

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

Council members attending: Bruce Markovich, William Chuma, Mayor Hugh Vrablic, Martin Ditsky, Jay Doyle, Gwyneth Collevecchio, Jennifer Staines, and Solicitor Robert Yurchak. Jay Doyle was not in attendance.

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

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

Executive Session we discussed personnel issues.

Street Material Bid Opening- Removed from agenda

2022 Paving Project – William Chuma stated that the 3 main streets to be paved are the 300 block of W. Patterson St., the 300 block of E. Bertsch St with the intersection of Chestnut St. and the 300 block of E. Ridge St with the intersection of Chestnut St. These streets will be first and then we will see if we can get any more done.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines. Martin Ditsky was opposed. Motion passed.

Public Courtesy –

Michele Bartek – 333 E Abbott St – stated that someone came to her as a taxpayer in the town and asked why the 400 block of W. Water St is not paved and that it should be.

Rose Mary Cannon – 242 W Ridge St – Questioned the 300 block of E. Bertsch St and the fact that there was a bad sewer problem there and now the Borough is going to pave there.

Tom Vadyak – 334 W. Abbott St – mentioned the police do not know what right wheel to curb means in the Borough that they are repairing cars on the streets the vehicles are backed in and up on ramps. No inspection stickers are needed in Lansford.

He also asked what about the Water Authority that two of its members are committing fraud one is on Social Security Disability and one is on Workman's Comp.

Michele Bartek went on to mention that there is a grant available on the Dept. of Justice website we can apply for to get a license plate reader for the police department.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- April 13, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes.

A Motion was made by Jennifer Staines, second by William Chuma to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 13, 2022. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- May 2, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Gwyneth Collevecchio to accept the Special Meeting Minutes. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- May 3, 2022, Committee Meeting Minutes.

A Motion was made by Jennifer Staines, second by William Chuma to accept the Committee Meeting Minutes. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Correspondence enclosed

- Handicapped Parking – 333 E. Abbott St.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines to deny the application for a handicap parking space. On a roll call vote to deny the handicap parking space at 333 E. Abbott St. Jennifer Staines – yes, John Turcmanovich – yes, William Chuma – yes, Bruce Markovich – yes, Martin Ditsky – no, Gwyneth Collevecchio – no. Motion passed.

- Special Event Form – Friends of Lansford Recreation – Kennedy Park Concert

A Motion was made by Gwyneth Collevecchio, second by William Chuma to approve the Special Event Form for Friends of Lansford Recreation Kennedy Park Concert.

- Special Event Form - Carbon Chamber & Economic Development – Bingo Fundraiser

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Gwyneth Collevecchio to approve the Special Event Form from Carbon Chamber & Economic Development. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- Special Event Form – Lansford Alive – Fall Festival blocking off W. Ridge St. & Coal St.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines to approve the Special Event Form from Lansford Alive for their Fall Festival blocking off W. Ridge St. & Coal St.

- Special Event Form – Halftime Bar & Grill – Motorcycle Run closing off Cortright St (in front of the bar), W. Ridge St from Cortright St. to Dock St.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Gwyneth Collevecchio to approve the Special Event Form for Half Time Bar & Grill.

- Letter of Concern – Lansford Alive Events Committee.

The letter was read aloud by William Chuma. The events Committee wrote the letter because they are concerned about the vandalism going on at Kennedy Park and would like to install cameras in the gazebo.

Committee Reports –

- **Public Works**
- **Municipal**
- **Park & Recreation**
- **Public Safety**

The minutes are on the table up front.

Municipal Monthly Reports for April:

Fire Department – American Fire Co. No 1 responded to 18 incidents in April. 6 in Lansford, 3 in Summit Hill, 5 in Coaldale, 3 in Nesquehoning, 1 in Tamaqua.

The Fire Department would still like to have a meeting with the members of Council about fund raising effort and the old aerial truck there is a meeting scheduled for May 19,2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Borough Hall.

Ambulance – For the month of April 67 incidents with a response time of 9 minutes.

Mayor’s Report –The mayor reported that there was \$1,550.57 collected for the month of April. There were 253 calls for the month of April.

Since the Chief will be retiring, the Mayor would like to talk about an Officer in Charge and he would like to recommend Shawn Nunemacher. The Officer in Charge must be appointed by Council.

A Motion was made by John Turcmanovich, second by Jennifer Staines to have Shawn Nunemacher step in as the Officer in Charge at the Chief's Salary. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Code Compliance – Jim's report for March he investigated 37 code enforcement complaints, issued 54 Notice of violations, investigated 21 rental complaints performed 44 rental inspections, and investigated 23 zoning issues. The report is on file.

Solicitor's Report – Drafted the Handicap Ordinance that Council needs to look it over and decide any changes that need to be made. Also mentioned is that the owner of 151 W. Ridge St. Eric Wenzelberger has been served.

Tax Collector's Report – From April 12 to April 30 \$135,383.69 was collected.

Treasurer's Report – Bills to Approve

- GENERAL FUND - \$278,691.60
- STREET LIGHT FUND - \$5,203.41
- SANITATION FUND - \$32,468.70
- SEWER TRANSMISSION FUND - \$25,708.47
- SNYDER STREET FUND - \$0.00
- PARKS & RECREATION - \$312.80
- HIGHWAY – LIQUID FUELS - \$4,400.61
- FIRE TAX - \$0.00
- LST FUND - \$0.00

Fire Escrow Funds were paid out for 154 and 158 W. Ridge St
Water Shut off date for Sewer Transmission if June 14.

The Audit will take place on May 18th.

William Chuma also mentioned that there was an issue with an invoice for JR Slaw charging us tax and that it should be looked at before paying it.

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

	2022	End of Month Balances		
FUND/ Checking	No.	Account Title	February	March
General Fund	6496	General Acct	\$519,944.29	\$680,993.95
General Fund	6488	Fire Escrow for 22 E Kline Ave	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
General Fund	0826	Fire Escrow for 330 W. Bertsch St	\$37,289.13	\$37,289.13
General Fund	2675	Fire Escrow – 332 W. Bertsch	\$6,005.82	\$6006.30
General Fund	2823	Fire Escrow – 334 E Bertsch St	\$4,512.23	\$4,512.59
General Fund	7013	Fire Escrow – 268 E Patterson St	\$9,863.51	\$9,863.51

General Fund	2153	ARPA Grant Acct.	\$199,144.13	199,159.95
General Fund	9737	Fire Escrow – 154 W Ridge St	\$53,333.33	\$0.00
General Fund	9729	Fire Escrow – 158 W Ridge St	\$35,933.34	\$0.00
General fund	8911	Fire Escrow – 156 W Ridge St	\$9,163.57	\$9,163.57
General Fund	6438	USDA Grant Acct.	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Fund	1394	Railroad Proceeds Account	\$500,000.14	\$500,069.87
General Fund	8929	Portnoff Account	\$0.00	\$6,980.71
Sanitation Fund	6438	Sanitation Fund	\$250,559.76	\$297,189.21
Sanitation Fund	7373	Sani-investors’ Money Mkt Acct	\$51,950.28	\$51,958.68
Sanitation Fund	6454	Sanitation Fund Money Mkt Acct	\$14,095.79	\$14,096.91
Sewer Transmission	6446	Sewage Transmission	\$126,577.30	\$105,019.09
Sewer Transmission	7360	Sewer Transmission	\$165,492.36	\$165,519.11
Sewer Transmission	5402	Sewer Loan Proceeds Acct	\$123,027.14	\$123,027.14
Sewer Transmission	1277	Sewer Trans. CD/Aug-12 mo.		\$51,679.61
Sewer Transmission	6470	400 E Snyder Sewer Project	\$73,765.08	\$32,519.58
LST	6462	Local Service Tax	\$25,990.82	\$26,070.34
Street Light Fund	6412	Streetlights	\$33,422.55	\$38,159.53
Fire Tax Fund	6371	Fire	\$18,149.21	\$23,320.01
Sp. Highway	6420	Treasurers Special HI Way	\$51,002.13	\$150,842.70
Park & Rec Fund	6363	Lansford Pool Account	\$41,390.96	\$41,394.25
Park & Rec Fund	6404	Recreation	\$50,540.86	\$52,893.96
Total			\$2,404,153.73	\$2,603,729.70
LOANS		LOANS Paid from Fund		
Tax Anticipation Note		1.99% for 1 yr.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tunnel St/Storm Sep		\$18,689.23 per mo.	\$325,676.53	\$267,150.34
MEM Debacle		20 yrs./\$14,130 biannual May & Nov	\$76,309.11	\$66,584.11
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	\$55,770.48	\$53,330.11
Total			\$485,414.29	\$413,505.09

New Business:

Resolution 2022-04 – Bituminous Materials. The Resolution was prepared by John Davis from PA. Dot. **A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich to pass the Resolution 2022-04 Bituminous Materials. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

Hiring of a part-time Borough employee.

There were three applications submitted they were:

Mr. Smith

Mr. Dennis Anderson

Mr. Edward Shubeck

A Motion was made by John Turcmanowich, second by William Chuma to hire Mr. Edward Shubeck at \$16.00 not to exceed 400 hrs. Martin Ditsky was opposed. Motion passed.

A Motion to approve the payment of \$10,920.00 to PPL – from the Phase 2 Ridge St. Improvement Project Grant to cover the cost of 5 street light removals and the installation of 26 holiday lighting controls.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines to approve payment to PP&L from the Phase 2 Ridge St. Improvement Project Grant. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A Motion to approve the contract with B&G Arthur Bros. of Nesquehoning – to install 4 new roll up doors at the Concession Stand at the pool at a cost of \$8,350.00 with 30% escalation clause. Cost to be paid from remaining pool grant additional bid was received from Precision Door at a cost of \$29,064.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines to approve the contract with B&G Arthur Bros. to install 4 new roll up doors at the Concession Stand at the pool at a cost of \$8,350.00 to be paid out of the pool grant. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A Motion to approve the contract with B&G Arthur Bros. of Nesquehoning – to install 4 stainless steel countertops at the Concession Stand at a cost of \$4,350.00 to be paid from the remaining pool grant.

There were no other bidders.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Gwyneth Collevchio to approve the contract with B&G Arthur Bros. of Nesquehoning to install 4 stainless countertops at the Concession Stand at the pool for a cost of \$4,350.00 to be paid out of the pool grant. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A Motion is needed to purchase 2 swings at a cost of \$82.99 apiece and 2 benches at a cost of \$588.85 a piece for placement in Ashton Park.

A Motion was made by Gwyneth Collevchio, second by William Chuma to purchase 2 swings at a cost of \$82.99 apiece and 2 benches at a cost of \$588.85 a piece for placement at Ashton Park. All were in favor Motion passed.

Mantis Innovations- Put our electric bill in a pool and got us a better rate then what we were getting. Mantis Innovation is a broker who deals with lots of energy companies to ppl energy rates. They took 10 of our PP&L electric bills and pooled them and got us an electric rate of \$0.09460 per kwh for 48 months this will be a savings of \$14,914.56 over 48 months. They will monitor it, so the 48 months does not run out and keep looking for another low rate.

A Motion was made by Jennifer Staines, second by William Chuma to switch suppliers of our electric at a rate of \$0.09460 per kwh for 48 months. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Bus Stop- A letter was received from Panther Valley School District asking if we were making any changes to the bus stops for the school year 2022-2023.

William Chuma mentioned that he would like to have the bus stop outside of the Borough Office moved to Walnut St and Ridge St. The kids are running up and down the ramp hanging off the railing, you can't park out front so residents trying to get into the Tax Collector, Water Authority, or the Borough Office

they have nowhere to park. Bruce mentioned that we are going to sit down with the Mayor and discuss issues with the Police privately and we will notify the school that we may be changing a bus stop in the future.

Board of Appeal – Placing 3 people on the board.

The three names presented to be appointed to the Board of Appeals are:

- George Krajnak
- Jack Soberick
- Dwight Penberth

A Motion was made by Gwyneth Collevchio, second by Jennifer Staines to appoint George Krajnak, Jack Soberick and Dwight Penberth to The Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board. Martin Ditsky was opposed. Motion passed.

Martin- Mentioned there are two vehicles that pay for handicap spaces on E. Abbott St. and anytime they are parked in their spaces they never have their placard displayed and he believes the Borough should take away their handicap parking spaces.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Butrie

Secretary Treasurer