

Call to Order – At 6:00 p.m. by President Bruce Markovich followed by Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Council members attending: Gwyneth Collevchio, 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 –

Louise Dunstan – 210 E. Patterson St. –Discussed the fireworks that were set off behind her house on Memorial Day. We need to make sure there is a cop on for the 4th of July.

Lori McLaughlin – 435 E. Patterson St. – Asked when we were going to hire more police. There were 8 teenagers at her house 3 were on the roof 2 on the side of the house 3 on the other side. We need more cops.

Bob Silver – 17 E. Ridge St.-Heard that we closed on the Hill property. Asked what account the final payment came out of.

Samantha Rose – 40 Coal St. – Discussed police, security cameras and the COVID money. The fact that COVID money can be used to purchase items like sign on bunuses, training, cameras, remodeling, guns, ammunication, uniforms why are we not supplying our police force?

Tony Carlino –13 Bertsch St- Mentioned that Shawn Nunemacher should be Chief.

Lori McLaughlin – 435 E. Patterson St. – Mentioned the Sewer Transmission fee and why do we still have to pay the fee.

Michele Bartek– 333 W. Abbott St. – Asked about the hard drives.

Mary Soberick- was looking at the agenda and noticed that it is motion specific for hiring a constable, terminating an IWORQ contract, applying for credit cards. Then she asked what is going on with the pool.

Rose Mary Cannon – 242 W. Ridge St.- Asked if the grant for the Railroad Station would be used to pay the General Fund back. Rose Mary also mentioned that she noticed that the Borough would like to go through the Chief of Police Assoc. to hire a Chief. Shawn Nunemacher has been employed by us for many years he has gone through all the testing and all the paperwork why not promote.

James Romanko- 602 E. Bertsch St.- Said that a sign on bonus can be that they must work so many yr. before they receive it or let them attend the academy and when you are done you must stay with the Borough so many years to get the bonus. James also said that he is a promoter of Shawn Nunemacher.

Debbie Rabold- 430 E. Bertsch St – Talked about a letter that was given to Jack Soberick about Shawn Nunemacher.

Carol Stano - read from the Borough Code about hiring a Police Chief.

Joe Genits – talked about the Zoning application and asked why you must pay \$60.00 to get the application.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- May 10, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes.

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

- June 6, 2023, Committee Meeting Minutes.

There was a mistake in the minutes and with the correction the motion passed.

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

Correspondence Enclosed

- Special Event Form – Lansford Alive Fall Festival – on September 30, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. – from Tunnel St to Coal St. on W. Ridge St. / horses to block W. Ridge St.

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

- Special Event Form – Lansford Alive – Music in the Park- Would like to extend one more week.to Sunday September 3 – 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

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

- Handicap Parking – 359 W. Water St.

A Motion was made to table this handicap space by Jennifer Staines, and the second by Jay Doyle. 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 19 incidents in May: 11 in Lansford, 3 in Summit Hill, 4 in Coaldale, 1 in Nesquehoning, other calls.

Ambulance – Leighton Ambulance responded to 51 incidents in April with an average response time of 9.5 minutes from time of dispatch to arrival on scene.

Out of 51 responses, 37 responses were non-emergency with a time of 10.9 minutes. There were 14 emergent responses with a time of 8 minutes.

Mayor’s Report – \$1,251.97 was deposited for the month of April and \$1,634.22 was deposited for the month of May.

Police Report – There were 285 calls they were either assist or domestics. 11 arrests and 37 violations. They have been out checking the Quality of Life Ordinance by checking yards and porches.

Code Compliance – Jim Dean investigated 25 code enforcement complaints, issued 6 Notice of Violations, investigated 11 rental complaints, performed 19 rental inspections/ re-inspections, and received 15 zoning complaints. The report is on file.

Tax Collector’s Report – May1- May 31- \$566,410.85 was collected.

Solicitor’s Report –I am trying to find a property that Wenzelberger has so I can move on the \$77,000.00 judgement for the property located at 151 ½ W Ridge St. owned by Wenzelberger. **A Motion was made to allow the Solicitor to pursue what he needs to do execute on the property by William Chuma, and the second by Gwyneth Collevecchio. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

Treasurer’s Report –

We did our first Water shut off for Sewage Transmission at the new rate of \$60.00 after everyone paid, we are still left with \$2,713.50 that has not been collected but is turned off.

Bills to Approve

- GENERAL FUND - \$204,157.19
- STREET LIGHT FUND - \$22,187.26
- SANITATION FUND - \$31,558.23
- SEWER TRANSMISSION FUND - \$5,500.20
- PARKS & RECREATION - \$1,1008.05
- HIGHWAY – LIQUID FUELS - \$1,402.12
- ARPA - \$15,432.00

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

Account Balances March 2023:

FUND/ Checking	No.	Account Title	April	May
General Fund	6496	General Acct	\$699,965.69	\$824,970.85
General Fund	6488	Escrow for 22 E Kline Ave	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
General Fund	2823	Fire Escrow – 334 W. Bertsch St	\$4,517.10	\$4,517.51
General Fund	7013	Fire Escrow – 268 E. Patterson St	\$9,863.51	\$9,863.51
General Fund	7755	Fire Escrow – 161 W. Ridge St	\$5,590.14	\$5,940.14
General Fund	2153	ARPA Grant Acct	\$253,935.18	\$253,358.08
General Fund	1394	Railroad Proceeds Account	\$531,845.94	\$563,144.88
General Fund	8929	Portnoff Account	\$81,953.02	\$83,881.43
General Fund	8448	Diversified	\$500.00	\$1,495.06
Sanitation Fund	6438	Sanitation Fund	\$337,298.76	\$330,281.73
Sanitation Fund	7373	Sani-investors’ Money Mkt Acct	\$52,101.50	\$52,121.41
Sanitation Fund	6454	Sanitation Fund Money Mkt Acct	\$14,110.98	\$14,112.26
Sewer Transmission	6446	Sewage Transmission	\$227,328.59	\$258,904.56

Sewer Transmission	7360	Sewer Transmission	\$55,043.47	\$55,064.51
Sewer Transmission	5402	Sewer Loan Proceeds Acct	\$53,073.38	\$53,073.38
Sewer Transmission	1277	Sewer Trans. CD/Aug-12 mo.	\$51,561.38	\$51,567.74
Sewer Transmission	6470	400 E Snyder Sewer Project	\$32,430.81	\$32,433.84
LST	6462	Local Service Tax	\$35,658.36	\$37,382.03
Street Light Fund	6412	Streetlights	\$45,083.88	\$60,032.12
Fire Tax Fund	6371	Fire	\$24,244.34	\$31,464.89
Sp. Hi-Way	6420	Treasurers Special Highway	\$113,762.51	\$111,860.84
Park & Rec Fund	6363	Lansford Pool Account	\$41,435.54	\$41,439.29
Park & Rec Fund	6404	Recreation	\$48,333.19	\$51,269.40
Total			\$2,615,492.30	\$2,931,179.46
LOANS		LOANS Paid from Fund		
Tax Anticipation Note		1.99% for 1 yr.		
MEM Debacle	20 yrs./\$14,130	biannual May & Nov	\$56,639.11	\$46,474.11
2018 Police RAM				
2020 Sewer Loan	3591	\$49,644.00	\$40,981.45	\$38,486.76
\$40,981.45	5 Yr.	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Total			\$157,620.56	\$144,960.87

Old Business:

Brimble’s Wall there will be a meeting on Thursday June 22 at 4:00 p.m. with the Borough Engineer to discuss available options on the Brimble Wall project.

We had one bid come in at \$398,000.00 we cannot afford it the meeting is because we need more options.

New Business:

Motion to advertise the Oversize Vehicle Parking Ordinance with the following changes: To allow 48 hrs. grace period twice per year for winterizing, cleaning, loading, and unloading of campers and motor homes.

A Motion was made to advertise using the address of 425 W. Dock St. and a fee for the permit by William Chuma, and the second by John Turcmanovich

On a roll call vote Jennifer Staines – No, John Turcmanovich – Yes, William Chuma – Yes, Bruce Markovich – Yes, Jay Doyle – No – Martin Ditsky – No, Gwyneth Collevecchio – Yes. 4 Votes in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to contact the Pennsylvania Chief of Police Association for assistance in hiring a police chief. We are asking them what services are available.

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

Motion to allow Officer Horvath (Lansford’s firearms instructor) to attend the less lethal shotgun certification course for one day on June 29th at a fee of \$495.00.

A Motion was made by Jay Doyle, and the second by John Turcmanovich. Gwyneth Collevecchio and Martin Ditsky were opposed. Motion passed.

Motion to advertise for bids for handicap ramps in Ashton Park, the project scope being reduced from 9 ramps to 5.

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

Motion to hire Constable Evens to post water shut off notices for nonpayment of sewer transmission fee at a cost of \$15.00 per notice. Cost to be attached to the administrative fees.

A Motion was made by Jay Doyle, and the second by Jennifer Staines. Martin Ditsky was opposed. Motion passed.

Motion to increase the administrative fees for water shut offs from \$25.00 to \$40.00.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, and the second by Jay Doyle. Martin Ditsky was opposed. Motion passed.

Motion to apply for credit cards one from Lowe's and one from Walmart.

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

Website Proposals:

- a. Course Vector Support (PSAB) – Maintained - \$1500 start up, \$617.00 a yr. non- maintained \$221.00 training, updates will be billed at their rate which is \$100.00 per hr.
- b. Civic Plus – Premium Design Self Maintained One Time Fee of \$850.00, \$3,450.00 yearly, Ultimate Design One Time Fee of \$850.00, \$4,325.00 yearly.
- c. Revize - \$7,930.00 start-up, \$1,800.00 a yr. we maintain. For 5 years.

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

Motion to hire Ed Shubeck as a Utility employee in the Borough Street Department with starting pay at \$16.00 per hour.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, with a second by Jay Doyle. Martin Ditsky was opposed. Motion passed.

Motion to discontinue the subscription to the IWORQ Computer Program.

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

Review of Misconduct incident in Borough Office on May 19th, appropriate motions to be made as required. Will handle during the next executive session.

Address the letter from Police Department.

A Motion was made to let our Attorney send a letter to the Fraternal Order of Police Attorney by Gwyneth Collevecchio, with a second by John Turcmanovich. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**Council went into Executive Session
Back in Session 8:40 p.m.**

A Motion was made to keep Jennifer Staines out of the nonpublic portion of the business office by William Chuma, and the second by Gwyneth Collevecchio. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A Motion was made to have the Solicitor further investigate other options into the incident by John Turcmanovich, with a second by Gwyneth Collevecchio. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Bruce Markovich removed Jennifer Staines from all of the Committees she had been on.

A Motion to adjourn was made at 8:45 p.m. by William Chuma with a second by Jay Doyle. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Butrie

Secretary Treasurer