

The June committee meeting 6/7/2022 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.

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Wendy Butrie. Council members attending were Martin Ditsky, Gwyneth Collevchio, Jennifer Staines, Bruce Markovich, William Chuma, Jay Doyle, John Turcmanovich.

Public Works:

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

The new truck came in. The guys are painting lines the are doing the lower half this year and we will do the upper half next year. Starting sewer projects soon. We will decide paving after tomorrow.

Equipment is all fixed. We are going to clear more land on Dock St. where the garage will go.

Municipal Administration:

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

The Downtown lamp project 200-amp service is waiting on parts. They are asking for another extension on this project to September 1 to finish it up.

We received another extension on the grant for the Borough Garage however they did say that this would be the last extension given on this grant that we need to use it. We need to appoint ARRO to start getting the work going on the Borough garage. The sewer lines, survey, water lines would be paid out of this grant. We need to set a budget of \$1,000,000.00 for the garage. Silberline properties will be bringing in the money to pay for the loan for the Borough Garage so it will not cost the taxpayers anything.

The Borough truck is finished the price of the truck is \$84,975.14 we will be financing \$60,000.00 from JTNB. We can pay \$12,000.00 from Liquid fuels and borrow \$24,957.00 from the Sewage Transmission Fund. Every year for the next 5 yrs we will pay \$12,000.00 back from the Liquid Fuels Acct. We will pay back the Sewage Transmission Fund from Covid money.

We had a request for a 3rd lease at \$900.00 on the 1872 building at the Silberline Property by Construction Clearance. We should try and sell the office building from there for maybe \$100,000.00.

Phone System will have the menu on it to put anything on it we want. We will discuss tomorrow night and that can be paid out of COVID money.

Park and Recreation:

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

We ordered 2 benches and 2 swings. Mulch was not ordered yet. Sidewalks would be good. On August 27th there will be a Plant Fest being held at Kennedy Park by Friends of Lansford Recreation.

Bruce mentioned that Joe Hutta said he will get to the pool he has upped the price to \$23-\$24,000. Friends of Lansford Recreation is paying for it.

Public Safety:

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

John mentioned that the bus stop at Tunnel St. and Ridge St. has been mayhem with kids running everywhere up and down the ramp people cannot get in the buildings parking is an issue. When the sweeper comes through the cars do not move. John wants the school and Council to get together and discuss these bus stops. We can change the bus stop to E. Ridge St Walnut St. there the kids have room to run around. When the sweeper comes through the cars do not move.

We met with the Fire Company their fund raising is not what it should be they only had a 20% response at \$17,000.00 raised. Volunteers are hard to find. We talked about meeting again. Joe Greco mentioned that one of the things that hurts the most is that KME closing has hurt them. The pumper was purchased there so KME gave them nice discounts on it. We will be setting up another meeting with the Fire Company. Joe Greco also mentioned that in a few years the Fire Companies will be regionalizing. They still have a mortgage that they are paying on for the building they still owe \$15,000 on the building.

John wants to meet with the Mayor about scheduling of the Police Officers. This is a crisis. I am concerned the Mayor is not doing the best he can do for the Police Dept. The Police Dept needs to do a better job. The Mayor needs to address things. I think what we need to do is to advertise for a new Chief and get a new contract for the Chief. Collective bargaining agreement for police runs out at the end of the year. Quality of Life needs to be handled if it is seen by an officer. We need Code, Zoning and Rental Officers that way Quality of Life can be handled on the spot. We need to advertise for police.

Zoning and Ordinance:

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

Jay mentioned the Jim is doing a lot. Hats off to him. We need another Code person. Jay believes rentals are atrocious. HUD is dropping a lot of properties. Jay mentioned that he was at a customer house the other day doing a job and the customer was on the phone with Section 8 and they were doing an inspection over the phone.

Bob Silver handed out paperwork on Municipality Condemnation Order Act.

Economic Development:

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

Lansford Alive is doing a video tour I would like to have Silberline Office posted on there as well as the Zimmerman Building.

The state wanted an appraisal on the Railroad Property. The appraisal came back at \$330,000.00.

DEP looked at the Creek they are either going to hire and fix it or give us the money to hire someone to fix it.

The meeting concluded.

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