A work session of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 in the Council Chambers, 55 South Fifth Street. Present: President of Council Bergonia; Councilmembers Baker, Cook, Cox, Morris, Strosser and Faden; Mayor Wagner, and Manager Smith. Absent was: Councilmember Mahon. Also present: Linda Sterling, Michael LeVan, Steve Stumbris, Mike Matukaitis and Matt Farrand.

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

DOWNTOWN INTERNET CONNECTIVITY: Linda Sterling, Executive Director of the Lewisburg Downtown Partnership (LDP), presented the findings from a survey of downtown businesses with regard to overall satisfaction of the current internet connections. In addition to Ms. Sterling, Mr. LeVan, Mr. Stumbris and Mr. Matukaitis were also present to support seeking new options for higher (faster) internet speed. There was much discussion. Borough Council expressed its appreciation for the information presented and suggested the LDP continue their research and return once all information has been collected.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR CONSOLIDATION STUDY: Manager Smith presented the draft RFP for Council’s review and consideration. Mayor Wagner suggested a word change on page five of fourteen, under section B, second paragraph: “foresee” changed to “envision.” There were no other suggested edits to the document as presented.

Councilmember Faden made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Morris, to approve the RFP and that the Manager notify East Buffalo Township of this action for the purpose of advertising. Motion was unanimously approved.

BULL RUN TAVERN SEEKING PERMISSION FOR OUTDOOR SEATING: Councilmember Strosser presented a proposal by Mike Purcell, owner of the Bull Run Tavern, to add additional tables and chairs to the sidewalk area located along the South Sixth Street side of this establishment. HARB had reviewed this request and found no issues. Mr. Purcell was asking for a letter of approval from Borough Council to allow them to finalize their application to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) for similar permission.

Councilmember Strosser made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Faden, to direct the Borough Manager to submit a letter of approval to the Bull Run Tavern for the purpose of adding additional tables and chairs to the South Sixth Street side of this establishment, provided a clear pedestrian path is maintained along the sidewalk. Motion was unanimously approved.

NON-UNIFORMED CONTRACT NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE: Council President Bergonia created an Ad-Hoc committee of Councilmember Morris, Councilmember Baker and himself to begin negotiations with Non-Uniformed employees and AFSCME Local 3313.

Upon motion of Councilmember Baker, seconded by Councilmember Cook, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chad N. Smith
Borough Manager