

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held at 6:30 PM on **Tuesday, November 17, 2020** as a Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present: Council President Sulai; Councilmembers Botelho, Comas, Derman, Farrell, Heayn, and Brody; Manager Lowther, Secretary Anders, Solicitor Lyons, Mayor Wagner, Junior Councilmember Paige Kaszuba, BVRPD Chief Yost, Special Projects Coordinator/Grant Manager Wheeler. Also present: Char Gray, Chris Watts, Christopher Lagana, David Hines, Travis Short, Kathy Wendt, Tessa Yerger, and Tim Turner.

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Sulai called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilmember Farrell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brody, to approve the October 13, 2020 Zoom Work Session meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Botelho, to approve the October 20, 2020 Zoom Regular meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brody to approve the Saint Anthony Street Townhouse Development Project's conditional use subject to the following conditions listed in a final draft document that includes soil testing, traffic study, landscape screening, repaving of the Hazel Tree Alley, shade trees along Hazel Tree Alley and sidewalks along Hazel Tree Alley. Motion passed with one abstention of Council President Debra Sulai.

PUBLIC WORKS/POLICE COMMITTEE: Buffalo Valley Regional Police Chief Yost submitted a monthly report and will look into a number discrepancy asked by Councilmember Derman regarding totals.

Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve Change Order #3 (Final Quantities Change Order) in the amount of \$17,175.28 for the Lewisburg Borough 2020 Streets Project. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ferrell to approve a request from River Town to have a fire pit at Lewisburg Landing for their meetings on Monday, November 16, 2020 and Monday, December 21, 2020. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ferrell to approve Change Order #2 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded South Sixth Street Floodplain Restoration project to extend the substantial completion date from November 26, 2020 to April 15, 2021. It was noted the extension is due to the manufacturing of the railing, the grass was not planted in time to grow this year, and overall project delay due to COVID-19. Motion was unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve payment of bills from October 17, 2020 through November 13, 2020 in the amount of \$575,816.56. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve the additional financial request from Buffalo Valley Regional Authority (BVRA) for 2020 operational funding in the amount of \$25,000.00 to be paid from the Regional Recreation Tax Fund (and General Tax Fund if necessary). Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to purchase a new Refuse Collection Truck in the amount of \$201,857.27 (\$114,537.00 for the truck body from Sunbury Motors and \$87,320.27 for the Packer Unit from A&H Equipment) via Costars Contracts to be paid from the Refuse Equipment Depreciation Fund. Motion was unanimously approved.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING COMMITTEE: Councilmember Yohn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve HARB item a through b as submitted and recommended by HARB per their minutes dated November 10, 2020. Motion was unanimously approved.

ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
October 13, 2020

October 20, 2020

Conditional use
Approval – Saint
Anthony Street
Townhouse
Development

PUBLIC WORKS/POLICE COMMITTEE
BVRPD

2020 Streets
Change Order #3

River Town fire
pit approval

South Sixth St
(CDBG) Change
Order #2

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE
Approval of Bills

BVRA additional
financial request
approval

Refuse Collection
Truck Purchase

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING
LANNING
HARB

- a. Nelson Beachy / 42 South Seventh Street / Porch Repair. HARB approved/Committee recommends Council approval.
- b. Nelson Beachy / 625 Saint Catherine Street / Door & Window. HARB approved/Committee recommends Council approval.

Councilmember Yohn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman to approve the following appointments to Borough Boards and Commissions: Pete Bergonia appointed to BVRA with a term expiring 12/31/2025, Steve Beattie appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board with a term expiring 12/31/2023, Art Schaeffer appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate with a term expiring 12/31/2023, Kathryn Morris appointed to the Planning Commission with a term expiring 12/31/2022, and William Smith appointed to LAJSA with a term expiring 12/31/2025. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Yohn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to direct the Borough Solicitor to prepare and advertise a change to the Zoning Ordinance Floodplain Management Section 360.37 (E.) (12) (a) (Technical Provisions – Design and Construction Standards – Equipment) to replace “shall not be located below” with “shall be located at least 1 ½ feet above”. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Yohn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve Resolution 20-12 for the placement of banners over Market Street/Route 45. Motion was unanimously approved.

Currently there are vacancies on Zoning Hearing Board Alternate, term expiration December 31, 2023, Shade Tree Commission, term expiration December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2023 and HARB term expiration December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2023, and CFSES Alternate. Additional vacancies as of January 1, 2021 HARB term expiration December 31, 2023, Shade Tree term expiration December 31, 2025, and BVRPC term expiration December 31, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Char Gray inquired about the Saint Anthony Townhouse project and also asked Council if there has been an executive session to discuss the letter that East Buffalo Township sent regarding the Buffalo Valley Regional Police IGA. Council President Sulai informed Char Gray that the letter is under consideration.

Christopher Lagana inquired if permits for social gatherings would be coming back next year. Christopher Lagana was informed that the Pandemic will be the deciding factor and Council will continue to consult with the Emergency Management Coordinator and adhere to the public health guidelines set forth from the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

MAYOR: Mayor Wagner recognized the passing of Allen Quant (Mariah’s Garden) expressed her condolences to the family and thanks for all the contributions to the Community. Allen and the family have contributed a lot to the Community including founding Mariah’s Garden along the Susquehanna River.

Mayor Wagner also wanted to thank everyone working with Lewisburg in Lights.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Council President Sulai inquired if the letter of support to the Susquehanna Valley Community Education Project could be posted on their website showing Community Support. No Councilmembers expressed any concerns on the letter being posted.

Council President shared the Pennsylvania Department of Health new mask mandates suggesting the wearing of masks around anyone that does not live in your household or cannot stay six feet apart.

BOROUGH MANAGER: Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Farrell to adopt the final 2021 budget with millage rates as follows: General Fund 10.085; Debt Service Fund 0.448; Street Lighting Fund 0.407; Fire Protection Fund 0.910; Shade Tree Fund 0.100; Regional Recreation Fund 0.790; total millage for 2021 is 12.740 (Note: No millage increase to Borough taxpayers in 2021). Motion was unanimously approved.

HARB con’t

N Beachy

N Beachy

Appointments
 BVRA – Bergonia
 ZHB – Beattie
 ZHB- Schaeffer
 PC – Morris
 LAJSA - Smith

Zoning Ordinance change – Floodplain Management

Banner Resolution 20-12

Vacancies

Public Comment
 Char Gray

Christopher Lagana

MAYOR

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

MANAGER

2021 Final Budget adoption

November 17, 2020

Councilmember Farrell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Botelho to authorize the Borough Solicitor to advertise the 2021 Budget. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Botelho to adopt Resolution 20-11, retaining the realty transfer tax, real estate ta, earned income tax, local services tax and business privilege tax for 2021. Motion was unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PROJECT COORDINATOR/GRANT MANAGER: Special Project Coordinator/Grant Manager, Kim Wheeler updated Council regarding the Bull Run Greenway permits and will continue to keep Council updated on timelines.

Special Project Coordinator/Grant Manager, Kim Wheeler also passed along United way information opportunities on Diversity Week and the Public Health Forum COVID-19 updates going on this week.

JUNIOR COUNCILMEMBER: Due to some internet issues, Junior Councilmember Paige Kaszuba will be sending message to Council about how to pursue the Public WiFi project.

WRITTEN REPORTS: Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to acknowledge receipt of the monthly LAJSA November Agenda and October Minutes, Zoning Officer Report, Building Permits, and Code Enforcement Officer Report. Motion was unanimously approved.

WORK SESSION: There will be a Work Session to be held Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

Council President Sulai called for an executive session to discuss legal matters at 7:28 PM.

Council returned at 7:47 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline A. Anders
Borough Secretary

2021 Budget Advertising

Tax Resolution 20-11

Special Project Coordinator / Grant Manager

Junior Councilmember

WRITTEN REPORTS

WORK SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT