

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

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

Executive Session 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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

Executive Session we discussed personnel issues.

Street Material Bid Opening- There are no sealed bids to open.

Charles Grezik – Repository purchase- Parcel number 122A3-22-C5.01; E. Front St./ Vacant Land.
A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines to deny the bid on the Repository Property.

Public Courtesy –

Joseph Butrie – E. Ridge St- Started with accusations on several people.

Rose Mary Cannon – 242 W. Ridge St – Mentioned that the vacant lot where the demolition took place from the burnt-out homes at 154-156-158 W. Ridge St, the sewers are not raised high enough. Rose Mary also asked if Lacey will be training Wendy soon on quickbooks.

Bob Silver – 17 E. Ridge St. – Submitted a complaint form on the neighboring property of 15 E. Ridge St. and wanted to know why it was not put on the agenda. The other item he discussed he asked for a written response from his appeal.

Joseph Genits – W Front St – Mentioned the County selling condemned properties.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- March 9, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Gwyneth Collevecchio to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes from March 9, 2022. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- March 22, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes.

A Motion was made by Jay Doyle, second by William Chuma to accept the Special Meeting Minutes. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- April 5, 2022, Committee Meeting Minutes.

A Motion was mad by William Chuma, second by Jay Doyle to accept the Committee Meeting Minutes. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Correspondence enclosed

- Handicapped Parking – 406 W. Bertsch St.

The handicap committee looked at the application and talked it over with other members of Council. They noticed a full dresser motorcycle parked outside. A permanently disabled person how can one say they have these disabilities and drive this motorcycle.

Who is driving this motorcycle? Someone explain this please. We had an issue like this on Walnut St. which was the same thing. The Committee says to disapprove.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jay Doyle to deny the handicap parking space. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- Real Estate Tax Exemption request: Edward Evans III, 406 W Bertsch St

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines to table the Real Estate Tax Exemption Request. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- Special Event Form – Lansford Alive – Music in the Park.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jay Doyle to approve the Special Event Form from the Lansford Alive for Music in the Park. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- **PA Liquor Control Board – application filed for transfer of Liquor License. From SPORTS CINEMA LLC (formerly Kelly’s) to STELLA SIMM LTD, 634 E. Patterson St.**

Committee Reports –

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

The minutes are on the table up front.

Municipal Monthly Reports for December:

Fire Department – American Fire Co. No 1 responded to 17 incidents in March. 6 in Lansford, 3 in Summit Hill, 5 in Coaldale, 1 in Nesquehoning, 2 in Tamaqua.

Ambulance – For the month of March 61 incidents with a response time of 9 minutes.

Mayor’s Report –The mayor reported that there was \$278.18 collected for the month of March.

Code Compliance – Jim’s report for March he investigated 45 code enforcement complaints, issued 29 Notice of violations, investigated 21 rental complaints performed 29 rental inspections, and investigated 22 zoning issues. The report is on file.

Solicitor’s Report – Mentioned that he would like permission to work on the Handicap Ordinance to make some changes to it.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines to allow the Solicitor to look over and make changes to the Handicap Ordinance. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Tax Collector’s Report – From April 1 to April 11 \$119,527.07 was collected.

Treasurer’s Report – Bills to Approve

- General Fund - \$97,513.16
- Street Light Fund - \$5,203.85
- Sanitation Fund - \$28,327.23
- Sewer Transmission - \$22,622.46

- Parks & Recreation - \$589.68
- Highway – Liquid Fuels - \$16,579.71
- Fire Tax - \$14,188.25
- LST Fund - \$0.00

I mailed out 1,909 Sewage Transmission Bills.

William Chuma also mentioned that there was an issue with an invoice for JR Slaw charging us tax and that it should be looked at before paying it.

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

	2021	End of Month Balances		
FUND/ Checking	No.	Account Title	February	March
General Fund	6496	General Acct	\$586,617.28	\$519,944.29
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	\$6,005.31	\$6005.82
General Fund	2823	Fire Escrow – 334 E Bertsch St	\$4,511.85	\$4,512.23
General Fund	7013	Fire Escrow – 268 E Patterson St	\$9,863.51	\$9,863.51
General Fund	2153	ARPA Grant Acct.	\$199,127.22	199,144.13
General Fund	9737	Fire Escrow – 154 W Ridge St	\$53,333.33	\$53,333.33
General Fund	9729	Fire Escrow – 158 W Ridge St	\$35,933.34	\$35,933.34
General fund	8911	Fire Escrow – 156 W Ridge St	\$9,163.57	\$9,163.57
General Fund	6438	USDA Grant Acct.	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Fund	1394	Railroad Proceeds Account	\$0.00	\$500,000.14
Sanitation Fund	6438	Sanitation Fund	\$268,300.09	\$250,559.76
Sanitation Fund	7373	Sani-investors’ Money Mkt Acct	\$51,946.30	\$51,950.28
Sanitation Fund	6454	Sanitation Fund Money Mkt Acct	\$12,059.84	\$14,095.79
Sewer Transmission	6446	Sewage Transmission	\$80,894.05	\$126,577.30
Sewer Transmission	7360	Sewer Transmission	\$165,479.67	\$165,492.36
Sewer Transmission	5402	Sewer Loan Proceeds Acct	\$123,027.14	\$123,027.14
Sewer Transmission	1277	Sewer Trans. CD/Aug-12 mo.		
Sewer Transmission	6470	400 E Snyder Sewer Project	\$73,758.82	\$73,765.08
LST	6462	Local Service Tax	\$25,459.44	\$25,990.82
Street Light Fund	6412	Streetlights	\$37,141.90	\$33,422.55
Fire Tax Fund	6371	Fire	\$28,825.27	\$18,149.21
Sp. Highway	6420	Treasurers Special HI Way	\$66,979.60	\$51,002.13

Park & Rec Fund	6363	Lansford Pool Account	\$41,387.44	\$41,390.96
Park & Rec Fund	6404	Recreation	\$44,104.81	\$50,540.86
Total			\$1,964,208.91	\$2,404,153.73
LOANS		LOANS Paid from Fund		
Tax Anticipation Note		1.99% for 1 yr.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tunnel St/Storm Sep		\$18,689.23 per mo.	\$325,676.53	\$308,243.02
MEM Debacle		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	\$56,988.12	\$55,770.48
Total			\$485,414.29	\$466,763.14

New Business:

Estimate from A&H Equipment for the Sewer Vactor. The sewer vactor has leaks from some of the pipes and tubes and needs repairs. We have an estimate from A&H Equipment in the amount of \$3346.53 for the parts.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines to approve the estimate from A&H Equipment in the amount of \$3,346.53. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Free Yard Sale Date: Coaldale (May 14 & 15)

A Motion was made by Gwyneth Collevchio, second by William Chuma to approve Lansford's Free Yard Sale on May 14 & May 15. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Motion was needed to re-advertise for Street Material Bids.

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

Resolution #2022-05- Establishing Signatures for Financial Transactions.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jay Doyle to pass Resolution #2022-05 Establishing Signatures for Financial Transactions. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to advertise a request for proposals for a Financial Consultant to develop a long-term investment plan for the Borough. We are receiving low interest on all our accounts we need to invest in something safe and secure.

The Borough is receiving a 1/10th of a percent interest on \$235,000.00. and 3/4 of a percent on \$300,000.00. We also have \$500,000.00 in Railroad money that we are probably only getting 2% on. We need a Financial Consultant to help us invest.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines to advertise for proposals for a financial consultant to develop a long-term investment plan for the Borough. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to increase the wage for a part-time Borough Worker.

William Chuma mentioned that people interested in the job will not work for \$11.00 an hour. We would like to go to \$16.00 an hour.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines to change the rate of pay for a part-time Borough Worker from \$11.00 to \$16.00. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to advertise for a part-time Borough Worker.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines to advertise to hire a part-time Borough Worker. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to hire Cloud Services at a cost of \$200.00 to review the Borough's computers programs and make recommendations to develop a program to consolidate our sanitation, sewer transmission, municipal taxes and moving permits into one program.

A Motion was made by Jay Doyle, second by Gwyneth Collevchio to hire Cloud Services at a cost of \$200.00 develop a computer program. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to apply our 2022 CDBG money to tear down 336 W. Patterson St. the former Horvath residence.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jay Doyle to apply our 2022 CDBG money to tear down 336 w. Patterson St the former Horvath residence. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt a resolution to apply for a 2022 Greenways Trails and Recreation Program for improvements at Kennedy Park in the amount of \$110,000.00. This would be for the sidewalks on the North side of Parkway.

A Motion was made by Gwyneth Collevchio, second by William Chuma to adopt a resolution to apply for a 2022 Greenways Trails and Recreation Program for improvements at Kennedy Park in the amount of \$110,000.00. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Resolution Authorizing the Panther Creek Valley Foundation, Inc. to Award Bids for the No. 9 Mine Improvement Project.

The Borough did an LSA Grant two years ago for the No. 9 Mine and since then they had to make changes. They would like us to adopt the Resolution.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jay Doyle to adopt the resolution authorizing the Panther Creek Valley Foundation, Inc. to Award Bids for the No. 9 Mine Improvement Project. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Butrie

Secretary Treasurer