

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, Mayor Hugh Vrablic. John Turcmanovich was not in attendance.

Executive Session 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Personnel and litigation was discussed.
Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Bid Opening for Street Materials: One bid was received from Lehigh Asphalt with the following amounts:

<u>Amount/Description</u>	<u>Unit PriceUnd</u>	<u>UndeliverPrice</u>	<u>Unit DeliverPrice</u>	<u>Delivered Price</u>
500 Tons Type 2 AS3 Antiskid,	\$16.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$24.00	\$ 12,000.00
500 Tons Superpave 9.5mm	\$ 69.75	\$34,875.00	\$81.75	\$ 40,875.00
500 Tons Superpave 19.0mm	\$ 65.00	\$32,500.00	\$77.00	\$38,500.00
500 Tons Superpave 25.0mm	\$ 56.00	\$28,000.00	\$68.00	\$34,000.00
500 Tons #1B Stone	\$ 22.50	\$ 11,250.00	\$30.50	\$15,250.00
500 Tons #2A Stone	\$ 13.25	\$ 6,625.00	\$21.25	\$10,625.00
500 Tons #2B Stone	\$ 16.25	\$ 8,125.00	\$24.25	\$12,125.00
300 Tons #4B Stone	\$16.00	\$4,800.00	\$24.00	<u>\$ 7,200.00</u>
				\$134,175.00 Max

A Motion was made by William Chuma to accept the bid, maximum amount price \$134,175.00, from Lehigh Asphalt Paving and Construction Company, Inc., Tamaqua, for street materials for the yearly contract period ending May 8, 2024. The Motion was the second by Martin Ditsky. All were in favor, motion passed.

Public Courtesy –

Bob Silver – 17 E. Ridge St. –Wanted to know if the company that condemned 18 E. Ridge St. has any idea what the inside like. He flew a drone over the building and has photos of a collapsing second floor into the first floor and pictures of leaning second and third floor apartments.

Louise Dunstan – 210 E. Patterson St. – Had a question for the Mayor. She received an invitation to another block party on the 200 block of E. Bertsch St. on the 20th of May and she heard that the Mayor has given the ok to have the block party.

Denise Leibensperger – 164 W. Ridge St.-Wanted to know where the exit interview was with Jack. And why are we paying John Turcmanovich \$700.00 a month. Also asked about hard drives.

Rose Mary Cannon – 242 W. Ridge St. – From May 15-May 20 is National Police Week if you see an officer, please Thank Them for all they do. On May 15th all flags are to fly at half mass. Chief Soberick’s equipment took a whole year to be brought out and should not have been brought up at committee meetings.

Joe Genits –232 W. Front St. Agreed with Rose Mary that Jack’s returning of equipment should not have been done at committee meetings.

Samantha Rose – 40 Coal St. – Noticed that on the Public Safety minutes there is nothing on about security cameras and nothing about hiring police. What is your priority?

Erin Soberick – 237 W. Ridge St. – Asked if there is any information that can be given on the hard drives.

Rose Mary Cannon – 242 W. Ridge St.- Just what do the people think really happened here?

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- April 12, 2023, Committee Meeting Minutes.

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

Motion passed.

- April 18, 2023, Zoning & Ordinance Meeting Minutes

A Motion was made by Martin Ditsky and the second by William Chuma. All were in favor.

Motion passed.

- May 2, 2023, Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Correspondence Enclosed

- Handicap Parking – 242 E. Bertsch St.

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

Motion passed.

- Special Event Form – Friends of Lansford Recreation – Plantfest- August 26 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, and the second by Martin Ditsky Friends of Recreation. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- Special Event Form – Music in the Park – Concerts to run each Sunday from June 4 through Aug 27 from 6pm- 8pm in Kennedy Park.

A Motion was made by Jay Doyle, and the second by Martin Ditsky. 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 April: 6 in Lansford, 4 in Summit Hill, 1 in Nesquehoning, other calls.

Ambulance – Leighton Ambulance responded to 57 incidents in April with an average response time of 9 minutes from time of dispatch to arrival on scene.

Mayor’s Report – The officers are going out and looking for Quality of Life Violations and citing anyone who is in violation.

Police Report – not available.

Code Compliance – Jim Dean investigated 14 code enforcement complaints, issued 6 Notice of Violations, investigated 20 rental complaints, performed 17 rental inspections/ re-inspections, and received 15 zoning complaints. The report is on file.

Tax Collector’s Report – April 1- April 30- \$267,096.43 was collected.

Solicitor’s Report –Wentzleberger Property- Attended a contempt hearing for the owner of 151 W. Ridge St. and he was found in contempt of court and has 60 days to take down the building and was fined \$77,000.00 which is the cost of tearing the house down.

Was at a hearing for Sher Khan, owner of 101 E. Snyder Ave and 242 E. Kline Ave., he was found guilty on violations and fined \$10,000.00.

Tunnel St- The ordinance rescinding Tunnel St. is ready for adoption.

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

Repository Property at 118 W. Ridge St. was discussed and they decided to allow the couple to meet with the Code Enforcement Officer and then he can inform Council of what is going on with the property.

Treasurer’s Report –

Bills to Approve

- GENERAL FUND - \$49,811.59
- STREET LIGHT FUND - \$5,432.58
- SANITATION FUND - \$28,795.87
- SEWER TRANSMISSION FUND - \$7,750.50
- PARKS & RECREATION - \$999.31
- HIGHWAY – LIQUID FUELS - \$1,642.94
- DELQ. TAX ACCOUNT - \$312.17
- ARPA - \$1,600.00
- FIRE TAX - \$691.00

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

Account Balances March 2023:

FUND/ Checking	No.	Account Title	March	April
General Fund	6496	General Acct	\$629,954.14	\$699,965.69
General Fund	6488	Escrow for 22 E Kline Ave	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

General Fund	2823	Fire Escrow – 334 W. Bertsch St	\$4,516.75	\$4,517.10
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	\$5,590.14
General Fund	2153	ARPA Grant Acct	\$277,631.51	\$253,935.18
General Fund	1394	Railroad Proceeds Account	\$531,805.14	\$531,845.94
General Fund	8929	Portnoff Account	\$78,805.37	\$81,953.02
General Fund	8448	Diversified	\$500.00	\$500.00
Sanitation Fund	6438	Sanitation Fund	\$296,329.40	\$337,298.76
Sanitation Fund	7373	Sani-investors' Money Mkt Acct	\$52,082.24	
Sanitation Fund	6454	Sanitation Fund Money Mkt Acct	\$14,109.90	\$14,110.98
Sewer Transmission	6446	Sewage Transmission	\$210,228.23	\$227,328.59
Sewer Transmission	7360	Sewer Transmission	\$55,023.12	
Sewer Transmission	5402	Sewer Loan Proceeds Acct	\$53,064.51	\$53,073.38
Sewer Transmission	1277	Sewer Trans. CD/Aug-12 mo.	\$51,554.81	\$51,561.38
Sewer Transmission	6470	400 E Snyder Sewer Project	\$32,428.42	\$32,430.81
LST	6462	Local Service Tax	\$35,307.58	\$35,658.36
Street Light Fund	6412	Streetlights	\$36,807.89	\$45,083.88
Fire Tax Fund	6371	Fire	\$16,979.21	\$24,244.34
Sp. Hi-Way	6420	Treasurers Special Highway	\$117,397.91	\$113,762.51
Park & Rec Fund	6363	Lansford Pool Account	\$41,432.36	\$41,435.54
Park & Rec Fund	6404	Recreation	\$45,009.80	\$48,333.19
Total			\$2,599,382.34	\$2,615,492.30
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	\$56,639.11
2018 Police RAM				
2020 Sewer Loan	3591	\$49,644.00	\$42,225.60	\$40,981.45
\$40,981.45	5 Yr.	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Total			\$158,864.71	\$157,620.56

New Business:

Resolution – Save Carbon County- Sewer Sludge.

A Motion was made by Martin Ditsky, and the second by Jay Doyle.

All were in favor. Motion passed.

Resolution – Nationwide – Jack Soberick Life Insurance.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, and the second by Jennifer Staines. All were in favor.

Motion passed.

Hiring of Part – time help for Public Works –

William mentioned that they did 2 days of interviews and had a past employee that did it last year he re applied and that was the applicant we went with.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, and the second by Martin Ditsky to hire Dennis Anderson as part-time seasonal help. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Set a purchase limit for a new street sweeper.

We do not want to buy a new sweeper the used ones are going for between \$50,000.00 and \$75,000.

A Motion was made not to exceed \$75,000.00 on a Street Sweeper.

On a Roll Call vote: Jennifer Staines- No; William Chuma – Yes; Bruce Markovich – Yes; Jay Doyle – Yes; Martin Ditsky – No; Gwyneth Collevecchio – Yes. Yes, votes carried. Motion passed.

Advertise bids for site preparation costs for new Borough Garage

A Motion was made by William Chuma, and the second by Gwyneth Collevecchio. Martin Ditsky voted NO. Motion passed.

Motion to partner with Victory for Veterans Program- Operated by St. Luke’s Hospital Lehigh. The program allows the police department and others to make referrals to the program should they encounter a veteran experiencing several problems ranging from drug program in which veterans and alcohol abuse to homelessness, in addition there is a volunteer program in which veterans volunteer for various community public service projects.

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

Bus stops for the 2023-2024 school year – Panther Valley would like to know if we are going to make any changes.

This was tabled for discussion at Committee Meetings.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, with a second by Jennifer Staines to go off the agenda. All were in favor. Motion passed.

William Chuma mentioned how tractor trailers should not be parked on the streets. William reached out to John Hadesty of Lehigh Anthracite who created a contract for the Borough to lease property on Dock Street for \$100-\$125 a yr. That way we can have the tractor trailers park in that location from 4/1-11/30 and that is for any commercial vehicle weighing 19,500gvwr.

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

A Motion was made by Gwyneth Collevecchio, second by Jay Doyle to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Butrie

Secretary Treasurer