

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, Jay Doyle, Solicitor Robert Yurchak, and Mayor Hugh Vrablic. Martin Ditsky was not in attendance.

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 No bids were received. It was suggested to advertise the Ad for the Bids again.

Public Courtesy –

Vicky Benack – 270 W Snyder Ave. – Talked about the 200 block of West Snyder Ave not having much parking. Asked Council to maybe make a standard footage for lines being painted No Parking.

Bob Hertzog – 220 W. Bertsch St. – mentioned the same rental property as the last meeting and thanked Council for getting things moving along.

Rose Mary Cannon – 242 W. Ridge St. – Asked about the progress on the pool and asked what would be holding the pool up from opening. She mentioned a DCNR Grant the Borough could look into applying for. Also asked about the progress on the Borough Garage. She also had a few Code questions as well.

Mary Soberick – 109 W. Abbott St. – Had several questions about different grants pertaining to the Train Station. She also asked about the emails, phone calls, and documents the Presidents receives and how it is disbursed to other members of Council.

Joe Genits – 232 W. Front St – Had questions about when the website would be updated.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- September 14, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jay Doyle to approve the September 14, 2022, Regular meeting minutes. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- October 4, 2022, Committee Meeting Minutes

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jay Doyle to approve the October 4, 2022 Committee Meeting Minutes. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Correspondence enclosed-

- Handicap Parking Request: - 108 E. Patterson St

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jay Doyle to approve the handicap space for 108 E. Patterson St. Jennifer Staines was opposed, Motion passed.

- Special Event Form- Friends of Lansford – Plantfest – April 29, 2023

A Motion was made by Gwyneth Collevchio, second by William Chuma to approve Plantfest on April 29, 2023. All in favor. Motion passed.

Correspondence not enclosed-

- Pa Dot – Estimated allocation of Liquid Fuels money is - \$115,200.40

Committee Reports –

1. Zoning & Ordinance
2. Public Works
3. Municipal Administration
4. Park & Recreation
5. Public Safety

Municipal Monthly Reports for September

Fire Department – American Fire Co. #1 responded to 23 incidents in September: 14 in Lansford, 2 in Summit Hill, 1 in Coaldale, 4 in Nesquehoning, and 2 in Tamaqua.

Ambulance – Lehighon Ambulance responded to 73 incidents in September 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 \$610.73 collected for the month of September.

Police Report – Mayor Vrablic mentioned there were 276 calls, 61 parking tickets, and 5 QOL ticket issued. LPD also apprehended 9 people for serious issues and warrants in the month of September.

Code Compliance – Jim Dean investigated 11 code enforcement complaints, issued 3 Notice of Violations, investigated 5 rental complaints, performed 6 rental inspections, and received 14 zoning complaints. The report is on file.

Tax Collector’s Report – From September 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022, \$12,663.51 was collected.

Solicitor’s Report – There was no report

Treasurer’s Report –

Bills to Approve

- GENERAL FUND - \$661,266.87
- ARPA FUNDING - \$20,729.65
- STREET LIGHT FUND - \$5,254.53
- SANITATION FUND - \$28,926.23
- SEWER TRANSMISSION FUND - \$20,276.31
- PARKS & RECREATION - \$1,736.30
- HIGHWAY – LIQUID FUELS - \$28,136.41
- FIRE TAX - \$7,594.00
- DELINQUENT TAX ACCOUNT - \$3,645.44

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Gwyneth Collevchio, to approve payment of the September bills. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Account Balances September 30, 2022:

FUND/ Checking	No.	Account Title	August	September
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General Fund	6496	General Acct	\$1,050,044.57	\$1,062,159.87
General Fund	6488	Escrow for 22 E Kline Ave	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
General Fund	2823	Fire Escrow – 334 W. Bertsch St	\$4,514.13	\$4,514.50
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	\$174,430.60	\$374,107.10
General Fund	9737	Fire Escrow – 154 W. Ridge St.	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Fund	9729	Fire Escrow – 158 W. Ridge St.	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Fund	8911	Fire Escrow – 156 W. Ridge St.	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Fund	3567	USDA Grant Acct	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Fund	1394	Railroad Proceeds Account	\$531,496.37	\$531,540.05
General Fund	8929	Portnoff Account	\$53,451.26	\$64,198.18
Sanitation Fund	6438	Sanitation Fund	\$289,621.75	\$272,784.77
Sanitation Fund	7373	Sani-investors' Money Mkt Acct	\$51,976.34	\$51,976.34
Sanitation Fund	6454	Sanitation Fund Money Mkt Acct	\$14,101.70	\$14,101.70
Sewer Transmission	6446	Sewage Transmission	\$45,041.91	\$83,938.18
Sewer Transmission	7360	Sewer Transmission	\$165,590.54	\$165,590.54
Sewer Transmission	5402	Sewer Loan Proceeds Acct	\$123,032.84	\$123,032.06
Sewer Transmission	1277	Sewer Trans. CD/Aug-12 mo.	\$51,509.71	\$51,516.48
Sewer Transmission	6470	400 E Snyder Sewer Project	\$32,409.61	\$32,412.27
LST	6462	Local Service Tax	\$26,862.58	\$26,864.79
Street Light Fund	6412	Streetlights	\$71,304.64	\$67,972.82
Fire Tax Fund	6371	Fire	\$38,012.32	\$31,763.30
Sp. Hi-Way	6420	Treasurers Special Highway	\$128,206.78	\$53,477.11
Park & Rec Fund	6363	Lansford Pool Account	\$41,408.31	\$41,411.71
Park & Rec Fund	6404	Recreation	\$47,460.59	\$45,250.41
Total			\$2,964,560.06	\$3,122,695.69
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	5 YR	\$49,644.00	\$49,644.00
2022 Ford F 550	5 Yr.	\$60,000	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Total			\$385,355.08	\$395,300.08

A Motion was made by John Turcmanovich, second by Jennifer Staines to waive the Physical Agility testing for officer Callen Rich. All were in favor, Motion passed.

New Business:

MMO 2023 for the Police Pension Plan

There was a Motion made by John Turcmanovich, second by William Chuma to approve the MMO 2023 for the Police Pension Plan. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Accept the Teamsters Contract for Crossing Guard

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jay Doyle to accept the Teamsters contract for the next 5 years for the Crossing Guard. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A Motion is needed to have the Municipal Administration Committee meet with M&T Bank Representatives to review the Borough General Obligation note expiring December 27, 2022. The interest rate reset can jump to 12% and interest payments can go from \$16,000 to \$24,000. By meeting with the Bank the Committee can discuss their options for this note.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Gwyneth Collevecchio to have the Municipal Administration Committee meet with a representative from M&T Bank to review the Borough General Obligation note. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Gwyneth Collevecchio, second by John Turcmanovich to Roll over \$50,000 remaining from the LSA Grant for handicap ramps to a DCNR Grant to pay for the remainder of the handicap ramps, sidewalks around the pool, and handicap accessible rides at the Ashton Park. All in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shantel Lauer

Assistant Secretary Treasurer