

Call to Order – At 6:00 p.m. by President Bruce Markovich followed by Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Council members attending: Gwyneth Collevechio, Bruce Markovich, William Chuma, John Turmanovich, Mayor Michele Bartek, Martin Ditsky, Marie Ondrus, Bob Silver and Solicitor Robert Yurchak.
Executive Session 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Back on the record at 6:30 p.m.

Executive Session we discussed possible litigation issue & personnel issue.

Public Courtesy –

Andres Pedraza- JPCPA LLC- 2 E. Catawissa St. Nesquehoning, Pa. 18240 – was at the meeting to discuss a home at 242 E. Kline Ave. Andy owns the properties at 244 & 246 E. Kline Ave. they are two properties of a triplet. The back of 242 E. Kline Ave. has caved in and when it did it took the back of 244 E. Kline Ave. with it. Jim Dean sent Mr. Pedraza letters stating that he must demolish 244 E. Kline Ave. Andy mentioned how Jim Dean must go after Sher Khan for Andy to do something with his. There were residents of 240 E. Kline Ave. Isabella Rodriguez that spoke about the property of 242 E. Kline Ave. as well stating that if the property was demolished this property could come down on their property. President Markovich asked if any complaints have been filed with Jim Dean, she responded that they did. President Bruce Markovich said he would speak to Jim Dean.

Rose Mary Cannon - of 242 W. Ridge John Turmanovich spoke about information he had received from Joe Greco about being an inspector for rental properties. What Joe Greco was referring to was fire inspections which would mean that now we have two kinds of inspections instead of one. Brimbles Wall did you hear any more about it? Bruce left her know that we have had no cooperation at all from the County on this. We have sent e-mails and letters and they have gone unanswered. Budget to date is Lacey able to get it for you. I know that you need line items to do the budget. Bruce mentioned that Lacey had gotten a budget to date for him and there were questions on it so she will get a new one ready for next Tuesday for the Budget meeting. Rose Mary also asked if everything is up to date? When will Wendy be taught to do QuickBooks, and shouldn't she be part of the budget process? Bruce mentioned that Lacey is caught up and he believes that Wendy should start to learn QuickBooks after the 1st of the Year.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- September 8, 2021, Meeting Minutes.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turmanovich to accept the Meeting Minutes from September 8, 2021. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- October 5, 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Gwyneth Collevechio to accept the Committee Meeting Minutes from October 5, 2021. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

- Special Event Form – Lansford Alive Events Committee – Christmas in the Park – November 27, 2021.

A Motion was made by Bob Silver, second by John Turmanovich to approve the Special Event form from Lansford Alive Events Committee Christmas in the Park on November 27, 2021. All were in favor. Motion passed.

• Special Event Form – Friends of the Lansford Recreation – Tree Lighting-Dec. 2,3,4,5.
A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Bob Silver, to approve the Friends of the Lansford Recreation – Tree Lighting Event on Dec. 2,3,4,5. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- Special Event Form – Carbon Chamber of Commerce- Moonlight Market – October 23, 2021 from 4:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turmanovich, to approve the Chamber of Commerce – Moonlight Market - for October 23, 2021. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- Special Event Form – Carbon chamber of Commerce – Moonlight Market – November 20, 2021 4:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Bob Silver, to approve the Chamber of Commerce Moonlight Market. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- Special Event Form – Carbon Chamber of Commerce – Lights in Lansford – December 18, 2021.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich to approve Carbon Chamber of Commerce Lights in Lansford on December 18,2021. All were in favor. Motion passed

- Special Event Form – Mayor Michele Bartek – Trick or Treat – Ashton Park – October 30,2021.

A Motion was made by Bob Silver, second by William Chuma provided the Borough was not involved in any way to approve the Trick or Treat in Ashton Park on October 30,2021. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- Lansford Alive Events Committee – New benches in Kennedy Park would like to have them cemented into the ground.

There was a discussion on how the benches would be cemented into the ground.

A Motion was made by Bob Silver, second by William Chuma to have the benches cemented into the ground at Kennedy Park. All were in favor Motion passed.

- Handicap Parking Space – 27 E. Kline Ave.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich to approve the handicap parking space located at 27 E. Kline Ave. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Correspondence (not enclosed)

- Liquid fuels Allocation- Estimated liquid fuels allocation for 2022 is \$109,737.28.

Committee Reports –

- Public Works
- Municipal
- Park & Recreation
- Public Safety

See Attached Committee Report Minutes.

Municipal Monthly Reports for September:

Fire Department – American Fire Co. No 1 responded to 19 incidents in September: 12 in Lansford, 4 in Summit Hill, 3 in Coaldale.

Ambulance – For the month of September 54 incidents with a response time of 9.0 minutes.

Mayor’s Report –The mayor reported that there were 242 calls for the month of September there were more that are not included in the report because of misinformation on Facebook. There was an incident that caused damage to the police truck. There was \$870.14 collected for the month of September. Year to date is \$16,858.38.

Bob Silver questioned the fact that the meters are working are meter dumps being done. The Mayor responded that they are.

Code Compliance – There was no report given.

Solicitor’s Report – His report was the adoption of Ordinance 2021-04 which is on the agenda.

Tax Collector’s Report – Tax Collector Terrance McCall collected from September 1-30,2021 \$20,775.04.

Treasurer’s Report – Bills to Approve

- o General Fund - \$61,861.54
- o Street Light Fund - \$10,113.46
- o Sanitation Fund - \$28,785.60
- o Sewer Transmission - \$22,020.64
- o Parks & Recreation - \$605.60
- o Highway – Liquid Fuels - \$48,146.13
- o Fire Tax - \$1296.50
- o LST Fund - \$9,474.17

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich to pay the bills. All were in favor. Motion passed.

FUND/ Checking	2021	End of Month Balances	July	August
	No.	Account Title		
General Fund	6496	General Acct	\$1,1118,275.82	\$911,731.75
General Fund	6488	Fire Escrow for 22 E Kline Ave	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
General Fund	0826	Fire Escrow for 330 W. Bertsch St	\$37,289.13	\$37,289.13
General Fund	2675	Fire Escrow – 332 W. Bertsch St	\$6,002.33	\$6002.33

General Fund	2823	Fire Escrow – 334 E Bertisch St	\$4,509.61	\$4,509.98
General Fund	7013	Fire Escrow – 268 E Patterson St	\$9,863.51	\$9,863.51
General Fund	2153	ARPA Grant Acct.		\$199,044.87
General Fund	6438	USDA Grant Acct.		\$0.00
Sanitation Fund	6438	Sanitation Fund	\$232,432.72	\$211,127.79
Sanitation Fund	7373	Sani-investors' Money Mkt Acct	\$51,919.84	\$51,924.53
Sanitation Fund	6454	Sanitation Fund Money Mkt Acct	\$12,053.86	\$12,054.85
Sewer Transmission	6446	Sewage Transmission	\$62,287.17	\$42,318.15
Sewer Transmission	7360	Sewer Transmission	\$165,395.37	\$165,410.32
Sewer Transmission	5402	Sewer Loan Proceeds Acct	\$153,017.65	\$153,017.65
Sewer Transmission	1277	Sewer Trans. CD/Aug-12 mo.	\$51,382.38	\$51,392.37
Sewer Transmission	6470	400 E Snyder Sewer Project	\$73,722.26	\$73,728.32
LST	6462	Local Service Tax	\$19,136.07	\$10,593.00
Street Light Fund	6412	Streetlights	\$67,980.72	\$64,255.97
Fire Tax Fund	6371	Fire	\$61,266.18	\$57,436.02
Sp. Highway	6420	Treasurers Special HI Way	\$139,963.43	\$139,963.43
Park & Rec Fund	6363	Lansford Pool Account	\$41,366.93	\$41,370.33
Park & Rec Fund	6404	Recreation	\$50,947.02	\$44,418.85
Total			\$2,361,812.00	\$2,289,163.89
LOANS				
Tax Anticipation Note		LOANS Paid from Fund 1.99% for 1 yr.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tunnel St/Storm Sep	\$18,689.23	per mo.	\$478,348.61	\$412,107.76
MEM Debate	20 yrs./\$14,130	biannual May & Nov	\$76,309.11	\$76,309.11
2018 Police RAM		Gen Fund or LST 6/1/18 - 5 yr. lo	\$26,440.53	\$26,440.53
2020 Sewer Loan	5 yr.	Sewer Fund \$1,320.47 per month	\$65,449.87	\$63,044.32
Total			\$642,548.12	\$577,901.72

Old Business:

Ordinance 2021-04 – A vote is needed to adopt the Ordinance Collection Procedures for Portnoff for the collection of Delinquent Real Estate Taxes.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Gwyneth Collevecchio to adopt Ordinance 2021-04 to allow Portnoff to collect of delinquent taxes for 2021. Martin Ditsky was opposed. Motion passed.

New Business:

Trick or Treat night in Lansford- The Mayor announced that she would like Trick or Treat night in Lansford to be on Sunday October 31st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich to hold Trick or Treat night in Lansford on October 31st from 6:00p.m.- 8:00 p.m. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Resolution 2021-06 – Signatories on the Bank Accounts.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Gwyneth Collevecchio to adopt Resolution 2021-06. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Heating Oil Advertisement – sealed bids for #2 heating oil.

Bob Silver asked if we had them do an estimate on what it would cost to put a new system in downstairs.

A Motion was made by John Turcmanovich, second by William Chuma to advertise for sealed bids for heating oil. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Hiring of Taylor Schmidt – Public works needs a part-time worker.

Martin Ditsky asked why the position was not advertised. William Chuma replied he put him in because they needed someone.

A Motion was made by Bob Silver, second by William Chuma to hire Taylor Schmidt as a part time Public Works employee. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Estimate on Corner Gutter – The corner gutter of the Borough Building needs repair there is an estimate of \$225.00 from Jay Doyle to repair.

A Motion was made by Bob Silver, second by William Chuma to hire Jay Dole to fix the corner of the Borough Building by November 15th. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Martin Ditsky the ECC church what are we doing about that. Can't we do something about it. They are working inside. Bob Silver stated that he did not know if anyone spoke to the new owner about being inside the building since it was condemned.

Martin also mentioned Edgemont Rd. he would like to know when it became part of the Borough you said 1961 where is the documentation. William Chuma said 1965. Mr. Chuma explained that on the Liquid Fuels map what is covered does not go all the way around.

Mayor Bartek mentioned that she sent in the last group of Ordinances. Will be sending in a new group in another Month and a half.

The Mayor also stated that even if she is not re-elected she would still be willing to work on the Ordinances to see the job get finished.

President Markovich mentioned that we will need to set up a Special Meeting for Borough Garage. The meeting was set up as a Special Meeting for Tuesday 1019/21 from 5:00-5:30 after the budget meeting.

Jennifer Staines shared with Counsel the concern for the new owner of the ECC Church and how he is not all that.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Butrie

Secretary Treasurer