

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, John Turcmanovich, Mayor Michele Bartek, Martin Ditsky, Marie Ondrus, Bob Silver and Solicitor Robert Yurchak, Gwyneth Collevechio was absent.

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

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

Executive Session we discussed possible litigation issue & personnel issue.

Public Courtesy –

Richard Pogwist- 110 E. Ridge St. – was at the meeting to discuss the bus stop at Springgarden St. and E. Ridge St. he went on to mention that the kids at this bus stop are always throwing stones and littering and that the messes are always left behind for the neighbors to clean up. They are smashing rocks on the sidewalks, and a vehicle has been dented. Can we move the bus stop?

Charles Whitehead – 115 E. Ridge St.- also spoke about the children throwing water bottles on and off the buses and then letting them land in the street. While wandering where the parents are. The windows on the corner church have also been broken from the rocks.

Wes Miller – 101 E. Ridge St.- Mentioned that you can see all the rocks laying in the street and all the litter that is left behind.

Bob Silver mentioned that it is a good idea to move the bus stop to the corner of Tunnel and Ridge St. because the Police Dept. is right there and there are cameras.

A Motion was made by Bob Silver second by William Chuma to contact the school about moving the bus stop from Springgarden St. & Ridge St. to Tunnel St & Ridge St. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Jennifer Staines – 353 W. Abbott St. Made a comment that once she took her seat on Council and Hugh to Mayor that there would be no one left on the Zoning Hearing Board. Bruce left her no that when she takes her seat on Council she would then hand in her resignation from the Zoning Hearing Board.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- October 13,2021, Meeting Minutes.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich to accept the Meeting Minutes from October 13, 2021. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- October 19,2021 Special Meeting Minutes.

A Motion was made by John Turcmanovich, second by William Chuma to accept the Special Meeting Minutes from October 5,2021. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- November 2,2021 Committee Meeting Minutes. **A Motion was made by John Turcmanovich, second by William Chuma to accept the November 2,2021 Committee Meeting Minutes. All were in favor. Motion passed.**

Correspondence:

- Handicap Parking Application – 318 E. Ridge St.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Bob Silver to approve the Handicap Parking Space at 318 E. Ridge St. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- Letter from Robert Lakata- for re-appointment to the Coaldale Lansford Sewer Authority. **Council tabled this till January.**

- Letter from Scott Fisher – for re-appointment to the Coaldale Lansford Sewer **Authority**. **Council tabled this till January.**

Committee Reports –

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

See Attached Committee Report Minutes.

Municipal Monthly Reports for September:

Fire Department – American Fire Co. No 1 responded to 10 incidents in October: 4 in Lansford, 1 in Summit Hill, 3 in Coaldale, 1 in Nesquehoning, 1 in Tamaqua.

Ambulance – For the month of October 46 incidents with a response time of 8.5 minutes.

Mayor’s Report – There is No Call Report. The mayor reported that there was \$366.58 collected for the month of October. Year to date is \$17,224.96. The Police Report- The Police car should be in by next week.

Code Compliance – Jim’s report for September was the report submitted and no report for October. Jim Dean investigated 14 code enforcement complaints, issued 8 Notice of Violations, investigated 15 rental complaints, performed 8 rental inspections, and investigated 10 zoning issues. The report is on file.

Solicitor’s Report – No Report

Tax Collector’s Report – Tax Collector Terrance McCall collected from October 1-31 2021 \$9,203.37.

Treasurer’s Report – Bills to Approve

- General Fund - \$48,438.18
- Street Light Fund - \$5,056.73
- Sanitation Fund - \$28,396.68
- Sewer Transmission - \$20,494.13
- Parks & Recreation - \$2,406.37
- Highway – Liquid Fuels - \$12,926.42
- Fire Tax - \$2,480.00
- LST Fund - \$0.00

We do need to make a transfer into the Sewage Transmission Account it is getting low.

A Motion was made by Bob Silver a second by John Turcmanovich to transfer \$20,000.00 into the Sewage Transmission Account. All were in favor. Motion passed.

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

	2021	End of Month Balances		
FUND/ Checking	No.	Account Title	July	August
General Fund	6496	General Acct	\$911,731.75	\$863,302.15
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	\$6,002.33	\$6003.30
General Fund	2823	Fire Escrow – 334 E Bertsch St	\$4,509.98	\$4,510.34
General Fund	7013	Fire Escrow – 268 E Patterson St	\$9,863.51	\$9,863.51
General Fund	2153	ARPA Grant Acct.	\$199,044.87	\$199,060.68
General Fund	6438	USDA Grant Acct.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sanitation Fund	6438	Sanitation Fund	\$211,127.79	\$255,189.28
Sanitation Fund	7373	Sani-investors’ Money Mkt Acct	\$51,924.53	\$51,928.51
Sanitation Fund	6454	Sanitation Fund Money Mkt Acct	\$12,054.85	\$12,055.81
Sewer Transmission	6446	Sewage Transmission	\$42,318.15	\$23,039.57
Sewer Transmission	7360	Sewer Transmission	\$165,410.32	\$165,423.01
Sewer Transmission	5402	Sewer Loan Proceeds Acct	\$153,017.65	\$153,021.50
Sewer Transmission	1277	Sewer Trans. CD/Aug-12 mo.	\$51,392.37	\$51,402.93
Sewer Transmission	6470	400 E Snyder Sewer Project	\$73,728.32	\$73,734.18.32
LST	6462	Local Service Tax	\$10,593.00	\$10,960.09
Street Light Fund	6412	Streetlights	\$64,255.97	\$63,353.11
Fire Tax Fund	6371	Fire	\$57,436.02	\$53,630.77
Sp. Highway	6420	Treasurers Special HI Way	\$138,674.17	\$90,798.50
Park & Rec Fund	6363	Lansford Pool Account	\$41,370.33	\$41,373.62
Park & Rec Fund	6404	Recreation	\$44,418.85	\$44,689.80
Total			\$2,289,163.89	\$2,216,629.79
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.	\$478,348.61	\$394,920.50
MEM Debacle		20 yrs./\$14,130 biannual May & Nov	\$76,309.11	\$76,309.11
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	\$63,044.32	\$61,836.31
Total			\$577,901.72	\$559,506.46

Unfinished Business:

Heating Oil Bids – There was one bid submitted from Kattner Oil Co. in Nesquehoning, Pa.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Bob Silver to accept the the bid from Kattner Oil for \$2.75 a gal. with the contract to expire 11/10/22. All were in favor. Motion passed

New Business:

Appoint a Pension Board - This was tabled by Council till January.

A Motion was needed to appoint Gregg Mousseau- to hire Attny. Mousseau to represent the Borough for upcoming legal action against the Panther Valley School District for sidewalks on W. Bertsch St.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich to hire Gregg Mousseau to represent the Borough in legal action against the Panther Valley School District for the sidewalks on W. Bertsch St for a fee of \$115.00 an hour. Bob Silver voted against. Motion passed.

Special Event Form – A motion was needed to make changes to the Borough’s Special Event Form to add an email address, start and finish times and to add a Liability Release Form.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Martin Ditsky to make changes to the Borough’s Special Event Form. To add an email address a start and finish time and a Liability Release Form. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Survey for the Garage – A motion is needed to hire Diane Lennick of Pottsville to survey site for for the new Borough Garage at a cost of \$1800.00.

Bob thinks we should try to put the garage in the fence line going East. We need to find out where the water lines are under neath.

A Motion was made by Martin Ditsky a second by Bob Silver to hire Dianne Lennick to do the survey pending the review by the Water Authority locating the pipes East of the Emco Building. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A Motion was made by William Chuma a second by Bob Silver to hire Shawn Kistler as Part Time Police Officer for 60 days pending review of Council. John Turcmanovich was opposed. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Butrie

Secretary Treasurer