

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, Jennifer Staines, Jay Doyle, Mayor Hugh Vrablic and Solicitor Robert Yurchak. Councilman Jay Doyle was not in attendance

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

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

Public Courtesy –

Mary Soberick – 109 W. Abbott St – Talked about the new aerial truck for the Fire Co. mentioned that the Borough paying 1.5 million dollars on a new Fire Truck is ridiculous. Mary mentioned that the community should come first.

Bob Silver – 17 E. Ridge St. - mentioned about blighted properties.

Rose Mary Cannon – 242 W. Ridge St – Had questions about the new handicap ordinance, regionalization of police and fire. Wanted to know the status on the Railroad and the School District.

Michele Bartek – 333 E. Abbott St. - Checked on work at Police Dept. Questioned whether the Trax System was in the cars or not.

John Ramos – Mentioned that he thought the police should have body cams. Talked about the curfew ordinance.

Michelle Miller – 362 W. Snyder Ave. – Wanted to know when the work on Brimble's Wall was going to start.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- June 7, 2022, Committee meeting minutes

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines to approve the June 7, 2022, Committee meeting minutes. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- June 8, 2022, Regular meeting minutes

A Motion was made by Jay Doyle, second by John Turcmanovich to approve the Regular meeting minutes. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- June 23, 2022, Special meeting minutes

A Motion was made by Jay Doyle, second by Jennifer Staines to approve the Special meeting minutes. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- July 5, 2022, Committee meeting minutes

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Gwyneth Collevecchio to approve the July 5th Committee meeting minutes. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Correspondence enclosed-

- **Special Event Form:** Friends of Lansford Recreation – Concert Sept. 2nd at 6:00 to take place at Kennedy Park.

A Motion was made by Gwyneth Collevecchio, second by Jennifer Staines, to approve the Friends of Lansford Recreation Concert on Sept 2nd at 6:00 p.m in Kennedy Park. All were in favor. Motion passed

- **Special Event Form** – Half Time Bar & Grill – Music Event September. 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

A Motion was made by Jennifer Staines, second by John Turcmanovich, to approve Half Time Bar & Grill’s Music Event on September 5th from 8:00 a.m. – 10 p.m. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- **Business Parking Space** – Cut Loose Hair Salon – 41 E. Patterson St is requesting 2 reserved parking spaces for their customers.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Gwyneth Collevecchio to approve the two reserved parking spaces for the Cut Loose Hair Salon at 41 E. Patterson St. 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 May

Fire Department – American Fire Co. No 1 responded to 12 incidents in June: 6 in Lansford, 2 in Summit Hill, 2 in Coaldale, and 2 in Nesquehoning.

Ambulance – Leighton Ambulance responded to 51 incidents in June with an average response time of 8.7 minutes from time of dispatch to arrival on scene.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Vrablic mentioned that there was \$3,223.92 collected for the month of June. There were 252 calls for June.

There is an increase in presence in the community of the police dept. Mentioned that the Police Dept. still has no plate reader.

Bruce Markovich – mentioned that State Rep. Doyle Heffley sent information to the Mayor on grants for plate readers.

Code Compliance – Jim Dean investigated 21 code enforcement complaints, issued 20 Notice of Violations, investigated 31 rental complaints, performed 18 rental inspections, and received 25 zoning complaints. The report is on file.

Solicitor’s Report – Attorney Yurchak mentioned that there is a hearing for the Wentzleberger property on August 18, 2022 at 1:15 p.m. Also mentioned was the paperwork on the Ordinance for the Borough to amend the IPMC from 2006 to 2021.

Tax Collector’s Report – From June 1,2022 to June 30,2022 he collected. \$31,695.22.

Treasurer’s Report –

There was \$34,100.00 past due at the beginning of the Sewage Transmission shut-off set for June 14, 2022. We collected \$30,934.50 still outstanding is \$3,165.50.

Bills to Approve

- GENERAL FUND - \$249,966.90
- DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX FUND - \$2,340.68
- STREET LIGHT FUND - \$5,358.80
- SANITATION FUND - \$28,922.48
- SEWER TRANSMISSION FUND - \$56,909.34
- SNYDER STREET FUND – \$121.00
- PARKS & RECREATION - \$2,771.28
- HIGHWAY – LIQUID FUELS - \$15,317.47
- FIRE TAX - \$1,948.50
- LST FUND - \$0.00

A Motion to pay the bills is needed.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jay Doyle, to approve payment of the June bills. All were in favor, Motion passed.

Account Balances June 30, 2022:

FUND/ Checking	No.	Account Title	May	June
General Fund	6496	General Acct	\$723,131.82	\$978,510.95
General Fund	6488	Escrow for 22 E Kline Ave	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
General Fund	0826	Fire Escrow – 330 W. Bertsch St	\$37,289.13	\$0.00
General Fund	2675	Fire Escrow – 332 W. Bertsch St	\$6,006.83	\$0.00
General Fund	2823	Fire Escrow – 334 W. Bertsch St	\$4,512.99	\$4,512.59
General Fund	7013	Fire Escrow – 268 E. Patterson St	\$9863.51	\$9,863.51
General Fund	2153	ARPA Grant Acct	\$176,339.29	\$176,353.78
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	\$500,113.71	\$531,406.10
General Fund	8929	Portnoff Account	\$13,491.31	\$32,772.77
Sanitation Fund	6438	Sanitation Fund	\$283,771.03	\$254,623.68
Sanitation Fund	7373	Sani-investors' Money Mkt Acct	\$51,958.68	\$51,958.68
Sanitation Fund	6454	Sanitation Fund Money Mkt Acct	\$14,098.15	\$14,099.31
Sewer Transmission	6446	Sewage Transmission	\$114,219.10	\$121,498.66
Sewer Transmission	7360	Sewer Transmission	\$165,519.11	\$165,547.68
Sewer Transmission	5402	Sewer Loan Proceeds Acct	\$123,029.20	\$123,030.24
Sewer Transmission	1277	Sewer Trans. CD/Aug-12 mo.	\$51,477.62	\$51,679.61
Sewer Transmission	6470	400 E Snyder Sewer Project	\$32,522.43	\$32,525.10
LST	6462	Local Service Tax	\$28,125.42	\$29,010.50
Street Light Fund	6412	Streetlights	\$53,116.33	\$68,570.94
Fire Tax Fund	6371	Fire	\$34,022.34	\$50,983.62
Sp. Hi-Way	6420	Treasurers Special Highway	\$145,438.50	\$144,894.63
Park & Rec Fund	6363	Lansford Pool Account	\$41,397.88	\$41,401.28
Park & Rec Fund	6404	Recreation	\$57,917.90	\$59,209.38
Total			\$2,670,362.28	\$2,945,453.01
LOANS		LOANS Paid from Fund		
Tax Anticipation Note		1.99% for 1 yr.		

Tunnel St/Storm Sep	\$18,689.23 per mo.		\$325,606.53	\$212,839.20
MEM Debacle	20 yrs./\$14,130 biannual May & Nov		\$76,309.11	\$56,639.11
2018 Police RAM		Gen Fund or LST 6/1/18 – 5yr lo	\$26,440.53	\$26,440.53
2020 Sewer Loan	5 yr.	Sewer Fund \$1,320.47 per month	\$55,770.48	\$50,874.86
2022 Ford F 550	5 Yr.	Liquid Fuels		\$60,000.00
Total			\$466,763.14	\$406,793.70

New Business:

Motion to advertise Ordinance 2022-02 – Portnoff – A validation notice fee of \$25.00 to be added to Delinquent Tax Accounts. **A Motion was made by Jennifer Staines, second by William Chuma to advertise Ordinance 2022-02. All were in favor Motion passed.**

Motion to pay the American Fire Company #1 for their bills from January to June of 2022 in the amount of \$14,511.88.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich to pay for the American Fire Company #1 bills from January to June of 2022 in the amount of \$14,511.88. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to approve Borough Secretary Wendy Butrie to take a webinar through the PA State Assoc. of Boroughs on Quick Books for a fee of \$25.00.

A Motion was made by Martin Ditsky, second by William Chuma to approve Borough Secretary Wendy Butrie to take a webinar through the PA State Assoc. of Boroughs on Quick Books. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to purchase two permanently mounted park benches for the East End Playground at a cost of \$1,177.70.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Gwyneth to purchase to park benches for the East End Playground at a cost not to exceed \$1,200.00. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to buy two conference tables for the Borough Hall at a cost of \$759.98.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Gwyneth Collevchio to purchase two conference tables for the Borough Hall for a price of \$759.98. Jennifer Staines and Jay Doyle were not in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to have the former Silberline Office complex and the former Zimmerman building appraised for future public sale.

Bruce mentioned that the Office Complex is not worth keeping.

A Motion was made by Jay Doyle, second by William Chuma to have the former Silberline Office complex and the Zimmerman building appraised for future public sale. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to move Assistant Secretary Shantel Lauer from probationary status to regular status.

A Motion was made by Jennifer Staines, second by Jay Doyle to move Assistant Secretary Shantel Lauer from probationary status to regular status.

Schedule a special executive meeting of Council to prepare the qualifications, advertisement, and contract for the position of Chief of Police.

The date that was picked for this meeting is July 21st. at 6:00 p.m.

Appoint a committee to review Borough Ordinances, prepare a job description and qualifications for the position of Code Enforcement Officer.

We should be looking into a Full-time Code Enforcement Officer and separate Rentals. Looking for volunteers for the Committee.

Jennifer Staines, Jay Doyle, and Martin Ditsky volunteered for the Committee.

Alice Wannamaker and Marianne Rustad from the Chamber of Economic Development will explain the business incubator project for the Train Station.

Marianne started by mentioning that the 1st Friday in Lansford was successful.

The Chamber raised \$1,000.00 for the pool.

Alice Wannamaker then spoke about the incubator phase for the Railroad Station.

Motion to purchase street/sewer materials.

A Motion was made by Martin Ditsky, second by Jay Doyle to purchase the street/sewer materials for a purchase price of \$21,920.00 out of the COVID money.

Advertise for heating oil bids.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines to advertise for heating oil bids of 5,000 more or less. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A Motion to go off the agenda was made by Martin Ditsky, second by Jay Doyle. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Martin Ditsky, second by Jay Doyle to place a condemnation order on the Kidda property located at 17 E. Ridge St. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Butrie

Secretary Treasurer