

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

Council members attending: John Turcmanovich, Gwyneth Collevchio, Bruce Markovich, William Chuma, Jennifer Staines, Martin Ditsky, Jay Doyle, Solicitor Robert Yurchak, and Mayor Hugh Vrablic.

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

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

Bid Opening-Heating Oil Bids – There was 1 sealed bid placed from Kattner Coal and Oil Inc. With a price of \$5.35 per gallon for up to 2500 gals more or less to supply the Borough office for the period 11-13-22 until 10-15-23.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich to accept the bid from Kattner Coal and Oil with a price of \$5.35 a gallon. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Public Courtesy –

Mary Soberick– 109 W Abbott St. – Mentioned that she put in a RTK for copies of the Check Register and its not what she is looking for.

Bob Hertzog – 220 W. Bertsch St. – Mentioned that there is a property on the 300 block of W. Snyder Ave. with a lot of junk cars on the property.

Rose Mary Cannon – 242 W. Ridge St. – Mentioned that in the past when junk was on LC&N property, they gave us permission to cite the person on the property. Asked if the Borough is going to call other contractors for the pool.

Joe Genits – 232 W. Front St – Talked about the coal company having the vehicles removed in the past. Then questioned why there is a problem getting the agendas on the website last month and this month.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- October 12, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

A Motion was made by Jay Doyle, second by Gwyneth Collevchio to approve the October 12, 2022, Regular meeting minutes. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- November 1,2022, Committee Meeting Minutes

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich to approve the November 1,2022 Committee Meeting Minutes. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Correspondence enclosed-

- Special Event Form – Lansford Alive – Tree lighting & arrival of Santa & Mrs. Claus 11/26/22 at 5:00 p.m. at Kennedy Park.

A Motion was made by John Turcmanovich, second by William Chuma to approve the special event form from Lansford Alive for the tree lighting & arrival of Santa & Mrs. Claus 11/26/22 at 5:00 p.m. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- Lansford Alive Annual Santa Parade – 11/26/22 at 4:00 p.m.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich to approve the Lansford Alive Annual Santa Parade 11/26/22 at 4:00 p.m.

- Lansford Alive use of the Borough's bucket truck to hang historic banners.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jay Doyle to have the Public Works Workers help with hanging the banners. 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 October

Fire Department – American Fire Co. #1 responded to 27 incidents in October: 13 in Lansford, 2 in Summit Hill, 7 in Coaldale, 4 in Nesquehoning, and 1 in Tamaqua.

Ambulance – Lehighon Ambulance responded to 75 incidents in October with an average response time of 8.34 minutes from time of dispatch to arrival on scene.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Vrablic mentioned that there was \$1,390.20 collected for the month of October.

Police Report – Mayor Vrablic mentioned there were 263 calls, 38 parking tickets, and 3 QOL ticket issued. LPD also apprehended 10 people for serious issues and warrants in the month of October.

Code Compliance – Jim Dean investigated 29 code enforcement complaints, issued 11 Notice of Violations, investigated 44 rental complaints, performed 15 rental inspections, and received 41 zoning complaints. The report is on file.

Tax Collector’s Report – From October 1, 2022 – October 31, 2022, \$4,636.44 was collected.

Solicitor’s Report – Discussed Act 57 and if Council is going to enact it, they will need a Resolution for it.

A motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich to have the Solicitor prepare a Resolution for Act 57. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report –

Bills to Approve

- GENERAL FUND - \$50,637.60
- ARPA FUNDING - \$7,891.35
- STREET LIGHT FUND - \$5,325.93
- SANITATION FUND - \$29,744.82
- SEWER TRANSMISSION FUND - \$21,442.79
- PARKS & RECREATION - \$363.72
- HIGHWAY – LIQUID FUELS - \$6,495.24
- FIRE TAX - \$1,473.00
- DELINQUENT TAX ACCOUNT - \$1,127.32

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jay Doyle, to approve payment of the October bills. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Account Balances October 31, 2022:

FUND/ Checking	No.	Account Title	September	October
General Fund	6496	General Acct	\$1,062,159.87	\$875,669.70
General Fund	6488	Escrow for 22 E Kline Ave	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
General Fund	2823	Fire Escrow – 334 W. Bertsch St	\$4,514.50	\$4,514.88
General Fund	2823	Fire Escrow – 339 E. Bertsch St	\$11,220.00	\$11,220.00
General Fund	7013	Fire Escrow – 268 E. Patterson St	\$9,863.51	\$9,863.51
General Fund	2153	ARPA Grant Acct	\$374,107.10	\$353,408.58
General Fund	1394	Railroad Proceeds Account	\$531,540.05	\$531,585.19
General Fund	8929	Portnoff Account	\$64,198.18	\$67,813.25
Sanitation Fund	6438	Sanitation Fund	\$272,784.77	\$318,948.62
Sanitation Fund	7373	Sani-investors' Money Mkt Acct	\$51,976.34	\$51,980.47
Sanitation Fund	6454	Sanitation Fund Money Mkt Acct	\$14,101.70	\$14,104.06
Sewer Transmission	6446	Sewage Transmission	\$83,938.18	\$85,871.06
Sewer Transmission	7360	Sewer Transmission	\$165,590.54	\$165,610.27
Sewer Transmission	5402	Sewer Loan Proceeds Acct	\$123,032.06	\$123,038.06
Sewer Transmission	1277	Sewer Trans. CD/Aug-12 mo.	\$51,516.48	\$51,522.83
Sewer Transmission	6470	400 E Snyder Sewer Project	\$32,412.27	\$32,415.02
LST	6462	Local Service Tax	\$26,864.79	\$27,310.18
Street Light Fund	6412	Streetlights	\$67,972.82	\$68,817.12
Fire Tax Fund	6371	Fire	\$31,763.30	\$26,515.25
Sp. Hi-Way	6420	Treasurers Special Highway	\$53,477.11	\$52,153.61
Park & Rec Fund	6363	Lansford Pool Account	\$41,411.71	\$41,415.23
Park & Rec Fund	6404	Recreation	\$45,250.41	\$46,005.96
Total			\$3,122,695.69	\$2,962,782.85
LOANS		LOANS Paid from Fund		
Tax Anticipation Note		1.99% for 1 yr.		
Tunnel St/Storm Sep	\$18,689.23 per mo.		\$219,071.97	\$219,071.97
MEM Debacle	20 yrs./\$14,130 biannual May & Nov		\$56,639.11	\$66,584.11
2018 Police RAM				
2020 Sewer Loan	3591	\$49,644.00	\$49,644.00	\$49,644.00
2022 Ford F 550	5 Yr.	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Total			\$385,355.08	\$395,300.08

New Business:

A survey to be done on Cortright St. estimate by Brinkash & Assocs. for \$3,600.00.

William Chuma mentioned that there is no curbing on Cortright St. and very little parking on both sides between Abbott St. and Water St.

A Motion made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines to approve the estimate for \$3,600.00 from Brinkash & Assocs. to survey Cortright St from Abbott St. to Water St. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Resolution appointing ARRO Consulting Inc. and Comprehensive Inspection Agency LLC to enforce the uniform construction code.

A Motion was made by Gwyneth Collevchio, second by Jay Doyle to adopt the Resolution appointing ARRO Consulting Inc. and Comprehensive Inspection Agency LLC to enforce the uniform construction code. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Amendment Agreement for Collection of Delinquent Municipal Claims with Portnoff.

A Motion was made by John Turcmanovich, second by William Chuma to approve the Amendment Agreement for Collection of Delinquent Municipal Claims with Portnoff. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Take the Money Market Funds from the Sewer Transmission Acct. # ending in 7360 to pay off the Sewer Transmission Loan at M & T Bank.

Bruce mentioned that Martin, Gwyn, and himself met with John Jablowski from M & T Bank about the terms of the \$3,000,000.00 loan. that we owe \$110,714.19 on the loan we can lock in the interest rate at 4.3% interest now. The prepayment fee he can lower for us to \$908.80 if we decide to pay it off now.

John offered us a bunch of options to take care of the remainder of this loan:

1. Pay off the loan total of \$110,714.19
2. Rate Lock Now- Do a fixed rate re-set now. Lock in rate of 4.32 now for the remainder of term.
3. Rate reset per note – Rate reset at the reset date in Dec. based on the market rates as outlined in the note.

We can take the money from the Sewage Transmission acct at MCT in Lehighton to pay it off.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines to pay off the loan at M & T Bank using proceeds from the Sewage Transmission Acct. at MCT Bank. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Purchasing tires for the Public Works trucks the red truck needs 6 @ \$178.00 a piece and the new truck needs 6 @ \$328.00 apiece.

William Chuma also mentioned that both trucks need chains, and the chains are \$287.00 apiece.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines to purchase 6 tires @ 178.00 a piece for the red truck and 6 tires @ \$328.00 a piece for the new truck and to purchase chains for both trucks at \$287.00 apiece. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Martin Ditsky, second by Jay Doyle to go off the agenda. All were in favor. Motion passed.

William Chuma mentioned that he would like to replace the spokes of the gazebo with metal posts and that the Borough Workers would paint it the quote from Nestor's Iron Works came in with a price of \$6,300.00 total. The gazebo came under a long discussion, and it was tabled.

A Motion was made by Martin Ditsky, a second by Jennifer Staines to appoint Shawn Nunemacher to Chief. On a roll call vote the vote fell short.

There was a discussion to advertise for Police Chief on the Chief's Association website and the Times News. After a major discussion. A motion was made to get the information from the Chief's association.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich to get information from the Chief's Association on information to place an ad on the Chief's Association Website. Martin Ditsky was opposed. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Butrie
Secretary Treasurer