

The December committee meeting 12/5/2023 was called to order by Borough Council President Bruce Markovich and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The following items were discussed by committee topic in a contiguous manner beginning at 4:00p.m.

Council members attending were Gwyneth Collevchio, Jennifer Staines, Bruce Markovich, William Chuma. Jay Doyle, John Turcmanovich, Martin Ditsky and Mayor Hugh Vrablic were not in attendance.

Public Works:

The Committee is William Chuma, John Turcmanovich, and Jay Doyle.

William Chuma gave the report: The International is going to the shop to get the tailgate chute repaired. We are done picking up leaves. The tires are ordered for the equipment 2 for the loader, 2 for the red dump, and 4 for the black pick up. Radocha is going to come and repair the water drainage at the yellow building next week down at Silberline. We are getting the trucks ready for Winter.

Bruce asked, "Do we have enough plow drivers?" Bill stated that he had a list of names and that he would start contacting them to make sure they could still do it.

There are three applications for the Full-time position. One is from Lehighton and two are from Lansford. Bill asked Wendy to set up interviews for them for Monday.

Municipal Administration:

The Committee is Bruce Markovich, Martin Ditsky, Gwyneth Collevchio.

Budget

Bruce Markovich gave the report:

East Stroudsburg University has the opportunity to develop two KIZ Zones in the area, one in Lehighton and the other one here. We do not need to decide right now. This will be for new businesses they will get a tax credit and the Borough will not lose any money on this either.

The grants have been filed for the Borough Garage and the Church down the street.

We have an issue with 334 W. Bertsch St. it is on our agenda to tear it down and has since been sold to people from New York. It was sold at an Upset Sale by the County. So, my question is what we are going to do now? They want us to remove the condemnation because they believe they can repair it. The issue with all this is the grant goes back to 2021 and it has all been advertised if we allow them to work on it and then they walk away from it then we will not be able to tear it down for a couple of years. I know that Ray has looked at the property and said it is beyond repair. Maybe we should get ARRO down here again to look at it and give us their opinion on whether it is repairable or not.

We need to put a motion on the agenda to hire Brinkash and pay the \$3,600.00 to do the survey of the property down by Silberline and then bill Ryan Eidle for the survey then he will get the deed ready and hand it off to us.

Garbage bills are doubling in all the surrounding areas. Do you think it would be feasible to create a solid waste authority for the surrounding towns.

Who is going to do our rental licenses? I think we should put it on the agenda to vote for ARRO since they are already familiar with this town.

Gwyn stated that she would like to do an exit interview with Shantel.

Park and Recreation:

The Committee is Gwyneth Collevchio, William Chuma.

Gwyneth Collevchio gave the report:

*These minutes are unofficial minutes.

The benches that Lansford Alive put out at Kennedy Park must be removed after the tree lighting as well as the red garbage cans. We had a complaint of someone trying to get in under the new doors at the Concession Stand. Gwyn talked with Michele Bartek about it and Michele helped to figure out a way to better secure the doors. Gwyn wanted to publicly thank Michele for helping.

Gwyn also told Bill Chuma to thank Mario for his help in putting up the trees at Kennedy Park.

Bill stated that there were 2 picnic benches that were put at the pool park under the pavilion, and they were destroyed. They have been removed and will not be replaced.

Zoning and Ordinance:

The Committee is: Jay Doyle, William Chuma

Bruce- Asked if anyone had anything for Zoning.

Bill Chuma stated that there are trailers being parked on the streets again there is a trailer parked on the parking lot at the Kiddies Klotches this is a Borough Parking lot. There is a trailer parked in front of the Gjoca Brothers on E. Bertsch St. the fine for this is \$75.00. There is also a trailer parked in the 200 block of E. Kline Ave it is parked behind a garage and part of the trailer is out on the street it will be very hard for the plows to get through when there is a storm the trailer does not belong there.

Bill stated that the tractor trailer parking is now in the pool parking lot for the winter and will be that way till March 31,2024.

It was mentioned that the owner of St. Ann's lot is parking trucks on their lot we do not believe they have gotten zoning applications for a parking lot. Also mentioned was the lot that the Historical Society used to own. The new owner is parking campers on the lot and never went through with the proper zoning.

Bruce stated that Susan Wild sent a whole page of Federal grant information for the swimming pool.

Public Safety:

The Committee is John Turcmanovich, Martin Ditsky, Gwyneth Collevchio.

Bruce gave the report: The two Chief's that were to be here about the consortium could not make it. They will try and make it for next month.

The meeting concluded.

Respectfully Submitted, *Wendy Butrie*, Secretary Treasurer