

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held at 6:30 PM on **Tuesday, January 19, 2021** as a Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present: Council President Sulai; Councilmembers Botelho, Comas, Derman, Farrell, Heayn, Yohn and Brody; Manager Lowthert, Secretary Anders, Solicitor Lyons, and Mayor Wagner. Also present: Ellen Ruby, Eric Scicchitano, Kathy Wendt, Travis Short, Steve Jordan, and a phone participant.

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Sulai called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Farrell, to approve the December 8, 2020 Zoom Work Session meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Botelho, to approve the December 15, 2020 Zoom Regular meeting minutes with the correction of Eloise Stevens from Green New Deal under Public Comment on any Non-Agenda Item. Motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC WORKS/POLICE COMMITTEE: Buffalo Valley Regional Police Chief Yost submitted a monthly report.

Councilmember Comas made a notification to the public that the FFY 2020 CDBG allocation was revised by PA DCED to add an additional \$21.00. Lewisburg Borough Council's total allocation for the Emergency Notification System project is now \$92,449.00.

Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman to accept an engineering proposal from Larson Design Group in the amount of \$31,350.00 for services associated with the Hufnagle Park Restroom and Handwashing Facility Project. Borough Manager Lowthert gave a brief project overview. (Note – Costs will be paid from the Borough's General Fund and have been budgeted for in 2021). Motion was unanimously approved.

SEDA-COG will be scheduling a Union County CDBG Public Hearing to discuss an FFY 2019 CDBG Budget Modification to move the Lewisburg Brough 2019 CDBG allocation from the Bull Run Floodplain Restoration Project to the Emergency Notification Project.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve payment of bills from December 12, 2020 through January 15, 2021 in the amount of \$457,998.45. Motion was unanimously approved.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING COMMITTEE: Councilmember Yohn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve HARB items a and b as submitted and recommended by HARB per their minutes dated January 12, 2021. There was some discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

- a. **Ryan Kraus / 135 Brown Street / Storage Shed (HARB approved/Committee recommends Council approval)**
- b. **Robert Dewar and Lisa Jansen-King / 236 South Third Street / Renovations (HARB approved/Committee recommends Council approval).** Please note that HARB's recommended COA excludes the three proposed skylights on the front façade of the property.

Currently there are vacancies on Zoning Hearing Board Alternate, term expiration December 31, 2023, HARB term expiration December 31, 2022, December 31, 2023, December 31, 2023, Shade Tree term expiration December 31, 2022, December 31, 2023, December 31, 2025, and CFSES Alternate.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Steve Jordan inquired about the street sweeping schedule and believes it does not need to be swept every week all year. He also suggested a possible text opt in option to notify residents when they do not need to move their vehicles. Mr. Jordan also inquired about a noise Ordinance. There was a short discussion regarding the current street sweeping schedule and the Noise Ordinance is something that Council is working on.

ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
December 8, 2020

December 15, 2020 with correction

PUBLIC WORKS/POLICE COMMITTEE
BVRPD

2020 CDBG additional allocation

Larson Design Group – Hufnagle Park Restroom

2019 CDBG Budget Modification

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE
Approval of Bills

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING
HARB

Vacancies

Public Comment
Jordan – street sweeping/noise

MAYOR: Mayor Wagner wanted to pay her respects to the 400,000 Americans that have died of COVID and remind everyone that taking care of each other and ourselves we can remember and respect those that have been lost.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Council President Sulai commented that the last year has been tough and things may turn a corner in 2021 and to continue to work together with people on things we can work together on and keep pushing forward.

PUBLIC HEARING/ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REGARDING REGULATORY FLOOD ELEVATION. Council President Sulai adjourned the regular order of business to conduct the public hearing on the Zoning Ordinance Amendment regarding regulatory flood elevations. She called the public hearing to order at 7:11 PM. Council President asked if anyone had any comments. Borough Manager Lowthert explained the Ordinance amendment change is a requirement from FEMA as part of the Community Rating Process. Previously in the Ordinance, equipment was to be raised to the regulatory flood plain elevation. In order to keep the Borough’s Community Rating System of 8, the Ordinance must be amended to require equipment to be at least one and one-half feet above the regulatory flood elevation. This change would match the Zoning Ordinance regarding flooding.

Councilmember Comas inquired if this change would be for new construction. Borough Manager Lowthert explained it is for replacing of equipment and anything new would have to comply.

Council President asked if anyone had any other comments. Council President Sulai declared the public hearing closed at 7:18 PM. She reconvened to the regular order of business.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR: Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Botelho to enact Ordinance 1061 amending section 360-37(E)(12)(a) of Article VI of chapter 360 of the Code of the Borough of Lewisburg by changing the location of equipment to at least one and one-half feet above the regulatory flood elevation. Motion was unanimously approved.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL: Councilmember Comas wanted to let people know regarding the Noise Ordinance that noise is complicated, people are concerned, it has all kinds of impacts and this is a year to make some progress on it. Councilmember Comas would like to revisit the Human Relations Ordinance and will share a schedule that he would like to see it move forward.

Councilmember Derman inquired on the status of the letter to be sent to the owner of Dunkin Donuts regarding the traffic issue. Councilmember Comas will send out a draft letter tomorrow.

Councilmember Derman stated that an alternate is needed for the Central Susquehanna Fire Emergency Services board. The board is a fiscal oversight only.

Council President Sulai asked Councilmember Farrell about the final Municipal energy audit report availability. Councilmember Farrell will send the audit report to the rest of Council.

Councilmember Farrell had positive input regarding the bike lane discussion from the Work Session meeting.

WRITTEN REPORTS: Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to acknowledge receipt of the monthly CK COG 2020 and monthly Zoning Report, LAJSA October minutes and January Agenda. Council President Sulai added Lewisburg Downtown Partners Design Committee will be meeting this week and they anticipate way finding signage as a priority. Motion was unanimously approved.

WORK SESSION: There will be a Work Session to be held Tuesday, February 9, 2021.

MAYOR

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

PUBLIC HEARING ZONING AMENDMENT
Flood elevations

Floodplain Ordinance 1061

Additional Business from Council
Noise Ordinance HRO

Dunkin Donuts

CSFES Alternate

Municipal Energy Audit

Bike Lane

WRITTEN REPORTS

WORK SESSION

January 19, 2021

Council President Sulai called for an executive session to discuss legal matters at 7:34 PM.

Council returned at 7:47PM.

There being no further business, Councilmember Derman made a motion to the adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:48PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline A. Anders
Borough Secretary

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

ADJOURNMENT