

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 Collevchio, Bruce Markovich, William Chuma, John Turcmanovich, Mayor Michele Bartek Bob Silver, and Solicitor Robert Yurchak. Council woman Marie Ondrus was absent.

A Motion was Needed to Allow Mayor Bartek to Attend Executive Session to discuss police personnel only.

A Motion was made by Bob Silver a second by John Turcmanovich to allow the mayor to attend executive session to discuss police personnel only Martin Ditsky was opposed. Motion passed.

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

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

Public Courtesy – Two residents and a Times News Newspaper reporter were in the audience.

Kevin Zuercher, owner of the Half Time Bar & Grill, 390 W. Snyder Avenue – Offered one Special Event Forms and insurance information:

8/8/21 Motorcycle Event – Back the Blue Ride; to benefit police.

A Motion was made by Bob Silver, second by William Chuma, to approve the 8/8/21 Back the Blue Motorcycle special event at the Half Time Bar and Grill, providing to close W. Ridge Street from Cortright Street to Dock Street and the street in front of the bar between 11:30. to 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- April 6, 2021, committee meeting minutes

A Motion was made by Gwyneth Collevchio, second by William Chuma, to approve the April 6, 2021 committee meeting minutes. All were in favor, Motion passed.

Martin asked about what happens to the Silberline Property when the Silberline plant in Hometown closes. Solicitor Yurchak commented that Silberline stated that the plant in Hometown will not close.

- April 14, 2021 monthly meeting minutes

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Gwyneth Collevchio to approve the April 14, 2021 Monthly meeting minutes. All were in favor, Motion passed.

- April 20, 2021, special meeting minutes

A Motion was made by John Turcmanovich, second by William Chuma, to approve the April 20, 2021 special meeting minutes. All were in favor, Motion passed.

Correspondence:

- **Special Event Application** – Lansford Alive, about their Fall Festival requesting to block W Ridge St.

A Motion was made by Bob Silver, second by John Turcmanovich, to approve the Fall Festival event on 9/25/21 and block off W. Ridge St All were in favor, Motion passed.

- **Pa Liquor Control Board** – application filed for transfer of Liquor License. From RICHELLE BIEN-AIME LLC (formerly Kelly's) to SPORTS CINEMA LLC, 634 E. Patterson St. no motion needed as the liquor license is staying in house.
- **Benecon Surplus Distribution check & August**– for 2020 was for \$74,234.21.
- **Carbon County Railroad Commission check** – for 2020 for \$16,919.56.
- **Handicap Parking Request** – 331 E Bertsch St was already denied at the last meeting so they did not vote on it at this meeting the vote stands from last month.
- **Friends of the Lansford Pool** – are asking for a motion for Public Works Workers to assist in a cleanup at the Lansford Pool and surrounding park areas from Noon – 4:00 p.m. on June 4, 2021

A Motion was made Bob Silver, second by William Chuma, to approve the Public Works Workers to assist in a cleanup at the Lansford Pool and surrounding areas from Noon – 4:00 p.m. on June 4, 2021. Motion passed.

Correspondence (not enclosed) to conserve paper, copy available on request:

- Philadelphia Insurance Companies – Policy renewal notification (Fire Company Insurance)

Committee Reports – 4/6/2021 meeting minutes will be recorded in the minute book.

- **Public Works** – William Chuma reported that it took 6-7 days to move from the old Borough Garage on Bertsch St. to the new Borough Garage in the old Silberline building on Dock St. William mentioned the street sweeping in Coaldale is finished and that the middle broom on the street sweeper will need to be replaced. Mulch was put in both playgrounds, and it looks nice. They are going to start working on the sewers starting at one end of town and working to the other end. William also stated that he is going to get details ready for street paving by the next meeting.
- **Municipal Administration** – Chairman Bruce Markovich filed the two Community Block Grant Applications one for 614 E Patterson St and the other one for Guiderails. Bruce also signed off on the Brimble's Wall Project and that should start sometime in late August. The Solicitor and Bruce made some changes to the Silberline Agreement and that will be discussed later in the meeting. We still have no quotes on someone to do rental inspections we sent out three we got one back but that one wants \$300.00 a unit. Bruce reached out to DCED about the computer issues to see if they can get us a computer consultant for our computers.
- **Park & Recreation** – Bruce read the report came up with a plan on the skimmer pipes and the fill pipes on the pool, but we do not have the proposal, so we are not going to discuss it yet. The borough engineer did sign off on it. Martin has resigned from Parks and Recreation so Gwyneth Collevchio will now be the Chairperson. Friends of the Pool have offered to pay for the cleaning and painting of the Concession stand we do not have the bill for that yet, so we are not going to talk about that as well.
- **Public Safety** – Chairman John we received one resignation tonight and there may be at least 2 more coming. There are advertisements in several papers that are going to run for three days a week for the next month the following papers have the advertisements: Hazelton Standard Speaker, Pottsville Republican, Times News. We have had no applications submitted. Regionalizing the police force was mentioned by bringing in the State to sit down and talk about it.

Municipal Monthly Reports for April

Fire Department – American Fire Co. No 1 responded to 19 incidents in April: 13 in Lansford, 3 in Summit Hill, 1 in Coaldale, and 2 in Tamaqua.

Ambulance – Leighton Ambulance responded to 54 incidents in April with an average response time of 7.24 minutes from time of dispatch to arrival on scene.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Bartek reported \$2,791.29 was received in April; breakdown: \$1,166.29 magistrate, \$105.00 miscellaneous, \$1,445.00 in parking violations, and \$75.00 in quality of life. Mayor Bartek reviewed the 314 April police calls from the communication center. The mayor talked about having a shower put in the police station and an eye wash station she is asking the Borough to pay for it she was advised to contact Riegel for a cost estimate. Michele would like the Borough to pay for the eye wash station and a new floor.

Code Compliance – Jim Dean investigated 21 code enforcement complaints, issued 12 Notice of Violations, investigated 21 rental complaints, performed 26 rental inspections, and received 11 zoning complaints. The report is on file.

Martin mentioned that after the hearing for Skrabak Parambo Funeral Home it was brought to his attention that many of the Ordinances are outdated and need to be worked on. Martin said that he believes we should start working on them.

Solicitor's Report – Attorney Yurchak mentioned in his report that Shannon Darker from ARRO the Borough's UCC company needed the Solicitor's help to reach out to the address of 140 W. Abbott St. ARRO stated that the address is in violation of the Uniform Construction Code.

A Motion was made by William Chuma to allow the Solicitor to work with ARRO/Shannon to enforce the Uniform Construction Code and a second was made by John Turcmanovich. All were in favor, Motion passed.

The Solicitor also mentioned that there were inconsistencies between the lease and the agreement Silberline Agreement. The lease is for 10 yrs. and at the end of the lease the building will be taken as is. The agreement can now be signed.

Tax Collector's Report – Tax Collector Terrance McCall remitted \$108,831.62 in borough real estate taxes collected April 8-30, 2021.

Treasurer's Report – Bills to be approved total \$ 54,759.01. The Asst. Secretary /Treasurer made a list of the bills and submitted it as well as a total to Council there was no breakdown of the accts as the system was not accessible. Bob Silver questioned the bill for iWorq's which is a program used in the Borough and wanted to know if the amount of the bill is annually or quarterly, he also asked if Jim Dean is using iWorq's system yet and stated that he believes it is in hi contract to use it and asked to have the contract checked. Bob Silver asked if the iWorq's bill is monthly or yearly? Bob also asked if Jim Dean Is using the iWorq's program yet and he believes that is part of his contract could this be checked.

A Motion was made by Gwyneth Collevecchio, second by William Chuma, to approve payment of the April bills totaling \$54,769.01. All were in favor, Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

Bruce mentioned that he talked to the Borough Engineer about the ductless system to be installed all the engineer was referring to about the system was fact that this system does not operate like an oil burner.

Quotes for ductless air conditioning: AOK, Shane Ketledge \$25,000.00 – 6 “Daikin” Brand Seer mini split units, ANTZ Energy Systems, Joe Kubeyka, \$16,932.00 – 3 “Carrier” brand units, ABC, Todd Dreisbach, \$8,800.00 – 2 “Friedrich” Brand 3-ton mini split units, Chuck's HVAC LLC, \$10,676.00 2 “Fujitsu” Brand units inside and outside. **A Motion was made by William Chuma and a second by Bob Silver to go with Chuck's HVAC to install Air Conditioning and Heating in the Borough Office for \$10,676.00 to be paid out of the COVID grant money. All were in favor, Motion passed.** Bob Silver asked if the units would come out if they needed to be removed Bruce mentioned they can. Michele said that if we are getting Aid Conditioners upstairs, she would like us to get new air for downstairs. Bob mentioned to have Chuck go downstairs and give us an estimate.

New Business:

EDUs for Sale – Bruce mentioned that we have always had an issue with the moratorium on EDUs in the Borough. Between Bruce and the Borough Engineer they contacted DEP and found out that we have 10 EDUs, so Bruce reserved 1 for the new Borough Garage and that leaves 9. The hearing the other night brought up the fact that they will need EDUs if this goes through the Borough Engineer mentioned that you can sell them. Council was talking about an Ordinance to sell the EDUs.

There was a motion made by Bob Silver and a second by Gwyneth Collevecchio to contact the engineer to come up with a program to sell the EDU's. All were in favor, Motion passed.

Door Repairs at New Borough Garage – \$1350.00 the door opener down at Silberline is not working properly.

There was a motion made by Bob Silver with a second by William Chuma to let F&L Doors INC. repair the door. All were in favor, Motion passed.

Audit –With the Borough Secretary leaving we are required to have an Audit of all the books she had access to. William Chuma made a motion with a second by John Turcmanovich to hire Brian Kelly at \$200.00 an hour to do the Audit. Martin Ditsky was opposed. Motion passed.

Friends of the pool - has offered to pay for the cleaning and painting of the Concession Stand at the pool. The work can be performed by Rich Tompson and the fee would be \$2,700.00. We are waiting on the proposal from Rich.

The Association of Boroughs- The Mayor would like to attend a webinar on Strategic and Comprehensive Plans on May 19th. Wendy to set up.

There was nothing else to discuss at the public meeting Council went back into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Butrie

Asst. Secretary Treasurer