAL GROUP**

ABSENT:

LINDA DAPCIC-ANGST

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

Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2026 Council meeting.
J. Wilson seconded and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Mitchell Baker, 38 Belle Alto Rd
Ryan Wilkes, Public Works New Hire
Steven Eckert, 63 Pine St
Jay Leininger, 109 N Church Rd
Maria Kaufman, Borough Rec Board
James Gossert, 245 Marcello Circle

Mitchell Baker: Mr. Baker lives in South Heidelberg Township, but came to Council with questions about the Wernersville Public Library and whether or not they are an agency of the Wernersville Borough. The Library had denied a Right to Know Request that Mr. Baker requested. Cathy Martin, Library Director, indicated that the Library is not subjected to RTK requests. M. Gombar will look into this further.

Ryan Wilkes: Ryan came to meet with Council as he will be starting in the Public Works Department on Monday, June 8th.

Jay Leininger: Mr. Leininger came to request a copy of the May 6, 2026 Council meeting minutes. D. Latino informed him that the May Minutes would be available on the Webpage within a few days.

Maria Kaufman: Maria gave Council an update on the upcoming Rec Board Events.

James Gossert: Jamie discussed his concerns about the Stone Ridge Development with Council. These included damage to sidewalks and curbs and that the retention pond close to Lincoln Dr does not drain properly. K. Fulmer indicated that the ponds have not yet been completed. Mr. Gossert also talked to Council about Grande's fence which was installed approximately 5 feet onto his property at 245 Marcello Circle. M. Gombar will reach out to Grande about this.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 492 calls for May and 108 were in the Borough.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 115 Calls for the month of May. 9 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written report submitted. 61 calls for the month of May. 35 were in Phoebe.

Wernersville Public Library: Written Report submitted.

EMC: Written report submitted for May.

Engineer Report: Written report submitted.

West Ridge Suites:

Penn Ave and Furnace Road Traffic Signal: Mr. Dimmerling as of May 26, 2026 has not responded to PennDOT review of January 30, 2026. The Borough will need to complete PennDOT's TE-160 form for Traffic Signal approval. I believe Solicitor Gombar has reviewed the Traffic Signal Agreement and Resolution. I sent this info in a memorandum on March 20, 2026. Motion made by J. Pierce to Authorize the completion and signing of the TE-160 application. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Vacation of Paper Streets: Sent a Memo to Borough Council on April 27, 2026 regarding vacation of paper streets in the Borough. Plans and descriptions have not been submitted to our office or to the Borough as of May 26, 2026.

Sewer Planning Module: DEP offered some minor comments on the latest submittal of the Sewer Planning Module. Ken updated that the Sewer Planning Module has now been Approved!

Construction cost estimate: Sent Memorandum to Council on May 21, 2026 reviewing construction cost estimate and recommending estimate be rejected by Borough Council. Grande is requesting an informal meeting to discuss. This can be up to 3 Council members and K. Fulmer.

Stone Ridge Subdivision: Sent a memorandum to Borough Council on May 26, 2026 with the latest update on the Stone Ridge Subdivision.

Beckley Street Drainage Project: Sacks and Sons finally performed the soft digs and we are working on final design. Sent memorandum to PennDOT on May 26, 2026 questioning if a joint permit with the Water Authority would be allowable. We will coordinate design with Matt and the Authority Staff and keep Council informed.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report submitted for May. 4 permits were issued. 10 property maintenance issues and 6 zoning issues.

*G. Bertolet informed Council that there is a hearing scheduled on June 18th for 55 W Gaul.

*On Monday, June 22 there will be a Zoning Hearing Board meeting for 53 E Penn Ave.

*145 Penn Ave (old CC's Pizza building) has been doing work without the proper permitting. Glenn will be addressing this with the Owner and issuing a stop work order. Fire Escrow money will only be released after the necessary work has been completed.

Public Works: Written report submitted.

Matt informed Council that he would like to get quotes on fencing to close off the areas at the Garage and Minehole areas.

Recreation Board:

Motion made by J. Fidler to appoint Josh Wilson as the Rec Board Liaison. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report: No written report submitted

Carl mentioned that the Memorial Day Parade had been cancelled due to unfavorable weather.

Carl asked Council if the Conrad Weiser Tennis Association would be able to use the newly renovated Tennis Courts from 6/9/2026 until 6/15/2026. Motion made by R. Gordon to Amend the Agenda to include this as an action item under the Mayor's Report. Motion seconded by J. Wilson and carried unanimously. Motion made by R. Gordon to approve the use of the Tennis Courts by the Conrad Weiser Tennis Association pending receipt of their Certificate of Insurance. Motion seconded by J. Wilson and carried unanimously.

Council's Report:

Jim Pierce: Jim informed Council that the new printer/copier/scanner was delivered and installed.

He informed Council that there has been no response about the electric at the Playground.

Rick Dobransky: Rick asked the Hometown Hero Banners. Jen will send him the information she has. Carl is working on finding a new Printer to start up a new program.

Solicitor's Report: Written report submitted.

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*Motion made by R. Gordon to enact Resolution approving the updated Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement with PENNDOT. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

*Motion made by R. Gordon to approve the execution of Settlement Agreement with Optimist CDL School to resolve the land use appeal for 600 E. Penn Ave. Motion seconded by R. Dobransky and carried unanimously.

M. Gombar informed Council that there will be a Joint Planning Commission meeting to discuss the draft Zoning Ordinance amendment to address data centers and warehouses on June 29th. Rob Gordon and Dave Latino will attend.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Full Time Public Works Position: Motion made by J. Pierce to hire Ryan Wilkes to fill the open Full time Public Works position, with a start date of June 8th, contingent upon receipt of all clearances. Motion seconded by R. Dobransky and carried unanimously.

Road Closures for Strawberry Festival: We received a letter from Betty Lou Franzen asking for approval from Council to close the portion of Hill Rd from Rebecca St to Lincoln Drive and the portion of Rebecca St from S Walnut to Hill Rd on Saturday, June 13th for their Annual Strawberry Festival. The festival is from 3:30pm until 7:30pm. Motion made by J. Pierce to allow the road closures for this event. Motion seconded by J. Wilson and carried unanimously.

Electric Rates: Our contract for electric expires in August. Our current rate is 10.424¢ per kWh. The new rate is 11.572¢ for 1 year with Dynegy. The current PPL rate is 12.745¢ per kWh. Motion made by J. Pierce to accept the new 1 year contract with Dynegy. Motion seconded by J. Wilson and carried unanimously.

Liens: Motion made by R. Gordon to file Liens on the following properties for outstanding Trash/Recycling balances.

Raul Del Pilar Villegas, 57 Mountain Blvd Balance: \$625

Justin Henry, 54 E Washington St. Balance: \$705

Luis Rosel-Bobadilla, 409 Mountain Blvd Balance: \$475.81

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. 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. Pierce to accept the Balance Sheet. J. Fidler seconded and carried unanimously.

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

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

Attest:

Borough Secretary