

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

**Council members attending:** Gwyneth Collevecchio, Bruce Markovich, William Chuma, Jennifer Staines, Martin Ditsky, Jay Doyle, Solicitor Robert Yurchak, Mayor Hugh Vrablic. John Turcmanovich was not in attendance.

**Executive Session** 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Real Estate issues were discussed.

**Back on the record at 6:30 p.m.**

**The Borough had a Guest Speaker at the Meeting – An Organization Save Carbon County – Spoke about Sewage Sludge. The problem is that sewage sludge is being dumped in Carbon County and it is being used as fertilizer. The Sewage that is being dumped is from Allentown city sewage and can cause bacteria. This sludge will add poison to crops when it is used on farmland. The Organization is asking the Council to pass a Resolution to stop the DUMPING of Sewage Sludge on crops.**

**Public Courtesy** –

Mary Soberick – 109 W. Abbott St. – Noticed that the Secretary work agreements were on the agenda and wandered what that was about.

Rose Mary Cannon – 242 W. Ridge St. – Mentioned that a property near her located at 246 W. Ridge St has a property manager by the name of Black Rock Property Mgmt. Their tenants never get moving in or out permits.

Also mentioned the vandalism at the pool and what about installing cameras.

Mentioned how Bowmanstown has an Ordinance for their Council Members who do not show up for meetings and they do not get paid have we considered it.

Jack Soberick – 109 W. Abbott St.-Mentioned that is 100% supportive of the sludge issue. We need to check on securing the pool. Jack asked Save Carbon County we generate sludge where does it go to?

Samantha Rose – 40 Coal St. – Asked if we can get updated quotes on the security cameras after the amount, we just spent on the Zipper this is Public Safety.

Also mentioned was the COVID money that we receive is their literature on what you can spend it on. There are things the police need as well can we use some of that money for these items. How can I get a printout on what the money was spent on.

Laura Lynn Krajcik– 20 Edgemont Rd. – Mentioned that she almost killed a child on a minibike driving out from between vehicles. What kind of ordinance does the Borough have on ATV's and Dirt Bikes & 4 Wheelers?

Samantha Rose – 40 Coal St. – Stated that ATVs are an issue asking for an urgency on hiring police.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- March 7, 2023, Committee Meeting Minutes.

**A Motion was made by Jay Doyle, second by Gwyneth Collevecchio to approve the March 7, 2023, Committee Meeting Minutes. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

- March 8, 2023, Meeting Minutes

**A Motion was made by Jay Doyle, Jennifer Staines to approve the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Meeting Minutes. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

- April 4, 2023, Committee Meeting Minutes

**A Motion was made Jay Doyle, second by Martin Ditsky to approve the April 4, 2023, Committee Meeting Minutes. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

**Correspondence Enclosed**

- Handicap Parking – 167 W. Ridge St.

**A Motion was made by Martin Ditsky, second by William Chuma to approve the Handicap Parking space located at 167 W. Ridge St. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

- Special Event Form – Carbon Chamber & Economic Development Bingo Fundraiser of Lansford Friends of Rec. June 20 and Sept. 19 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Ashton Park.

**A Motion was made by Gwyneth Collevecchio, second by William Chuma to approve the Special Event Form for Carbon Chamber & Economic Development for Bingo Fundraiser of Lansford Friends of Recreation. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

- Special Event Form – Music in the Park – Concerts to run each Sunday from June 4 through Aug 27 from 6pm- 8pm in Kennedy Park.

**A Motion was made by Jay Doyle, second by Martin Ditsky to approve the Special Event Form for Music in the Park. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

**Committee Reports –**

1. Zoning & Ordinance
2. Public Works
3. Municipal Administration
4. Park & Recreation
5. Public Safety

**Municipal Monthly Reports for December**

**Fire Department** – American Fire Co. #1 responded to 14 incidents in March: 9 in Lansford, 2 in Coaldale, 3 other calls.

**Ambulance** – Leighton Ambulance responded to 69 incidents in March with an average response time of 9 minutes from time of dispatch to arrival on scene.

**Mayor’s Report** \$2,396.70 was deposited for the month of March.

**Police Report** – There were 287 calls Non-Traffic Violations 17, Parking Tickets 27, and 9 arrests, 23 violations.

**Code Compliance** – Jim Dean investigated 29 code enforcement complaints, issued 11 Notice of Violations, investigated 27 rental complaints, performed 29 rental inspections, and received 13 zoning complaints. The report is on file.

**There is a special meeting of Zoning & Ordinance on Tuesday @ 6p.m. about the Residential Rental Ordinance.**

**Tax Collector’s Report** – There was none for the month of March.

Solicitor’s Report – The Solicitor mentioned that we need to adopt the Codification Ordinance. So, he was asking for a motion to advertise the Codification Ordinance.

**A Motion was made by Gwyneth Collevchio, second by Jay Doyle to adopt the Codification Ordinance. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

**A Motion was also needed to advertise to rescind to vacate the Tunnel St.**

A Motion was made by Martin, second by Jay Doyle to advertise to rescind to vacate the Tunnel St. Ordinance.

Zimmerman Building Specs – were tabled.

There was a Repository sale on property where no money will be coming back to the Borough. The property would be sold to Lansford Alive.

**A Motion was made by Martin Ditsky, a second by Jay Doyle to go off the agenda. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

**A Motion was made by Jennifer Staines, second by Martin Ditsky to approve the \$1,000.00 bid on the Heffelfinger Property. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

**Treasurer’s Report –**

**Bills to Approve**

- GENERAL FUND - \$88,074.24
- STREET LIGHT FUND - \$5,432.58
- SANITATION FUND - \$31,837.48
- SEWER TRANSMISSION FUND - \$36,526.72
- PARKS & RECREATION - \$285.71
- HIGHWAY – LIQUID FUELS - \$23,956.56
- DELQ. TAX ACCOUNT - \$196.78
- ARPA - \$43,909.25

**A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines to approve payment of the March bills. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

**Account Balances March 2023:**

<b>FUND/ Checking</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Account Title</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>
General Fund	6496	General Acct	\$664,663.71	\$629,954.14
General Fund	6488	Escrow for 22 E Kline Ave	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
General Fund	2823	Fire Escrow – 334 W. Bertsch St	\$4,516.37	\$4,516.75
General Fund	7013	Fire Escrow – 268 E. Patterson St	\$9,863.51	\$9,863.51
General Fund	7755	Fire Escrow – 161 W. Ridge St	0.00	\$5,590.14
General Fund	2153	ARPA Grant Acct	\$297,798.66	\$277,631.51
General Fund	1394	Railroad Proceeds Account	\$531,759.98	\$531,805.14
General Fund	8929	Portnoff Account	\$78,244.95	\$78,805.37

General Fund	8448	Diversified	\$0.00	\$500.00
Sanitation Fund	6438	Sanitation Fund	\$322,524.68	\$296,329.40
Sanitation Fund	7373	Sani-investors' Money Mkt Acct	\$52,062.98	\$52,082.24
Sanitation Fund	6454	Sanitation Fund Money Mkt Acct	\$14,107.62	\$14,109.90
Sewer Transmission	6446	Sewage Transmission	\$188,565.57	\$210,228.23
Sewer Transmission	7360	Sewer Transmission	\$54,983.80	\$55,023.12
Sewer Transmission	5402	Sewer Loan Proceeds Acct	\$53,064.51	\$53,064.51
Sewer Transmission	1277	Sewer Trans. CD/Aug-12 mo.	\$51,548.88	\$51,554.81
Sewer Transmission	6470	400 E Snyder Sewer Project	\$32,425.67	\$32,428.42
LST	6462	Local Service Tax	\$34,439.47	\$35,307.58
Street Light Fund	6412	Streetlights	\$41,867.20	\$36,807.89
Fire Tax Fund	6371	Fire	\$21,512.94	\$16,979.21
Sp. Hi-Way	6420	Treasurers Special Highway	\$35,032.58	\$117,397.91
Park & Rec Fund	6363	Lansford Pool Account	\$41,428.84	\$41,432.36
Park & Rec Fund	6404	Recreation	\$45,459.85	\$45,009.80
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,725,661.47</b>	<b>\$2,599,382.34</b>
<b>LOANS</b>		<b>LOANS Paid from Fund</b>		
Tax Anticipation Note		1.99% for 1 yr.		
MEM Debacle	20 yrs./\$14,130 biannual May & Nov		\$56,639.11	\$56,639.11
2018 Police RAM				
2020 Sewer Loan	3591	\$49,644.00	\$42,225.60	\$40,981.45
<b>2022 Ford F 550</b>	5 Yr.	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$158,864.71</b>	<b>\$157,620.56</b>

**New Business:**

A Motion to advertise for Street Materials Bids

**A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines to advertise for Street Materials Bids. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

A Motion to advertise bids for Borough Garage.

**Was Tabled.**

Hiring a Part-time Public Works Employee.

**A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines to advertise to hire a part time employee for public works from 5/15/23-9/1/23. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

A Motion for Callen Rich passing his 6-month probation.

**A Motion was made by Jennifer Staines, and the second by Gwyneth Collevecchio. All were in favor. Motion passed**

Cindy Yurchak Appeals Board Solicitor – Property Maint. Appeal Board Solicitor

**A Motion was made by Jennifer Staines, and the second by Martin Ditsky. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

Free Yard Sale (Coaldale is May 6 &7)

**A Motion was made by Martin Ditsky, and the second by Gwyneth Collevecchio. On a Roll Call Vote – Jennifer Staines – No, William Chuma – Yes, Bruce Markovich – Yes, Jay Doyle – No, Martin Ditsky – Yes, Gwyneth Collevecchio – Yes. The Yes vote was 4-2. Motion passed.**

A Motion to use our 2023 CDBG Money for two projects. The primary project would be to tear down 151 & 151 ½ W. Ridge St, the secondary project would be to install curbing on Cortright St. between Abbott St. and Water St. and to install guard rails at the end of Springgarden St. between Chestnut St. and Leisenring St. and Pardee St.

**A Motion was made by Jay Doyle, and the second by William Chuma. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

Motion needed to apply for a 2024 LSA Monroe Grant in the amount of \$160,000 to install two handicap ramps on the playground side of Ashton Park and two handicap accessible rides in the playground along with new fencing on the north side of the playground.

**A Motion was made by William Chuma, and the second by Jay Doyle. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

Motion needed to approve a work agreement between the Borough and the Borough Secretaries.

**A Motion was made by Jay Doyle, and the second by Gwyneth Collevecchio. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

A Motion to send out Requests for Proposals for a Feasibility Study and grant application for the pool.

**A Motion was made by William Chuma, and the second by Martin Ditsky. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

A Motion to thank the students at Carbon County Technical Institute for their work on the train station design. There will be a presentation of certificates on May 11 at 10:45 a.m. at the school. Doyle Heffley and Dave Argall will also be in attendance.

**A Motion was made by William Chuma, with a second by Gwyneth Collevecchio. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

Set a date for an Executive Meeting to determine qualifications and contract terms for the position of Police Chief.

**The date for that meeting is April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**A Motion was made by Gwyneth Collevecchio, second by Martin Ditsky to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Wendy Butrie*

Secretary Treasurer