

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
August 5, 2026**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

**MAYOR, CARL REIDLER
MIKE GOMBAR, SOLICITOR
JENNIFER VELEZ, SECRETARY
MATT ZERR, ROADMASTER
CHIEF MATT HOOK, SOUTH HEIDELBERG POLICE
KEN FULMER, GVC
GLENN BERTOLET, KRAFT MUNICIPAL GROUP**

ABSENT:

JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

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

Visitors:

Raelynn Papoutsis, 635 Christopher Dr.

Raelynn Papoutsis: Ms. Papoutsis spoke to Mayor Reidler and Council about an incident that happened on July 19th on Mountain Blvd between her son and Mayor Reidler. She had concerns about his interaction with her Son and his friends. Mayor Reidler explained that he was concerned about the children's safety in the road while riding e-scooters.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 444 calls for July and 100 were in the Borough.

Chief Hook told Council that National Night Out was very successful.

Chief Hook also spoke to Council about an email complaint that was received by the Borough Secretary about Fireworks in the Borough. The Resident had asked if an Ordinance could be enacted to ban Fireworks. Chief explained that they only had 2 complaints about fireworks being set off in the Borough around the 4th of July. M. Gombar and Chief Hook explained that

State Law prohibits Fireworks from being set off within 150 feet of a structure or vehicle. Chief Hook suggested that the Police be notified if Fireworks are being set off illegally.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 137 Calls for the month of June. 17 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: No Written report submitted

Wernersville Public Library: Written Report submitted.

EMC: Written reports submitted for June and July.

Engineer Report: Written report submitted.

West Ridge Suites:

K. Fulmer gave several updates on West Ridge Suites and the Traffic Signal at Penn Ave and Furnace Rd.

He told Council that Laura Grande and Aristides indicated that they will be revising the Cost Estimates.

Aristides will be sending a revised detail for the Paving of the parking lot in the complex for Borough Council review and consideration for approval.

As of this date, plans and descriptions have not been submitted regarding the vacation of paper streets.

Stone Ridge Subdivision:

Ken told Council that Paving of Marcello Circle is in good condition, and the curbing and sidewalk are in good condition.

Stormwater Management facilities will be modified and constructed to the post construction requirements.

Matt Zerr performed a TV inspection of the storm sewers that will be dedicated to the Borough when the roads are complete and they are in good condition.

Beckley Street Drainage Project: The Borough and the Wernersville Municipal Authority have agreed to coordinate the work at Beckley St. The Borough will be the lead Agency and WMA will reimburse the Borough for work completed. This will be a 2027 project.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report submitted for July. 15 permits were issues. 13 property maintenance issues and 7 zoning issues.

Public Works: Written report submitted.

Matt asked Council's permission to spend up to \$400 for promotional items for upcoming Fall events, including the Halloween Parade. Motion made by J. Fidler to authorize these expenditures. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Matt also discussed tree work that needs to be done at the Borough Garage. Motion made by R. Gordon to accept a proposal from Rocky's Tree Clinic in the amount of \$1000 to take down trees at the Garage. Motion seconded by L. Dapcic-Angst and carried unanimously.

Matt also told Council that the old light posts have been painted and they have been working on the Crosswalks.

Recreation Board:

Angie Wambaugh spoke to Council about the recent Scavenger Hunt, the upcoming Summer event and the Halloween Parade.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Reidler asked Chief Hook about the Trailer parked on Wilson. Chief Hook told Council that the owner was recently cited. Carl also discussed with Council his thoughts on the paper streets in the Borough.

Council's Report:

Jim Pierce: Jim mentioned that he noticed there is no sidewalk along Washington at the old JAW manufacturing building that was purchased by Gary Spittler. Council will look at this further, but since there is macadam there, it may not be an issue.

Jim gave an update on the Electric Installation at the Tot Lot.

Dave Latino: Dave talked briefly about the recent meeting with the Playground Architects about the ideas for the Land at the Laurel Street Playground.

Linda Dapcic-Angst: Linda spoke briefly about a possible Grant for a screen and projector and furniture for in the Council room.

She also stated that the Greenways Grant in the Spring would be good for the Playground improvements.

Linda will reach out to Ryan Knarr and Keegan Worley about the Tennis Court lights.

Josh Fidler: Josh Thanked Chief Hook for the National Night Out and Cathy Martin for the Library's participation in the event.

Rob Gordon: Rob also thanked Chief Hook for the National Night Out event.

Solicitor's Report: Written report submitted.

Joint zoning Ordinance Amendment: Motion made by J. Pierce to authorize advertisement of a public hearing for zoning ordinance amendment regarding Data Center and warehouse uses for September 2, 2026 meeting. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

There will also be a planning commission meeting on August 19th.

M. Gombar also requested available dates in August for Joint Planning Commission to review proposed zoning ordinance amendment from Lower Heidelberg Twp.

Dave Latino and Rob Gordon will review possible dates and the meeting can be held at the Wernersville Borough Hall.

M. Gombar requested an executive session after the meeting is adjourned with Council to discuss personnel matters.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Rental Inspections: Council discussed current legal case concerning rental enforcement. Motion made by R. Gordon to support the PSABS position. Jen will email a letter to express Council's position to Chris Cap, PSAB Executive Director. Motion seconded by J. Pierce. J. Fidler opposed. Motion carried 6-1.

New Letterhead: New letterheads for the Borough and Department of Public Works were shown to Council members. Discussion about the 2 separate letterheads took place. Motion made by J. Fidler to accept both new letterheads for Borough and DPW use. Motion seconded by J. Wilson. Motion opposed by J. Pierce and L. Dapcic-Angst, for 2 separate letterheads, as they both felt only 1 is necessary. Motion carried 5-2.

Estimate from Alltemp: We have received an estimate from Alltemp for a new Blower Motor in the Library area (\$2330.70) and a new Heat exchanger for downstairs (\$3936.35). For a total of \$6267.05. Motion made by J. Wilson to accept the quote and have the work completed. Motion seconded by J. Fidler and carried unanimously.

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

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, September 2, 2026 at 7pm.

Motion made by J. Fidler to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Council entered into executive session to discuss personnel matters which ended at 8:40pm.

Attest:

Borough Secretary