

A work session of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 in the Council Chambers, 55 South Fifth Street. Present: President of Council Bergonia; Councilmembers Baker, Cox, Mahon, Morris and Strosser; Mayor Wagner, Interim Manager Hamberger and Secretary Garrison. Absent was: Councilmembers Cook and Faden. There were no members from the public present.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF INTERIM MANAGER:** Council President Bergonia introduced Lloyd Hamberger, our Interim Manager. (Council welcomed Interim Manager Hamberger.)

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF 2016 BUDGET:** Interim Manager Hamberger reported that he has had the opportunity to take a look at the budget; it is a typical municipal budget using standard Pennsylvania fund accounting. He started with the General Fund, as that is where the money is. It appears that most of the revenues are coming in as expected and from that standpoint it looks good. He estimates that about 97% (+/-) of the property taxes have been collected. With regard to the employees, it's obvious you have an excellent office staff, and after looking at the older equipment housed at the Borough Shed and its' organization, he would say you have an excellent maintenance crew too, because somebody is maintaining the equipment and getting the life out of it. He strongly feels whoever takes over should do well. His goal is to work on the budget and get that out of the way, as it is obvious that is where the stress is. We really have plenty of time for this and his goal is always to have it no later than the first meeting in December. He has heard you like to have it in November, so he will do his best. He also noted Council was very smart to go with a Regional Police Force; they are the drivers of small communities and can be very costly. There was some discussion. Councilmember Morris indicated she is the Chairperson of the Finance Committee, and Councilmembers Baker and Cox also serve on the Finance Committee; the next meeting is Monday, October at 4 PM. Interim Manager Hamberger said based on his past experiences with water, sewer and trash, he will also have some suggestions for Council.

**ROUTE 15 ADAPTIVE SIGNAL UPGRADE PROJECT:** Councilmember Baker made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mahon, to approve Resolution No. 15-07, authorizing the Council President to sign the Engineering Agreement with Pennoni Associates for all work and services for the preliminary engineering and final design necessary for the Route 15 Adaptive Signal Upgrade Project in an amount not to exceed \$118,021.94. ON THE QUESTION: Councilmember Strosser said that isn't the Borough's share. Councilmember Cox commented he thought the Borough's share was only around \$20,000.00. Secretary Garrison said the total amount of State and Federal money allocated for this project is \$336,600.00. This \$118,021.94 comes out of that amount to cover the design costs for the project, leaving the remaining balance to cover construction costs. Motion was unanimously approved.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Councilmember Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Baker, to enter an executive session for personnel. Motion was unanimously approved.

Council entered executive session at 7:15 PM. Council returned from executive session at 8:40 PM.

Upon motion of Councilmember Mahon, seconded by Councilmember Baker, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Garrison  
Borough Secretary

**ATTENDANCE**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**INTERIM  
MANAGER**

**PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION**

**DISCUSSION OF 2016  
BUDGET**

**ENGINEERING  
AGREEMENT WITH  
PENNONI  
ASSOCIATES FOR  
PRELIMINARY  
ENGINEERING AND  
FINAL DESIGN  
ROUTE 15 ADAPTIVE  
SIGNAL UPGRADE  
PROJECT**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION  
ON PERSONNEL  
MATTER**

**(EXECUTIVE  
SESSION)**

**ADJOURNMENT**