

A work session of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held on **Tuesday, November 12, 2013** in the Council Chambers, 55 South Fifth Street. Present: Council President Bergonia; Councilmembers Baker, Casimir, Cox, Mahon, Morris and Strosser; Mayor Wagner, Manager Smith and Secretary Garrison. Absent: Councilmember Robinson.

Council President Bergonia called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember Casimir explained that the Finance Committee met Monday afternoon and the Manager presented a budget proposal from the Buffalo Valley Recreation Authority (BVRec), a contribution request from the Lewisburg Neighborhoods Corporation (LNC), a loan transfer recommendation in the amount of \$60,000.00 to the Refuse Fund from the General Fund, as well as a "draft" 2014 budget.

Councilmember Casimir reviewed the BVRec budget request against the current Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) formula and found it to be consistent. He indicated that we always reserved rejection abilities, but provided the request was less than a 3% increase, we would need strong grounds to deny. Manager Smith presented Council with copies of the proposed 2014 budget for BVRec. Councilmember Baker asked why the current loan repayments to the Borough did not appear in the budget. Manager Smith stated that he would follow-up with the BVRec Director. Council directed Manager Smith to include the proposed 2014 contribution to BVRec in the amount of \$51,254.00 which would be approved as part of the 2014 Borough budget.

There was much discussion with regard to the LNC request and potential for a 2014 contribution from the Borough. Manager Smith indicated that the 5th year of funding through DCED and the Elm Street Program was approved; however, no agreement and no funds have been received to date. In addition, 2013 was the actual 5th year of the Program so any amount of Borough match to the grant has been satisfied. Any future contribution would be made at the discretion of the Borough Council and not required by the State. Manager Smith indicated he suggested to the Elm Street Manager to complete the St. Louis Street (actually being called South Sixth Street Project) application to DCED, and *include* administrative funds that would cover the proposed shortfall for 2014.

A motion was made by Councilmember Casimir, seconded by Councilmember Morris, to request the Lewisburg Neighborhoods Corporation (LNC) to submit the grant application for the South Sixth Street Project by December 1, 2013, or the Manager will be directed to prepare and submit this application in an effort to ensure that the Borough not lose eligibility for the funding available. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Casimir, seconded by Councilmember Morris, to approve a \$60,000.00 loan to the Refuse Fund from the General Fund in order to be able to end 2013 with adequate funding; repayment of this amount to be made in 2014. ON THE QUESTION: Councilmember Baker questioned the payback of this money. Manager Smith said he is anticipating the Refuse Fund will be able to handle the repayment of the \$60,000.00 in 2014. Motion was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, Council President Bergonia adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chad N. Smith
Manager

ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER

BVREC

LNC

LNC TO SUBMIT
SOUTH SIXTH
STREET GRANT
APPLICATION BY
DECEMBER 1ST
OR MANAGER TO
SUBMIT SAME

COUNCIL
APPROVED
\$60,000 LOAN
FROM GENERAL
FUND TO REFUSE
FUND

ADJOURNMENT