

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

Council members attending: Martin Ditsky, Gwyneth Collevecchio, Bruce Markovich, William Chuma, John Turcmanovich, Bob Silver, and Solicitor Robert Yurchak. Council woman Marie Ondrus was absent. Mayor Bartek entered after executive session at 6:38 p.m.

Executive Session 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to review personnel issues: police grievances, public works issue and worker’s compensation.

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

Street Material Bid Opening – two sealed bids were opened by President Markovich:

Lehigh Asphalt, Tamaqua

<u>Amount/Description</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Und</u>	<u>Undeliver Price</u>	<u>Unit Deliver Price</u>
Delivered Price				
500 Tons Type 2 AS3 Antiskid,	\$ 13.75	\$ 6,875.00	\$19.75	\$ 9,875.00
500 Tons Superpave 9.5mm	\$ 59.75	\$ 29,875.00	\$69.75	\$34,875.00
500 Tons Superpave 19.0mm	\$ 56.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$66.00	\$33,000.00
500 Tons Superpave 25.0mm	\$ 51.00	\$ 25,500.00	\$61.00	\$30,500.00
500 Tons #1B Stone	\$ 18.75	\$ 9,375.00	\$24.75	\$12,375.00
500 Tons #2A Stone	\$ 11.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$17.00	\$ 8,500.00
500 Tons #2B Stone	\$ 13.50	\$ 6,750.00	\$19.50	\$ 9,750.00
		<u>\$111,875.00</u>		<u>138,875.00</u>

Pottsville Materials, Skippack

<u>Amount/Description</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Und</u>	<u>Undeliver Price</u>	<u>Unit Deliver Price</u>
Delivered Price				
500 Tons Type 2 AS3 Antiskid,	\$ 15.35	\$ 7,675.00	\$23.68	\$ 11,840.00
500 Tons Superpave 9.5mm	\$ 52.15	\$29,075.00	\$62.15	\$ 31,075.00
500 Tons Superpave 19.0mm	\$ 45.98	\$22,990.00	\$55.98	\$ 27,990.00
500 Tons Superpave 25.0mm	\$ 43.03	\$21,515.00	\$53.03	\$ 26,515.00
500 Tons #1B Stone	\$ 15.46	\$ 7,730.00	\$23.79	\$ 11,895.00
500 Tons #2A Stone	\$ 7.31	\$ 3,655.00	\$15.64	\$ 7,820.00
500 Tons #2B Stone	\$ 11.09	\$ 5,545.00	\$19.42	\$ 9,710.00
		<u>\$95,185.00</u>		<u>\$126,845.00</u>

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Bob Silver, to accept the bids and table a decision until after tabulation. All were in favor, Motion passed.

James Metsopulos (JPK Holdings LLC) – His offer to purchase a property in repository at 304 E. Snyder Avenue, parcel 122A3-22-B3.01, was denied by council at the March 10, 2021 meeting. He asked why his offer was denied and offered to put in another bid on the property and present a list of renovations to council and proof of insurance. The renovation list will be reviewed at the next committee meeting. Council was agreeable to his presentation.

Public Courtesy – Four residents and a Times News Newspaper reporter were in the audience.

Kevin Zuercher, owner of the Half Time Bar & Grill, 390 W. Snyder Avenue – Offered three Special Event Forms and insurance information:

- 5/15/21 Bike Nite with Ozzy Tribute band; 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- 8/7/21 Town Fundraising Event; time to be announced; to benefit demolition.
- 8/8/21 Motorcycle Event – Back the Blue Ride; to benefit police.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Gwyneth Collevecchio, to approve the 5/15/21 Bike Nite special event at the Half Time Bar and Grill, providing to close W. Ridge Street from Cortright Street to Dock Street and the street in front of the bar between 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- March 10, 2021, regular meeting minutes

A Motion was made by Gwyneth Collevecchio, second by William Chuma, to approve the March 10, 2021, regular meeting minutes. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Regarding the purchase of the Silberline property, Martin Ditsky asked who will be responsible for cleanup of the property if Silberline claims bankruptcy or dissolves its business? He asked that this be addressed in the sales agreement. Attorney Yurchak will look into it.

Correspondence:

• **Real Estate Tax Exemption Request:** Dolores I. Risteter, 613 E. Abbott Street
A Motion was made by Bob Silver, second by Gwyneth Collevecchio, to approve the Real Estate Tax Exemption request from Dolores I. Risteter, 613 E. Abbott Street, Lansford, to begin in 2022. All were in favor, Motion passed.

- **American Legion parking space request** – for 2 spaces in front of the American Legion Post 123 at 3 W. Ridge Street.

A Motion was made by Bob Silver, second by William Chuma, to approve two commercial parking spaces in front of the American Legion Post 123. All were in favor, Motion passed.

- **Special Event Form – Lansford Alive** “Music in the Park” on Sunday’s 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in June, July & August.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Bob Silver, to approve the Lansford Alive “Music in the Park” event to be held on Sunday’s 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in June, July and August 2021. All were in favor, Motion passed.

- **PPL** – electrical transmission line rebuild near 3 Andrewsville Street expected to start May 1, 2021.
- **Spring Cleanup** – by Lansford Alive, Saturday, 4/17/2021, 9:00 a.m. meeting at Kennedy Park. Rain date 4/24/2021.
- **Special Event Form – Friends of Lansford Recreation**, asking to hold three chicken dinners on May 2, June 27, and August 29, at the Ashton Park pool grounds.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich, to approve three chicken dinner special events at Ashton Park on May 2, June 27 & August 29, 2021. All were in favor, Motion passed.

Correspondence (not enclosed) to conserve paper, copy available on request:

- Tommy Vadyak, 2/21/2021, e-mail, distributed in council mailboxes.
- Attorney Cynthia Yurchak letter to Attorney Filer regarding the Zoning Hearing Board decision in the Borough/Silver Hearings on March 16 & 30, 2021.
- Anthracite JOC Little League – request for donation (borough cannot legally contribute)
- Carbon County Office of Planning & Development – Public Virtual Hearing for 2021 CDBG Program 4/21/2021 on ZOOM-flier is in borough office.
- Carbon County Hazard Mitigation Planning meeting invitation, April 28th Draft Plan Review Virtual meeting 10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.
- ISO (Community Hazard Mitigation Organization) 12/28/2020 letter to President Markovich -Thanked Am Fire Co. No. 1 for its cooperation during its recent Public Protection Classification Survey. Our fire company’s public protection classification is 05.

Committee Reports – 4/6/2021 meeting minutes will be recorded in the minute book.

- **Public Works** – William Chuma reported street sweeping is almost completed. The 1991 sweeper is running well. A few loads of mulch and topsoil are needed at Ashton Hill and East End parks. Both parks will be blocked off for weed spraying. The borough will sweep streets in Coaldale. As soon as hot patch is available potholes will be filled.
- **Municipal Administration** – Chairman Bruce Markovich reported that the STMP Program should be pursued this summer. He will contact Mike Carpenter. Mr. Markovich spoke to USDA about purchasing a F550 truck for public works, 35% grant and 65% loan, using the price of \$90,000.00.
- **Park & Recreation** – Contractor’s estimates for pool restroom renovations are seeing sought. The PV School District is discussing a solar farm near borough property. Mr. Markovich will

Municipal Monthly Reports for February

Fire Department – American Fire Co. No 1 responded to 18 incidents in March: 9 in Lansford, 2 in Summit Hill, 6 in Coaldale, and 1 in Tamaqua.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich, to accept the March American Fire Company monthly report. All were in favor, Motion passed.

Ambulance – Lehighon Ambulance responded to 63 incidents in March with an average response time of 7.67 minutes from time of dispatch to arrival on scene.

A Motion was made by John Turcmanovich, second by William Chuma, to accept the March Lehighon Ambulance report. All were in favor, Motion passed.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Bartek reported \$2,141.14 was received in March; breakdown: \$1,021.14 magistrate, \$45.00 miscellaneous, and \$1,075.00 in parking violations. Mayor Bartek reviewed the 369 March police calls from the communication center.

Martin Ditsky asked the mayor whether she was aware of an illegal fund-raising event (a car show) held at Ashton Park parking lot Saturday, April 10, 2021. The mayor said she was not aware of the event before it was held. Attorney Yurchak recommended writing a letter to the organizer of the event.

Code Compliance – Jim Dean investigated 26 code enforcement complaints, issued 21 Notice of Violations, investigated 32 rental complaints, performed 25 rental inspections, and received 13 zoning complaints. The report is on file.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich, to accept the March Code Compliance Report. All were in favor, Motion passed.

Solicitor’s Report – Attorney Yurchak reviewed the Police Off Duty Employment policy and an ordinance changing an amending Ordinance No. 2007-13 which established residential rental housing licensing and inspection system. Changes were recommended.

Tax Collector’s Report – Tax Collector Terrance McCall remitted \$249,965.13 in borough real estate taxes collected April 1-7, 2021.

Treasurer’s Report – Bills to be approved total \$ 96,928.75, General Fund \$52,162.13; Park & Recreation \$13.38; Hi Way Liquid Fuels \$5,080.11; Street Light \$ 8,657.94; Sewer Transmission \$ 2,742.44; Sanitation \$ 28,272.75.

A Motion was made by Bob Silver, second by William Chuma, to approve payment of the March bills totaling \$96,928.75. All were in favor, Motion passed.

Account Balances March 31, 2021:

	2021	End of Month Balances		
FUND/ Checking	No.	Account Title	Feb	March
General Fund	7673	General Acct	\$417,260.19	\$372,089.34
General Fund	7772	Escrow for 22 E Kline Ave	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Sanitation Fund	7681	Sanitation Fund	\$226,124.41	\$189,617.47
Sanitation Fund	0283	Sani-investors’ Money Mkt Acct	\$51,893.74	\$51,898.08
Sanitation Fund	7730	Sanitation Fund Money Mkt Acct	\$12,047.72	\$12,048.81
Sewer Transmission	7714	Sewage Transmission	\$24,686.63	\$108,909.98
Sewer Transmission	1198	Sewer Transmission	\$165,312.25	\$165,326.06
Sewer Transmission	5402	Sewer Loan Proceeds Acct	\$153,010.85	\$153,010.85
Sewer Transmission	1277	Sewer Transm. CD/Aug-12 mo.	\$51,319.08	\$51,328.92
Sewer Transmission	3260	400 E Snyder Sewer Project	\$73,692.99	\$73,692.99
LST	7722	Local Service Tax	\$19,018.78	\$19,208.25
Street Light Fund	7764	Streetlights	\$32,776.60	\$27,527.60
Fire Tax Fund	7748	Fire	\$29,390.70	\$28,540.83
Sp HiWay	7706	Treasurers Special HiWay	\$73,795.56	\$37,975.09
Park & Rec Fund	7699	Lansford Pool Account	\$41,345.85	\$41,349.59
Park & Rec Fund	7756	Recreation	\$36,291.10	\$36,077.36
Total			\$1,410,966.45	\$1,371,601.22
LOANS		LOANS Paid from Fund		
Tax Anticipation Note		1.99% for 1 yr.	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00

Quotes for Ductless Air Conditioning (4) were reviewed, and the topic was tabled by Bob Silver. Mr. Silver asked that the ARRO Consulting review the estimates on file.

Mapping Borough Properties – ARRO Engineering can map the properties for \$1,300.00.

A Motion was made by Bob Silver, second by Gwyneth Collevchio, to have ARRO Engineering map borough properties at a cost of \$1,300.00. All were in favor, Motion passed.

Bus Stops – There are dilapidated wooden steps on the Andrewsville Street side (west side) of Route 209 that lead to a bus top shed on the west side of Route 209. There was discussion about removing the steps and moving the bus stop.

USDA Truck Application -

A Motion was made by John Turcmanovich, second by William Chuma, to apply for a \$90,000.00 grant for a public works Ford F550 Truck through the USDA grant/loan program . All were in favor, Motion passed.

2021 CDBG Block Grant –

A Motion was made by Bob Silver, second by William Chuma, to apply for \$33,000.00 in 2021 CDBG Funds to demolish 614 E Patterson Street. All were in favor, Motion passed.

New Business:

Free Yard Sale-

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Gwyneth Collevchio, to hold the community free yard sale weekend on May 15 & 16, 2021. All were in favor, Motion passed.

William Chuma said Peter Radocha (Excavating) does not have the manholes sealed and the piping is not available for the 400 East Snyder Avenue sewer project.

The Borough Office has been closed to the public since March 2020 due to COVID 19. A Motion was made by Bob Silver, second by Martin Ditsky, to reopen the borough office to the public tomorrow, April 15, 2021. All were in favor, Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Silver, second by William Chuma at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Seigendall

Secretary Treasurer