

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, Jay Doyle, Solicitor Robert Yurchak, John Turcmanovich Mayor Hugh Vrablic.

Executive Session 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Personnel issues were discussed.
Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Courtesy –

Rose Mary Cannon– 242 W. Ridge St. –Discussed the Hill’s revised agreement and the new one. She questioned the payment that was made to Kenneth Hill for \$7,500.00. Addressed Yurchak about saying he said not to do the audit.

Chris Ondrus – 10 Edgemont Rd. – Told Yurchak about the audit. Questioned the keyboard that needed to be replaced. Questioned #5 on the agenda which pertains to having a survey of the roadways in Edgemont. Chris mentioned the fact that he emailed John Davis of Pa Dot.

Joe Genits – 210 W. Front St. – Also questioned the Edgemont Roads – he believes the roads are private.

Erin Soberick – 237 W. Ridge St. – Questioned hard drives.

Bob Silver –17 E. Ridge St- Said that he saw that there was a lawsuit filed against us.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- June 14, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes.

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

- June 22, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes.

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

- July 5,2023, Committee Meeting Minutes.

A Motion was made by William Chuma and the second by Jay Doyle. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Correspondence Enclosed

- Special Event Form – K&D Investment Properties/ Halftime Bar and Grill – 390 W. Snyder Ave. – Zoo Stock Charity Event – on September 4, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, and the second by Gwyneth Collevecchio. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- Handicap Parking – 365 W. Water St.

A Motion was made by Gwyneth Collevecchio, and the second by Jay Doyle to table the decision of the handicap space. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Martin mentioned he does not believe we should act on another handicap space while we did not act on a different one - Water St. he stated that Water St. is not a very wide St. and there is very limited parking.

The Solicitor mentioned that we have a situation where a paraplegic has a license and has a placard but does not meet all the qualifications of the handicap ordinance. My suggestion to Council would be to expand the ordinance by strictly defining someone that is disabled that is a paraplegic to apply for a handicap parking space. We have the authority under the Borough Code to issue regulations regarding conduct under the Borough. We have the authority under the vehicle code to issue handicap spaces. That is my opinion on it. To issue a special disabled person parking space and issue a # to it and no one else can use it. We can make it for quadriplegic etc. and really define it so we are not overwhelmed with applications on it.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, and the second by Jennifer Staines to draft amendment to the Handicap Ordinance. 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 December

Fire Department – American Fire Co. #1 responded to 11 incidents in June: 5 in Lansford, 2 in Summit Hill, 2 in Coaldale, 1 in Nesquehoning, 1 other calls.

Ambulance – Lehighon Ambulance there was no report.

Mayor’s Report – \$1,393.77 was deposited for the month of June.

Police Report – There were 299 calls they were either assist or domestics. 11 arrests and 47 violations. On the report there was 1 Quality of Life Complaint, Citation, Payment. When questioned about the number of Quality-of-Life Citations by Councilman Jay Doyle the Mayor abruptly left the meeting stating to hire more police.

Code Compliance – Jim Dean investigated 20 code enforcement complaints, issued 15 Notice of Violations, investigated 4 rental complaints, performed 14 rental inspections/ re-inspections, and received 19 zoning complaints. The report is on file.

Tax Collector’s Report – June 1- June 30- \$26,098.60 was collected.

Solicitor’s Report –

Joe Genits asked if the bills could be copied on with the agenda for the next meeting and maybe to put it back-to-back to conserve paper.

Bob Silver asked if we could also put it on the web site like that.

Treasurer’s Report –

Bills to Approve

- GENERAL FUND - \$72,788.19
- STREET LIGHT FUND - \$5,364.12
- SANITATION FUND - \$31,721.84
- SEWER TRANSMISSION FUND - \$24,065.76
- PARKS & RECREATION - \$2,236.12
- HIGHWAY – LIQUID FUELS - \$15,308.82
- DELINQUENT TAX - \$522.40
- FIRE TAX - \$2,792.00

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

Account Balances June 2023:

No.	Account Title	May	June
6496	General Acct	\$824,970.85	\$1,047,090.63
6488	Escrow for 22 E Kline Ave	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
2823	Fire Escrow – 334 W. Bertsch St	\$4,517.51	\$4,517.88
7013	Fire Escrow – 268 E. Patterson St	\$9,863.51	\$9,858.51
7755	Fire Escrow – 161 W. Ridge St	\$5,940.14	\$5,590.14
2153	ARPA Grant Acct	\$253,358.08	\$236,946.40
1394	Railroad Proceeds Account	\$563,144.88	\$563,191.17
8929	Portnoff Account	\$83,881.43	\$92,239.12
8448	Diversified	\$1,495.06	\$1,490.18
6438	Sanitation Fund	\$330,281.73	\$305,441.36
7373	Sani-investors’ Money Mkt Acct	\$52,121.41	\$52,140.69
6454	Sanitation Fund Money Mkt Acct	\$14,112.26	\$14,113.42
6446	Sewage Transmission	\$258,904.56	\$272,945.25
7360	Sewer Transmission	\$55,064.51	\$55,084.88
5402	Sewer Loan Proceeds Acct	\$53,073.38	\$53,077.89
1277	Sewer Trans. CD/Aug-12 mo.	\$51,567.74	\$51,574.31
6470	400 E Snyder Sewer Project	\$32,433.84	\$32,442.77
6462	Local Service Tax	\$37,382.03	\$38,144.84
6412	Streetlights	\$60,032.12	\$73,536.44
6371	Fire	\$31,464.89	\$49,108.35
6420	Treasurers Special Highway	\$111,860.84	\$110,752.31
6363	Lansford Pool Account	\$41,439.29	\$41,442.70
6404	Recreation	\$51,269.40	\$59,675.38
		\$2,931,179.46	\$3,173,404.62

	LOANS Paid from Fund		
	1.99% for 1 yr.		
	20 yrs./\$14,130 biannual May & Nov	\$56,639.11	\$46,474.11
3591	\$49,644.00	\$39,735.07	\$38,486.76
5 Yr.	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
		\$156,374.18	\$144,960.87

New Business:

To pay the insurance in full so we pay no insurance on the account.

Wendy mentioned- This is our umbrella of insurance through Seltzer insurance we can either finance it and pay through installments or pay it in full. I would prefer to not pay any interest.

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

Motion to adopt the Oversize Vehicle Ordinance.

William mentioned that two vehicles needed to be moved from the lot first.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, and the second by Gwyneth Collevecchio. Jennifer Staines was opposed. Motion passed.

Hiring of a Part-time Police Officer Robert Hudson.

John Turcmanovich mentioned that Robert is a retired State Trooper, and his background came back clear.

A Motion was made by John Turcmanovich and the second by Jay Doyle. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to allow George Krajnak Jr. to power wash the Miners Monument in Kennedy Park.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, and the second by Gwyneth Collevecchio. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to obtain a price from Brinkash and Associates to survey roadways in the Edgemont section of town to determine which roadways have been turned over to the Borough.

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

Motion to have a portion of the Silberline Property Parcel #122-22-V3.02 from the red gate to the border with the Fire Company property appraised for the purpose of placing the newly created parcel for public sale.

A Motion was made by Jay Doyle, and the second by Gwyneth Collevecchio. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to ratify the appointment of Attorney Frykland to represent the Lansford Borough Zoning Hearing Board on the appeal of George Halem and Michael Klaips for the former St. Michael's School and Church.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, and the second was made by John Turemanovich. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Resolution to apply for a 2023 LSA Monroe Grant in the amount of \$275,000 for the Brimble's Wall Project.

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

Motion to hire the Pa Chiefs of Police Association to advertise, interview, and rank candidates for the position of Police Chief. Cost of \$5,500.00

A Motion was made by William Chuma, with a second by John Turemanovich. Martin Ditsky, Jay Doyle and Jennifer Staines were opposed. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Butrie

Secretary Treasurer