

**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, John Turcmanovich, Mayor Hugh Vrablic, Martin Ditsky, Gwyneth Collevchio, Jennifer Staines, Jay Doyle, and Solicitor Robert Yurchak

**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 issue.**

**Public Courtesy** –

Rose Mary Cannon – 242 W. Ridge St- At the July meeting LGH Tax & Accounting Service was hired to bring the Borough up to date and help with the budget. Well now that she has us all caught up shouldn't we have another motion if she is going to continue working. The Solicitor mentioned that we should.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- December 7, 2021, Committee Meeting Minutes.

**A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich to accept the Committee Meeting Minutes from December 7, 2021, after an edit is made on the first page. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

- December 8, 2021, Meeting Minutes.

**A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jay Doyle to accept the Meeting Minutes from December 8, 2021. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

- December 21, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes.

**A Motion was made John Turcmanovich, second by William Chuma to accept the Special Meeting Minutes from December 21, 2021. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

- December 29, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes.

**A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines to accept the Special Meeting Minutes from December 29, 2021. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

- January 3, 2022. Reorganization Meeting Minutes.

**A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Martin Ditsky to accept the Reorganization Meeting Minutes from January 3, 2022, after an edit on the 1<sup>st</sup> page is made. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

**Committee Reports** –

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

There were no Committee Meetings in January

**Municipal Monthly Reports for December:**

**Fire Department** – American Fire Co. No 1 responded to 12 incidents in December: 10 in Lansford, 1 in Summit Hill, 1 in Nesquehoning.

**Ambulance** – For the month of December 76 incidents with a response time of 8.65minutes.

**Mayor’s Report** –The police went on 278 calls. The mayor reported that there was \$109.08 collected for the month of December.

**Code Compliance** – Jim’s report for December he investigated 29 code enforcement complaints, issued 19 Notice of violations, investigated 17 rental complaints performed 19 rental inspections, and investigated 31 zoning issues. The report is on file.

**Solicitor’s Report** – No Report

**Tax Collector’s Report** – Tax Collector Terrance McCall collected from December 1-31, 2021, \$37,274.40.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Bills to Approve

- General Fund - \$60,505.64
- Street Light Fund - \$5,279.38
- Sanitation Fund - \$28,707.28
- Sewer Transmission - \$20,830.45
- Parks & Recreation - \$144.59
- Highway – Liquid Fuels - \$5,836.04
- Fire Tax - \$2,973.75
- LST Fund - \$0.00

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

	2021	End of Month Balances		
<b>FUND/ Checking</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Account Title</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
General Fund	6496	General Acct	\$909,665.50	\$981,436.49
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	\$6,003.30	\$6004.34
General Fund	2823	Fire Escrow – 334 E Bertsch St	\$4,510.74	\$4,511.12
General Fund	7013	Fire Escrow – 268 E Patterson St	\$9,863.51	\$9,863.51
General Fund	2153	ARPA Grant Acct.	\$199,078.13	\$199,095.04
General Fund	6438	USDA Grant Acct.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sanitation Fund	6438	Sanitation Fund	\$249,694.40	\$225,254.38
Sanitation Fund	7373	Sani-investors’ Money Mkt Acct	\$51,928.51	\$51,937.33
Sanitation Fund	6454	Sanitation Fund Money Mkt Acct	\$12,056.87	\$12,056.87
Sewer	6446	Sewage Transmission	\$25,739.38	\$37,182.75

Transmission				
Sewer Transmission	7360	Sewer Transmission	\$165,423.01	\$165,451.11
Sewer Transmission	5402	Sewer Loan Proceeds Acct	\$153,021.50	\$153,021.50
Sewer Transmission	1277	Sewer Trans. CD/Aug-12 mo.	\$51,413.84	\$51,424.40
Sewer Transmission	6470	400 E Snyder Sewer Project	\$73,740.64	\$73,746.90
LST	6462	Local Service Tax	\$12,699.60	\$13,292.08
Street Light Fund	6412	Streetlights	\$66,353.11	\$59,342.60
Fire Tax Fund	6371	Fire	\$51,650.88	\$50,901.78
Sp. Highway	6420	Treasurers Special HI Way	\$78,847.13	\$75,302.09
Park & Rec Fund	6363	Lansford Pool Account	\$41,377.25	\$41,380.76
Park & Rec Fund	6404	Recreation	\$43,802.87	\$43,848.04
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$2,240,14.32</b>	<b>\$2,045,234.83</b>
<b>LOANS</b>		<b>LOANS Paid from Fund</b>		
Tax Anticipation Note		1.99% for 1 yr.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tunnel St/Storm Sep	\$18,689.23 per mo.		\$394,920.50	\$360,422.59
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	\$61,627.42	\$59,416.37
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$514,091.92</b>	<b>\$522,588.60</b>

**\*After Sewer Transmission invoices are paid the balance will be low and a transfer will soon need to be made.**

**Unfinished Business:**

Accept the resignation of Jennifer Staines from the Zoning Hearing Board

**A Motion was made by Gwyneth Collevecchio, second by William Chuma to accept the resignation of Jennifer Staines from the Zoning Hearing Board.**

**Appointment of Officials (deferred from reorganization meeting):**

**Coaldale Lansford Summit Hill Sewer Authority** – two open seats (5 yr. terms) A letter of interest for re-appointment from Scott Fisher and Robert Lakata.

**A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich to reappoint Scott Fisher to the Coaldale Lansford Summit Hill Sewer Authority. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

Martin Ditsky asked how long the terms on the Sewer Authority and was reminded that there were no limits he asked how long Robert Lakata had been on the Authority Bruce mentioned that Robert was the Secretary and that he has been on for 27years. Martin mentioned that they need to start looking at term limits he mentioned that even the President has term limits.

**A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Gwyneth Collevecchio to reappoint Robert Lakata to the Coaldale Lansford Summit Hill Sewer Authority. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

**Zoning Hearing Board-** three open seats (1 seat 2yr. term) (2seats 5yr. term) Letters of interest for the seats were submitted by: Bob Silver, Ricard Badowski, Denise Leibensperger, Dwight Penberth, Joe Genits, Tom Boyko, Mary Soto.

**Bob Silver's name was read first and fell short of a motion.**

**A Motion was made by William Chuma,second by John Turcmanovich for Richard Badowski for the Zoning Hearing Board. Martin Ditsky was opposed. Motion passed.**

**A Motion was made by Martin Ditsky, second by Jay Doyle for Denise Leibensperger for the Zoning Hearing Board. On roll call vote Gwyneth Collevecchio – Yes, Martin Ditsky – Yes, Jay Doyle – Yes, Bruce Markovich – No, William Chuma – No, John Turcmanovich – No, Jennifer Staines – No. Motion failed.**

**A Motion was made by John Turcmanovich,second by William Chuma for Dwight Penberth for Zoning Hearing Board. On roll call vote Gwyneth Collevecchio – Yes, Martin Ditsky – No, Jay Doyle – No, Bruce Markovich – Yes, William Chuma – Yes, John Turcmanovich – Yes, Jennifer Staines – Yes. Motion Passed.**

**A Motion was made by Martin Ditsky, second by Jay Doyle for Joe Genits for Zoning Hearing Board. On roll call vote Gwyneth Collevecchio – No, Martin Ditsky – Yes, Jay Doyle – Yes, Bruce Markovich – No, William Chuma – No, John Turcmanovich – No, Jennifer Staines – No. Motion failed.**

**A Motion was made by Jennifer Staines for Tom Boyko for Zoning Hearing Board it failed for lack of a second.**

**A Motion was made by Jay Doyle, second by William Chuma for Mary Soto for Zoning Hearing Board. On roll call vote. Gwyneth Collevecchio – Yes, Martin Ditsky – No, Jay Doyle – Yes, - Bruce Markovich – Yes, William Chuma – Yes, John Turcmanovich – Yes, Jennifer Staines – Yes. Motion Passed.**

Recreation Commission – one open seat (5 yr. term) There were no letters, so it was passed over.

Loader Estimate – The loader needs a module called a quick coupler. Which takes the estimate from \$4100.00 to \$9174.67 so we should get fixed and then get a plow for the front of it and a new set of forks the forks that are on it right now are dangerous. William Chuma mentioned that a plow for the front would cost roughly \$12,000-\$15,000 and a set of forks would run around \$3,000- \$4,000.

**A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich to have the loader repaired for \$9,174.67 by Five Star Equipment. Martin Ditsky was opposed. Motion passed.**

### **New Business:**

A Motion to transfer money into the Sewage Transmission Acct.

**A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jay Doyle to transfer \$35,000.00 from the Sewer Loan Proceeds Account at M&T bank into the Sewage Transmission Fund at JTNB. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

Appointment of Auditor for 2021 Financial Audit.

**A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich to appoint Brian Kelly CPA & Assoc. to do the financial audit for 2021. Martin Ditsky was opposed. Motion passed.**

Execute a Lease Agreement between the Borough of Lansford and Construction Clearance LLC, PO Box 367 Whitehall, PA. 18052 at \$24,000.00 per year for a period of 10 years for the building known as the Majestic Building located in the former Silberline Industrial site, owned by the Borough of Lansford.

**A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jay Doyle to enter into the lease agreement between the Borough of Lansford and Construction Clearance LLC, at \$24,000.00 per yr. for a period of 10 years. Martin Ditsky was opposed. Motion passed.**

Full Time Police Officer.

**A Motion was made by John Turcmanovich, second by William Chuma to hire Robert Lilly of Tamaqua as a full-time police effective January 16,2022. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Wendy Butrie**

Secretary Treasurer