

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 Collevchio, Bruce Markovich, William Chuma, John Turcmanovich, Jennifer Staines, Jay Doyle, Mayor Hugh Vrablic and Solicitor Robert Yurchak.

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

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

Public Courtesy –

Started with the Coaldale Volunteer Fire Co. No 1 and the American Fire Co #1 introducing themselves and letting us know that the State is doing a Feasibility Study on the two companies, and they are asking for the Borough's support. Coaldale voted to give their support at their Monday night meeting. The company was reassured that the Borough would take a vote on the matter later in the meeting.

Rose Mary Cannon – 242 W. Ridge St – Mentioned that Committee Meetings are being micromanaged and are not being held the way they are intended to be. Mentioned putting in a Right-to-Know and asking for a Budget to Date and found out she had to wait a while to get one. Asked why there is no mulch at the pool area. Wanted to know when testing was scheduled for police hiring.

Bob Silver – 17 E. Ridge St. – Asked what a business incubator space was. Bruce left him know that it is someone who needs a single space to work.

Bob Hertzog – 220 W. Bertsch St – Filed a complaint on the property aside of him which is a rental that the owner does not maintain. Bob mentioned that there was no main heat source in this home in the Winter and that the family had to use space heaters in the Wintertime. Rob said over the years several complaints have been filed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- July 13, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jay Doyle to approve the July 13, 2022, Regular meeting minutes. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- August 2, 2022, Committee meeting minutes

A Motion was made by Jay Doyle, second by William Chuma to approve the August 2, 2022 Committee meeting minutes. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Correspondence enclosed-

- **Special Event Form:** American Cancer Society –33 W. Ridge St. – Ice Cream Social – 8/5/22 & 9/2/22 11 a.m.to 4:00 p.m.

A Motion was made by Martin Ditsky, second by John Turcmanovich, to approve the American Cancer Society Ice Cream Social on 8/5/22 and 9/2/22 held at 33 W. Ridge St. All were in favor. Motion passed

- **Special Event Form** – Halloween Special Event – Lansford Pool Park – 10/29/22 from 5:30 p.m.- 9:00p.m. **A Motion was made by Gwyneth Collevchio, second by Jennifer Staines, to approve**

Halloween Special Event to be held at the Lansford Pool Park on 10/29/22 from 5:30p.m.to 9:00 p.m. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- **Special Event Form** – Friend of Lansford Recreation- Christmas Tree Decorating and Lighting – December 1-4, 2022. Start time 12/1/2022 9:00 a.m. end time 6:00 p.m.

A Motion was made by John Turcmanovich, second by William Chuma to approve Friends of Lansford Recreation Christmas Tree Decorating and lighting to be held on Dec. 1-4, 2022.All were in favor. Motion passed.

- Turkey Hill- Parking Space- Requesting that the parking space (the corner space) be made a no parking space.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich to turn the corner space on Patterson St at Turkey Hill a no parking space. 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 July

Fire Department – American Fire Co. #1 responded to 15 incidents in July: 6 in Lansford, 6 in Summit Hill, 2 in Coaldale, and 1 in Nesquehoning.

Ambulance – Lehighon Ambulance responded to 66 incidents in July with an average response time of 9.0 minutes from time of dispatch to arrival on scene.

A Motion was made by John Turcmanovich, second by William Chuma to allow the American Fire Co #1 to participate in a feasibility study by the state with Coaldale Borough. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Vrablic mentioned that there was \$716.91 collected for the month of July.

Police Report – Mayor Vrablic mentioned there were 334 calls, 61 parking tickets, and 1 QOL ticket issued. LPD also apprehended 16 people for serious issues and warrants in the month of July.

Code Compliance – Jim Dean investigated 27 code enforcement complaints, issued 17 Notice of Violations, investigated 44 rental complaints, performed 22 rental inspections, and received 34 zoning complaints. The report is on file.

Solicitor’s Report – Portnoff Ordinance/Amendment Ordinance No 2022-02 to add \$25.00has been advertised.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines to adopt Ordinance/Amendment 2022-02 to allow Portnoff to add \$25.00 to every delinquent account. Martin Ditsky was opposed. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2022 – 03 Handicap Ordinance changes have been advertised.

A Motion was made by Gwyneth Collevchio, second by Jay Doyle to accept Ordinance 2022-3 changing and amending the handicap ordinance. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Attorney Yurchak asked permission to advertise the Property Maintenance

A Motion was made by William Chuma, a second by John Turcmanovich to advertise the Property Maintenance. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Attorney Yurchak mentioned that the hearing for the Wentzleberger property is still August 18,2022 at 1:15 p.m. Also mentioned was that the lien was placed on the Kidda property at 15 E. Ridge St.

Treasurer’s Report –

Bills to Approve

- GENERAL FUND - \$127,065.91
- STREET LIGHT FUND - \$5,103.74
- SANITATION FUND - \$28,415.80
- SEWER TRANSMISSION FUND - \$40,142.53
- PARKS & RECREATION - \$10,519.26
- HIGHWAY – LIQUID FUELS - \$1,393.06
- LST FUND - \$5,197.97

A Motion to pay the bills is needed.

A Motion was made by Jay Doyle, second by John Turcmanovich, to approve payment of the July bills. Martin Ditsky was opposed. Motion passed.

Account Balances July 31, 2022:

FUND/ Checking	No.	Account Title	June	July
General Fund	6496	General Acct	\$978,510.95	\$984,939.75
General Fund	6488	Escrow for 22 E Kline Ave	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
General Fund	0826	Fire Escrow – 330 W. Bertsch St	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Fund	2675	Fire Escrow – 332 W. Bertsch St	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Fund	2823	Fire Escrow – 334 W. Bertsch St	\$4,512.59	\$4,513.72
General Fund	7013	Fire Escrow – 268 E. Patterson St	\$9,863.51	\$11,220.00
General Fund	2153	ARPA Grant Acct	\$176,353.78	\$174,414.83
General Fund	9737	Fire Escrow – 154 W. Ridge St.	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Fund	9729	Fire Escrow – 158 W. Ridge St.	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Fund	8911	Fire Escrow – 156 W. Ridge St.	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Fund	3567	USDA Grant Acct	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Fund	1394	Railroad Proceeds Account	\$531,406.10	\$531,448.32
General Fund	8929	Portnoff Account	\$32,772.77	\$40,198.67
Sanitation Fund	6438	Sanitation Fund	\$254,623.68	\$294,817.24
Sanitation Fund	7373	Sani-investors’ Money Mkt Acct	\$51,958.68	\$51,967.37
Sanitation Fund	6454	Sanitation Fund Money Mkt Acct	\$14,099.31	\$14,100.43
Sewer Transmission	6446	Sewage Transmission	\$121,498.66	\$96,863.71
Sewer Transmission	7360	Sewer Transmission	\$165,547.68	\$165,547.68
Sewer Transmission	5402	Sewer Loan Proceeds Acct	\$123,030.24	\$123,031.26
Sewer Transmission	1277	Sewer Trans. CD/Aug-12 mo.	\$51,679.61	\$51,499.13
Sewer Transmission	6470	400 E Snyder Sewer Project	\$32,525.10	\$32,406.68
LST	6462	Local Service Tax	\$29,010.50	\$29,444.10

Street Light Fund	6412	Streetlights	\$68,570.94	\$67,372.19
Fire Tax Fund	6371	Fire	\$50,983.62	\$48,132.59
Sp. Hi-Way	6420	Treasurers Special Highway	\$144,894.63	\$129,588.18
Park & Rec Fund	6363	Lansford Pool Account	\$41,401.28	\$41,404.57
Park & Rec Fund	6404	Recreation	\$59,209.38	\$57,429.01
Total			\$2,945,453.01	\$2,611,436.63
LOANS		LOANS Paid from Fund		
Tax Anticipation Note	1.99% for 1 yr.			
Tunnel St/Storm Sep	\$18,689.23 per mo.		\$212,839.20	\$219,839.20
MEM Debacle	20 yrs./\$14,130 biannual May & Nov		\$56,639.11	
2018 Police RAM		\$26,440.53	\$26,440.53	
2020 Sewer Loan	5 yr.	\$50,874.86	\$50,874.86	\$49,644.00
2022 Ford F 550	5 Yr.	\$60,000 to be paid from Liq Fuels	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Total			\$466,763.14	\$329,483.20

Old Business:

Bus Stop – To change the bus stop at Tunnel and Ridge St.

A Motion was made by Jennifer Staines, second by John Turcmanovich to move the bus stop from Tunnel and Ridge St. to Walnut and Ridge St. All were in favor. Motion passed.

New Business:

Hiring of a Part-time Police Officer Callen Rich. John Turcmanovich mentioned that the OIC notified us that all background tests and polygraph test that needed to be done have been done and he recommends hiring Callen Rich for a Part-time police officer position.

There was a Motion made by William Chuma, second by Jay Doyle to hire Callen Rich as a part-time police officer with the Lansford Borough. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Overdue sanitation accounts – past due notices? There was a discussion as to what to do with the past due balances of sanitation accts. that were totaling over \$55,000.00, of that total \$11,088.20 were Landlords. The accounts that were pulled go back over several years.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Gwyneth Collevchio to send delinquents accounts over to Portnoff and to notify the Code Officer that Landlords had their accounts sent over as well. Accounts that are under \$300.00 and more than \$144.00 will get a notice to pay. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Permit required signs. We need bigger and brighter signs. William Chuma asked that Council give permission to purchase red signs like Summit Hill has hanging letting people know that permits are required. We have people moving in and out not getting permits, putting dumpsters down without permits all over town. We would need three signs and the cost would be \$60-\$70.00 apiece.

A Motion was made by Jennifer Staines, second by Gwyneth Collevchio to approve the purchase of red permit required signs to hang at the three entrances of the Borough. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A Motion to partner with the Carbon County Economic Development Corporation to develop the former Silberline Office Building into an Incubator Space.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Gwyneth Collevchio to allow the Carbon County Economic Development Corporation to develop the former Silberline Office Building into an Incubator Space. All were in favor. Motion passed.

John Turcmanovich mentioned he would like to re-schedule the postponed Civil Service testing.
A Motion was made by John Turcmanovich, second by William Chuma to advertise the re-scheduling of the Civil Service testing. All were in favor. Motion passed.
Make a note that we are still accepting applications.

A Motion was made by Jennifer Staines, second by Jay Doyle to accept the resignation of Robert Lilly as a Police Officer. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A Motion to go off the agenda was made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines. All were in favor. Motion passed.

William Chuma mentioned that Ron Pratt has a power washer for sale with a trailer and a tank with asst. tools.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jay Doyle to purchase the trailer from Ron Pratt at a price not to exceed \$2500.00. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Butrie
Secretary Treasurer