

The July committee meeting 7/5/2022 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 Martin Ditsky, Gwyneth Collevchio, Jennifer Staines, Bruce Markovich, William Chuma, Jay Doyle, John Turcmanovich. Mayor Hugh Vrablic was not in attendance.

Public Works:

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

The guys are going to get ready to start paving. They are going up to Summit Hill next week. I talked to Clair in Coaldale she mentioned that milling is expensive that last year she paid \$6,000.00 and this year the price is \$14,000.00. I think we should look into renting the milling machine that the County has. When the guys are finished in Coaldale they will be paving in Lansford.

The guys are raising manholes and fixing sewers that must be done for the paving projects. We need a new sewer put in front of the office building at Silberline because when it rains the water lays on Dock St., and it forms huge water puddles. We are cutting grass in between all this other work. Looked at a sewer at the pool with Mr. Hutta on the island. We are going to put a sewer in for the ADA ramps. The new truck is in. The tailgate to the old truck needs to be replaced it cannot be repaired anymore. We had to purchase a new part for the Zero Turn Mower. The motor drive wheel was what needed to be repaired. We saved the Borough a lot of money because M & S wanted \$1,000 for the motor and drive wheel, we found it for \$366.00. We ordered sewer grates for what we need right now. Ordered sewer grates for what we needed.

Municipal Administration:

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

David Bodnar from the County reached to the Borough and mentioned that the County disallowed the sewer project behind St. Mike's that there are not enough people affected by it. I added 334 W. Bertsch St. Bill McMullen took pictures and we sent letters down to the County. So, we are going to take down 334 W. Bertsch St & 316 W Patterson St for next year. We must own the properties to take them down. I have the Solicitor taking care of that already. The fence at the pool and the playground was left in. Billitier Electric has been working on the box outside that box cost us \$44,000.00. There were a couple of outlets at the park that were destroyed we want to raise those up. They were at the pool to get a price on getting electric to the outside pavilion.

It is time to look into a Code Enforcement Officer. We have Officer Lilly out doing grass we are paying our police to go out and look at high grass. We need to form a committee they will help decide what they will work on, the hours they work, the pay rate. There is a lot going on here I believe they should be full-time. Once we get a code enforcement officer, we can leave Jim to rentals and Zoning.

We have had a lot of complaints on Curfew by rights we must take a minor into custody if we find them out on the streets after curfew and then an officer must sit with them till their parents come. This will tie up an officer and tie up the police department. If it is a girl, then we need a female to sit with them.

We need to start moving forward on a Police Chief.

Work on the pool start on July 11th.

The audit came back good there are a couple of recommendations that the auditor made.

We will be doing a grant for the Kennedy Park Sidewalks, Train Station, and Kennedy Park Handicap ramps on the opposite side.

Park and Recreation:

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The Committee is Gwyneth Collevchio, William Chuma, Jennifer Staines.

Gwyneth mentioned that she found a table on Amazon to replace the tables that Council uses the tables are 8 ft. long and the cost is \$379.99, and we will need 2 of them.

Received an email from a taxpayer that said it seemed as if everything was getting done on the West End Park and nothing on the East End Park. He asked for 55-gallon drums William Chuma said that he has some he can provide. Then he talked about Cashmere's Basketball Court and how it was a mess. So, I went there, and I noticed that there was only 1 park bench. Bruce mentioned that we talked about making that into a playground.

The countertops down at the pool were replaced with stainless steel tops, dropdown doors were replaced by F & L Doors. One bench and swings were replaced by Public Works. The stand was cleaned and painted by Friends of Lansford Recreation. Something new coming to town called Carbon County Plant Fest it will be on August 27th at Kennedy Park. Bruce Markovich mentioned that the appliances must be hard copper piped to use the appliances.

Public Safety:

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

We received some police applications. John mentioned that he stopped looking over them. There are two applications that look good, and they will need to be tested. We need to pick a date to get testing done. We will set up a date to get the written part of the testing done.

We need to work on getting a Chief because the scheduling is atrocious. We need someone to take control of this place we had a major holiday weekend, and we were without coverage on shifts. We need to do something. We need a Chief Officer.

Bruce Markovich mentioned that we should have a Special Executive Session of Council including the Solicitor and the Mayor.

Fire Dept issue we needed more info from the Fire Department to know what their needs are. They are going to get back to us with their financial standings and reach out to the truck manufacturers to find out what it would cost to replace the aerial truck.

Zoning and Ordinance:

The Committee is Jay Doyle, Jennifer Staines, William Chuma.

We need a new Zoning Map one that is readable.

Also talked about the animal ordinance.

Economic Development:

The Committee is Bruce Markovich, Gwyneth Collevchio, Jennifer Staines.

Kathy Henderson and Marianne Rustad from the Carbon Chamber of Economic Development will be at the Council meeting to talk about the incubator project for the train station to talk about First Fridays in Lansford and Bingo at the pool.

The auction for the Train Station is set for July 11th.

The Zimmerman Building on July 12th

Radocha will be starting on 614 E Patterson St. the end of July.

The meeting concluded.

Respectfully Submitted, **Wendy Butrie**, Secretary Treasurer

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