A work session of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 in the Council Chambers, 55 South Fifth Street. Present: Council President Bergonia; Councilmembers Casimir, Cox, Mahon, Molesevich, Morris and Strosser; Mayor Wagner and Manager/Treasurer Smith. Also present: Tom Zorn, Kevin Drewencki and Jim Buck. Councilmember Baker arrived at 7:15 PM.

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Bergonia called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Kevin Drewencki, LARA Executive Director, was present and updated Council on how the current line-of-credit was established, why, and how much is currently remaining to be paid. In addition, he explained LARA’s current negotiations with Sovereign Bank and West Milton State Bank, and the fiscal concerns that LARA has with this line-of-credit. Tom Zorn, LARA Chairman, requested Borough Council’s assistance in paying down the line-of-credit with a guarantee that once LARA receives its easement payments from Meridian Development (Pennsylvania House property), LARA would repay the municipality. He also indicated that they are requesting the assistance from East Buffalo Township in a fair-share amount. There was much discussion. Borough Council recommended this issue be reviewed by the Planning Committee with further discussion at the regular monthly meeting schedule for Tuesday, April 19, 2011.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMEMBER COX TO THE BUFFALO VALLEY REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION AS THE AT-LARGE MEMBER/TERM EXPIRATION 1/7/2013: President Bergonia informed Council that he appointed Ed Cox as the at-large member of the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Commission. This was in an attempt to facilitate a full Commission Board for their first meeting which was held Wednesday, March 30, 2011. The Borough By-Laws allow the Council President to make a temporary appointment, provided the appointment is ratified by the full Council at the next scheduled meeting. Motion was made by Councilmember Casimir, seconded by Councilmember Baker, to appoint Ed Cox as the at-large member to the Regional Police Commission. Motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-04/TO APPLY FOR THE SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION: Manager Smith presented Council with Resolution No. 11-04 as a requirement of the Shared Municipal Services Program Grant application. A similar Resolution was circulated to East Buffalo Township. This application was submitted, Friday, April 8, 2011 in the amount of $75,000 for start-up equipment and administration. The grant requires a 50/50 financial match (or $37,500 from each participating municipality) and execution of this resolution. Motion was made by Councilmember Casimir, seconded by Councilmember Baker, to execute Resolution No. 11-04, with the understanding that the amount of $37,500 would be deducted from the annual allocation of funding for the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Commission, once determined. Motion was unanimously approved.

CONTRIBUTION OF $12,500 TO THE BUFFALO VALLEY REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION FOR GENERAL OPERATING ADMINISTRATION: Manager Smith updated Council on the recent Regional Police Commission meeting and their subsequent request for funding in the amount of $12,500 to facilitate the start-up administration and operation. Motion was made by Councilmember Mahon, seconded by Councilmember Baker, to fund $12,500 to the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Commission for general operating administration, with the understanding that this amount would be deducted from the annual allocation of funding, once determined. Motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/POLICE PERSONNEL ISSUE: Manager Smith requested an executive session for personnel issues. Motion made by Councilmember Mahon, seconded by Councilmember Baker, to go enter an executive session. Motion was unanimously approved.

Council entered the executive session at 8:25 PM.

Council returned at 8:40 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Council President Bergonia adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chad N. Smith
Borough Manager