

The March committee meeting 3/2/2021 was called to order by Borough Council President Bruce Markovich and the following items were discussed by committee topic in a contiguous manner beginning at 4:00 p.m.:

In attendance for the entire meeting session: Bruce Markovich, Martin Ditsky, William Chuma, Vice President Bob Silver and Mayor Michele Bartek. Council persons absent were Marie Ondrus, John Turcmanovich and Gwyneth Collevchio.

Zoning/Ordinance 4:00 p.m. to 4:25 p.m.:

The Committee is Bruce Markovich and Marie Ondrus.

Bruce Markovich wants to get Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Jim Dean out of the office and spend more time inspecting structures. There was discussion on whether to add hours to his workday or hire an assistant. Several properties with code violations were mentioned.

There was discussion about citing residents for not clearing snow from street-side sidewalks and the borough's obligation to keep snow off sidewalks at borough owned properties. The borough does not remove snow from the sidewalk along Kennedy Park. William Chuma suggested posting signs at the parks "No Maintenance in Winter." The legality of the sign will be investigated.

The owner of 209 W. Bertsch Street has offered to give the property because he can not renovate the property or demolish it.

The Mayor said the owner of the Sports Zoo is interested in holding a fund raiser to contribute to a borough "property demolition" fund.

Kathleen Macon of General Code sent an e-mail asking the borough to move forward with the Administrative Review, Code Organization and Disposition List for the Lansford Codification Project. So far, the borough has paid \$5,993.50 to General Code towards the project. The project is on hold until council can review the paperwork.

Christopher Ondrus, 10 Edgemont Road, asked about the zoning status of 42 E. Patterson Street, formerly Attorney Greek's office, now a residential property. The property is zoned Residential-Two.

Public Works 4:25 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.:

The Committee is William Chuma, John Turcmanovich, and Martin Ditsky.

William Chuma reported on repairs needed on vehicles. The turnpike truck is leaking fuel and air. Pothole patching will begin this week.

The March council meeting on 3/10/21 will include the advertisement for 2021 Street materials.

The specs were sent to a few COSTAR dealers to provide estimates for a Ford F550 truck.

There are rumors that Rarick's garage, rented by the borough as a temporary borough garage, has been sold. No official notification has been received.

The Chapter 94 Waste load Report will be on the March agenda, to name an engineer to complete the 2020 Waste load Report.

Mayor Bartek asked to lower the speed limit to 5 MPH on Snyder Avenue, Water Street, Kline Avenue and Front Street. Analysis of complaints, tickets issued, speed study feasibility, cost, and types of speed enforcement, will be considered.

Municipal Administration 4:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.:

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

The Silberline Agreement (to purchase the Silberline Property on Dock Street) will include verbiage that it will be Silberline's responsibility to perform any future clean up, should an environment review require clean-up.

The LSA (Monroe gaming) Grant application for handicap sidewalks at Ashton Park will be for construction of six handicap ramps.

The four estimates for ductless air/heat system will be reviewed at the March council meeting.

The borough office is experiencing technology problems; with e-mail relay, freezing computers, billing problems and backup issues. The issues will be taken up with Overwatch Technologies.

The annual \$90 sewer transmission fee was billed to residents on February 16th. The post office distribution center is shorthanded (due to COVID) and a week or two delay in delivery of the bills is expected. A money transfer may be needed to increase the sewer transmission fund to pay the Tunnel Street Sewer Loan to M&T Bank, \$18,689.23.

Christopher Ondrus raised issues regarding a worker's compensation claim and Heart and Lung coverage.

Parks & Recreation 5:00 p.m. to 5:10 p.m.:

The Committee is Martin Ditsky, William Chuma, and Marie Ondrus.

There was discussion about the pressure testing (by Joe Hutta at \$100.00/hr.) at Ashton Park Pool. The mayor will contact a volunteer from Monarch Pools for assistance.

The Friends of Recreation has two \$1,000.00 grants to make the existing Ashton Park Pool restrooms handicap accessible. Estimates for the project are needed; widening doorways, handrails, toilets, hot water.

Public Safety:

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

Dan Wynn, 120 W. Patterson Street, commented on fast drivers on the 100, 200, and 300 blocks of W. Patterson Street; drivers going through red traffic lights at Coal and Center Streets, erratic entry and exit at the Friendly Food (Penn) Mark parking lot and no warning signs to alert drivers of existing bus stops. He asked whether speed checks can be setup in this area.

Bob Silver noted that the sidewalk ordinance does not include a timeframe for the work to be completed. The ordinance should be reviewed.

The public works and police department worked with residents to have cars ticketed and towed during the snow emergency in February.

Lansford Police policy and procedures (Standard Operating Procedures) allowing off duty Lansford officers to work as security at borough special events will be reviewed.

The meeting concluded at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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