

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, John Turcmanovich, Mayor Michele Bartek Bob Silver, and Solicitor Robert Yurchak. Council woman Marie Ondrus and Council man Martin Ditsky were absent.

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

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

Public Courtesy – There were 7 people in the audience.

Ed Evans - of 406 W. Bertsch St mentioned how the parking lot by the stadium has become extremely dangerous. The cars pulling out of there and not yielding or stopping to oncoming traffic he asked if there was anything that could be done. William Chuma mentioned that it is private property, and he is not sure there is anything the Borough can do.

Carrie Evans – of 406 W Bertsch St mentioned several issues about the PV Stadium as well. The fact that there are no sidewalks was one of the issues and the illegal cars was another. A letter will be sent to the school district to make them aware of the issues.

Jennifer Staines – 353 W. Abbott St Voiced her concern with the Fireworks Ordinance and asked if we can run it in the newspaper again and on the Borough page. Bruce will check on the Ordinance for any changes to it.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- May 12, 2021, Meeting Minutes

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Gwyneth Collevecchio, to approve the May 12, 2021, meeting minutes. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

- **Carbon County Tax Claim Bureau** - A \$1,200.00 bid was received on the repository property of 304 E. Snyder Ave owned by New Univac Realty LLC by Conor Rodgers.

A Motion was made by William Chuma with a second by John Turcmanovich to disapprove the bid on the property at 304 E. Snyder Ave from Conor Rodgers.

- Robert Ellis-Williams –Eagle Project for BSA Troop 765 – for the Swimming Pool area and the playground area. Robert spoke to Council about making the Lansford Swimming Pool area and the playground area handicap accessible. Robert is asking the Council for their permission. The labor for the project will be provided by the scouts. Robert also mentioned that he may need the Borough’s help with excavation. The scouts will also fund raise to pay for the supplies. There is a meeting set up to look at the area where the work is to be done.
- PRPS – Letter stating that we were awarded a grant for \$2,500.00 for Park Revitalization.

Committee Reports – 6/1/2021 meeting minutes will be recorded in the minute book.

- **Public Works** – William Chuma reported they started working on the sewers at Leisenring & Kline Ave and Leisenring & Bertsch St. they did some asphalt patching, cut trees down at the pool. They are cleaning up the road at Silberline property on Dock St. where the trees are growing over the street. They are trying to stay on top of grass mowing.
- **Municipal Administration** – Bruce reported that the Borough received \$52,000 in grant money to put handicap ramps in at Ashton Park. According to the Engineer there may be a little bit of money left over to put 2 in on the pool side of the park as well so we will be putting 5 in at Ashton Park. We would like to get that done this year. We have been turned down for a rehab grant we did not have the matching funds for it and that is why we were turned down. Joe Lyons

sent a new contract for review and that it is still with the Solicitor. There is no movement on the sale of the railroad so there is no indication on whether we will receive any money or not. There is an issue with the Mayor that needed to be discussed Borough Council needed to censure the Mayor for calling the employer on the spouse of an employee for comment made on Social Media about the Mayor. Council does not condone this type of behavior of the Mayor. A motion was needed to censure the Mayor.

A motion was made by William Chuma with a second by John Turcmanovich to censure the Mayor for actions in calling the employer of an employee’s spouse. All were in favor. Motion passed. The Mayor followed with a comment that she requested to be in the minutes and it reads. **“This had nothing to do with the employee that works for this Borough nor is there any retaliation towards this employee nor was it ever discussed with this employee. The actions that the spouse took were on her own and were slanderous I reacted to it.”**

- **Park & Recreation** – Gwyneth Collevchio reported that we are trying to get the pool open we just keep running into hurdles. We received two bids on the bathrooms at the pool they both came in extremely high the bathrooms must be ADA handicap accessible. We are waiting on the contract for cleaning the concession stand. The pool will not be opening in 2021.
- **Public Safety** – John Turcmanovich mentioned that there is a shortage of manpower all over he mentioned how we advertised for 1 month in 4 different newspapers we received 2 applications. The Civil Service Commission met today and reviewed the 2 applications and is starting the process for testing to hire. Scheduling is getting tough for the Mayor. John checked into the regionalization of the police depts. Nesquehoning is interested in it, Summit Hill did not respond, and Coaldale is not interested.

Municipal Monthly Reports for April

Fire Department – American Fire Co. No 1 responded to 15 incidents in May: 8 in Lansford, 5 in Summit Hill, 3 in Coaldale, and 1 in Jim Thorpe.

Ambulance – Lehighon Ambulance responded to 61 incidents in May with an average response time of 8.6 minutes from time of dispatch to arrival on scene.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Bartek reported \$1,149.16 was received in May; breakdown: \$924.16 magistrate, \$75.00 miscellaneous, \$150.00 in parking violations. There were 274 calls in the Borough. The Mayor had a Directive from the Chief of Police who said if there are any questions on the Directive to let him know.

Code Compliance – No Report

Solicitor’s Report – I did contact the attorney regarding Silberline and we should have the deed next week.

Tax Collector’s Report – Tax Collector Terrance McCall collected from May 1-31,2021 \$493,914.83.

Treasurer’s Report – Bills to be approved total \$ 128,623.29, General Fund \$51,909.41;Park & Recreation \$2,334.44; Hi Way Liquid Fuels \$2,627.03; streetlights \$16,414.52; Sewer Transmission \$25,535.89; Fire Tax \$1,690.00; Sanitation \$28,112.00.

A Motion was made by Bob Silver, second by William Chuma, to approve payment of the May bills totaling \$128,623.29. All were in favor. Motion passed.

When a lot of money comes in from taxes right now it is a good time to start paying down the Tax Anticipation Loan.

A Motion was made by Bob Silver and a second by Gwyneth Collevchio to pay ½ of the Tax Anticipation Loan which is \$50,000.000. All were in favor. Motion passed.

	2021	End of Month Balances		
FUND/ Checking	No.	Account Title	April	May
General Fund	6496	General Acct	\$524,324.62	\$806,674.32
General Fund	6488	Escrow for 22 E Kline Ave	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

Sanitation Fund	6438	Sanitation Fund	\$236,517.00	\$251,705.04
Sanitation Fund	0283	Sani-investors' Money Mkt Acct	\$51,893.74	\$51,898.08
Sanitation Fund	6454	Sanitation Fund Money Mkt Acct	\$12,049.80	\$12,050.72
Sewer Transmission	6446	Sewage Transmission	\$115,343.96	\$128,059.45
Sewer Transmission	1198	Sewer Transmission	\$165,312.25	\$165,326.06
Sewer Transmission	5402	Sewer Loan Proceeds Acct	\$153,010.85	\$153,010.85
Sewer Transmission	1277	Sewer Trans. CD/Aug-12 mo.	\$51,319.08	\$51,328.92
Sewer Transmission	6470	400 E Snyder Sewer Project	\$73,692.99	\$73,692.99
LST	6462	Local Service Tax	\$19,868.11	\$21,750.40
Street Light Fund	6412	Streetlights	\$40,729.04	\$57,765.57
Fire Tax Fund	6371	Fire	\$38,859.62	\$47,557.24
Sp. Highway	6420	Treasurers Special HI Way	\$144,078.36	\$144,078.36
Park & Rec Fund	7699	Lansford Pool Account	\$41,345.85	\$41,349.59
Park & Rec Fund	7756	Recreation	\$36,291.10	\$36,077.36
Total			\$1,410,966.45	\$1,371,601.22
LOANS		LOANS Paid from Fund		
Tax Anticipation Note		1.99% for 1 yr.	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Tunnel St/Storm Sep	\$18,689.23	per mo.	\$513,881.12	\$497,037.84
MEM Debacle	20 yrs./\$14,130	biannual May & Nov	\$95,134.11	\$95,134.11
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	\$71,434.84	\$70,242.00
Total			\$806,890.60	\$788,854.48

The Mayor made a comment that the police dept. cannot get the computers installed in the cars because Joe Lyons will not do the job without something in writing. The Mayor asked if the contract can be signed before the next meeting. The Mayor also asked if we are getting rid of the unmarked car and if so can we do it by next month.

Unfinished Business:

EDU's for Sale- We need to come up with a policy on selling, the price, when will we allow them to buy them. We should not issue them without a building permit there should be a time limit on them would they be available for re-sale. Some Municipalities are selling the EDU's for \$5,00.00 and some for \$10,000.

New Business:

Ridge St Improvement Project - A motion was made by William Chuma with a second by John Turcmanovich to have ARRO Engineering prepare and advertise bids to complete the project. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Ashton Park – A motion was made by William Chuma with a second by Gwyneth Collevchio to have ARRO Engineering prepare and advertise bids to install handicap ramps in Ashton Park. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Pool Walkways - A motion was made by William Chuma with a second by Gwyneth Collevchio to have ARRO Engineering prepare and advertise bids to replace piping and walkways around the Lansford pool. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Kennedy Park – A motion was made by Bob Silver with a second by William Chuma for a Resolution to apply for a 2021 Multimodal Transportation Grant in the amount of \$181,510.00 for improvements to Kennedy Park. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Lansford Coaldale Joint Water Authority – A motion was made by William Chuma with a second by John Turcmanovich to contact the Water Authority about obtaining a portion of property that extends from the water authority fence line (Easterly) to the border of the Borough’s property. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Storm Sewers – A motion was made by William Chuma with a second by John Turcmanovich to purchase sewer pipe, elbows, sewer box grates, manhole risers, concrete, asphalt, and stone for the work on storm sewers this Summer. All were in favor. Motion Passed.

Borough Secretary Position – There will be a Special Meeting on Wednesday June 16,2021 beginning at 6:00 pm. To conduct interviews for the position of Borough Secretary. Executive Session will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. followed by a Public Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

William Chuma talked about paving for this year and the tentative plan:

100 Block of W Kline Ave.

Unit Block of W. Kline Ave

Unit Block of E. Kline Ave

300 Block of E. Bertsch St

Leisenring St – (Patterson to Bertsch St)

300 Block of E Ridge St

Cortright St (Patterson to Bertsch St)

Edgemont (Frank Gustus)

A motion was made by Bob Silver with a second by William Chuma to approve the list of streets to be paved this year. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Adjournment at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Butrie

Asst. Secretary Treasurer