

**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, Solicitor Robert Yurchak, Mayor Hugh Vrablic. Jay Doyle, and John Turcmanovich were not in attendance.

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

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

**Public Courtesy** –

Bob Silver – 17 E. Ridge St. – July 13,2022- asked about appraisal on Zimmerman Building & the Office Building at Silberline., Office Bldg. was to be used as an incubator space for the Chamber. What is the intention on the Zimmerman Bldg. for auction. 9/14/22 you talked about bids for the remodel of the Borough Office where are you on that.

Denise Leibensperger– 164 W. Ridge St. – Mentioned that she called the State Police about the parking issue at the business of the Sewer Authority, and they wanted to know why it doesn't say No Parking at her driveway. Also wanted to know why we did not move the bus stop.

Louise Dunstan – 210 E. Patterson St.- Said she read about the 100-year lease. Did we sell ourselves to the devil?

Rose Mary – 242 W. Ridge St. – Mr. Sniscak was denied a Water Authority seat in 2015.The Water Authority was formed in 1950 in 1990 they needed a loan from Penn Vest and to do that they had to renew the Charter Which was for 50 years. it expires in 2040. Commended the Police Department for the job they are doing. Rose Mart asked if the grant money came in for the Train Station yet. She then asked about the pool.

Michelle Miller – 362 W. Snyder Ave. – lives next to Brimble's wall was wandering the standing on having the wall fixed.

Bruce Markovich mentioned that our Engineer has completed our part of it that now it falls on the County.

Joe Genits – 232 W. Front St. – Mentioned that they could let another place take over the pool.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- January 11, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes.

**A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines to approve the January 11, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

- January 25,2023, Meeting Minutes

**A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines to approve the January 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes. Martin Ditsky was opposed. Motion carried.**

**Martin mentioned that the reason for opposing was that the article was in the paper and that the information was not correct.**

**Correspondence Enclosed** –

- Special Event Form – Friends of Lansford Recreation – Concert – Kennedy Park – July 7, 2023

**A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Gwyneth Collevchio to approve the Special Event from the Friends of the Pool on July 7, 2023, for a Concert at Kennedy Park.**

- Handicap Parking – 38 S. Walnut St

**A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Martin Ditsky to approve the handicap space at 38 S. Walnut St.**

**Committee Reports** – Were not available.

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 16 incidents in January: 6 in Lansford, 1 in Summit Hill, 1 in Coaldale, and 1 other.

**Ambulance** – Leighton Ambulance responded to 72 incidents in January with an average response time of 9 minutes from time of dispatch to arrival on scene.

**A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Gwyneth Collevchio to accept the reports from the American Fire Co #1 and the Leighton Ambulance. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

**Mayor's Report** \$3,452.47 was deposited for the month of January.

**Police Report** – There were 239 calls, 68 parking tickets. They also made 16 arrests.

**A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines to accept the Mayor's Report and the Police Report. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

**Code Compliance** – Jim Dean investigated 33 code enforcement complaints, issued 7 Notice of Violations, investigated 18 rental complaints, performed 26 rental inspections, and received 1 zoning complaints. The report is on file.

**Tax Collector's Report** – There was none for the month of January.

**Solicitor's Report** – There was no report.

**Treasurer's Report** –

**Wendy mentioned that Shantel knew the numbers for the final water shut off for Sewage Transmission which was the end of December into the beginning of January. The total to be collected was \$39,575.43.**

We collected it all except for one that we turned off and there were a few that water and sewer turned off ahead of us.

**Bills to Approve**

- GENERAL FUND - \$50,051.38
- ARPA FUNDING - \$332.75
- STREET LIGHT FUND - \$5,623.01
- SANITATION FUND - \$28,522.00
- SEWER TRANSMISSION FUND - \$9,324.29
- PARKS & RECREATION - \$332.09
- HIGHWAY – LIQUID FUELS - \$13,785.59

**A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Martin Ditsky, to approve payment of the January bills. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

**Account Balances January 31, 2023:**

<b>FUND/ Checking</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Account Title</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>January</b>
General Fund	6496	General Acct	\$746,631.36	\$702,879.52
General Fund	6488	Escrow for 22 E Kline Ave	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
General Fund	2823	Fire Escrow – 334 W. Bertsch St	\$4,515.62	\$4,516.62
General Fund	7013	Fire Escrow – 268 E. Patterson St	\$9,863.51	\$9,863.51
General Fund	2153	ARPA Grant Acct	\$303,461.09	\$298,108.56
General Fund	1394	Railroad Proceeds Account	\$531,672.58	\$531,719.19
General Fund	8929	Portnoff Account	\$73,377.63	\$72,951.72
Sanitation Fund	6438	Sanitation Fund	\$283,734.55	\$333,931.52
Sanitation Fund	7373	Sani-investors' Money Mkt Acct	\$52,024.49	
Sanitation Fund	6454	Sanitation Fund Money Mkt Acct	\$14,106.38	
Sewer Transmission	6446	Sewage Transmission	\$90,220.36	\$159,098.41
Sewer Transmission	7360	Sewer Transmission	\$54,962.12	
Sewer Transmission	5402	Sewer Loan Proceeds Acct	\$53,051.43	\$53,055.94
Sewer Transmission	1277	Sewer Trans. CD/Aug-12 mo.	\$51,542.31	\$51,542.31
Sewer Transmission	6470	400 E Snyder Sewer Project	\$32,420.34	\$32,423.18
LST	6462	Local Service Tax	\$30,125.46	\$31,893.05
Street Light Fund	6412	Streetlights	\$49,194.89	\$47,344.35
Fire Tax Fund	6371	Fire	\$21,464.29	\$21,460.30
Sp. Hi-Way	6420	Treasurers Special Highway	\$46,633.58	\$45,486.55
Park & Rec Fund	6363	Lansford Pool Account	\$41,422.03	\$41,425.66
Park & Rec Fund	6404	Recreation	\$45,663.28	\$46,487.89
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$2,652,745.78</b>	<b>\$2,487,188.28</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	\$44,706.42	

<b>2022 Ford F 550</b>	5 Yr.	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$161,345.53</b>	

**Old Business:**

**Vacant Planning Commission Seat-**

There is a vacant seat on the Planning Commission if anyone is interested.

**New Business:**

Federal Holidays- The secretaries noticed that the LC Joint Water Authority and the LCS Sewer Authority closed on most Federal holidays. The secretaries are asking to have the same holidays off as the Public Works Dept. This was tabled so members of Council could get a better look at everything.

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

Solicitor Yurchak mentioned that 4yrs. ago the Borough passed an Ordinance to vacate part of Tunnel St. the problem was the Ordinance was never filed properly and the owners were never given deeds. The Solicitor mentioned that for the Borough to vacate the rest of Tunnel St. that section is an 80'by 25' section down to the Intersection at Tunnel St. and W. Water St. Mr. Timothy Smith owns both sides of Tunnel St. but he needs to have a right of way for Mr. Kokinda to access his property.

**A Motion was made by Martin Ditsky, second by William Chuma to vacate the remainder of Tunnel St. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

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

Resident Kevin Soberick submitted a letter to receive a Fire Chief Parking Only sign from the Borough. Bruce mentioned how Kevin is first on scene for Lansford Fire Company

**A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Gwyneth Collevecchio to go back on the agenda for a parking space for Kevin Soberick for Asst. Fire Chief. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

**A Motion to adjourn was made by William Chuma, second by Gwyneth Collevecchio.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Wendy Butrie*

Secretary Treasurer