

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held on **Tuesday, November 19, 2013** in the Council Chambers, 55 South Fifth Street. Present: Council President Bergonia; Councilmembers Baker, Casimir, Cox, Mahon, Morris, Robinson and Strosser; Mayor Wagner; Solicitor Lyons, Manager Smith and Secretary Garrison. Also present: Tom Egan, Matt Farrand, Carl Moyer, Rob Cook, Stacy Hinck, Susan Warner-Mills, Nada Gray, Eva Marie Socha, Matt Sauers, and Samantha Pearson.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Councilmember Morris, seconded by Councilmember Strosser, to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting held October 15, 2013. Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Councilmember Strosser, seconded by Councilmember Cox, to approve the minutes of the work session held November 12, 2013. Motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Carl Moyer, a resident of 101 South Fifth Street, was present to share his concerns in response to a Daily Item article appearing on Sunday regarding the Borough's finances. He read the Borough depleted its depreciation accounts and he thinks it is irresponsible to not include the necessary monies in the depreciation accounts each year. He understands Council wanting to keep taxes down, and realizes we had several years with no tax increase which everyone appreciates, but we are now seeing a 2 mil increase as a result. It would have been better to have little increases each year vs. no increases; maybe we could have avoided a significant increase now. He asked if the Borough has plans to make up the monies in the depreciation accounts over the next few years, as he strongly feels that needs to be done. He thanked Council for all their hard work noting it is appreciated.

Councilmember Casimir commented the depreciation accounts are low, but not depleted; all Borough funded streets projects will continue to be put off over the next few years as we attempt to put money back into the depreciation accounts. He thanked Mr. Moyer for his comments, pointing out that Council struggles every year with a budget. Our Manager has pushed us for the last five years to raise taxes more than we did. But, we are reminded by those retired and living on fixed incomes of the financial pressures our citizens are faced with. There was **much** discussion.

Manager Smith explained he has a very detailed working formula for the Borough's equipment depreciation. He feels we are on track with this year's funding and that he can make it work. It isn't a perfect world, but we have good employees that take care of the equipment, good mechanics to keep the equipment running, and he will stay on top of this. He invited anyone to come in and review the depreciation formula.

Mr. Moyer stated he feels strongly, that in an effort to keep the taxes low, Council has erred too much on the side of being conservative when it comes to increasing revenues.

Mayor Wagner said everyone does a great job with the budget, but she would like to see us figure out where we want to be in the next few years, then look at options to get us there. She reminded everyone that 57% of the property in this Borough is taxable and the rest is non-taxable. Since these are tough times, we need to get creative.

Councilmember Casimir clarified that as a result of the financial mess of 2008, Council took a stand to not raise taxes for a few years in an attempt to provide relief to our citizens knowing taxes would need to be raised at a later time.

Linda Sterling, Executive Director of the Lewisburg Downtown Partnership, thanked Council for the opportunity to speak, and for being a core partner of the LDP since its inception in 1999. She explained the Borough's understanding and support is key to the LDP's future success. She provided and reviewed the Strategic Plan Executive Summary 2013, explaining there are no changes in our mission, goals, or what is important to us, but we simply fine tuned the way we talk. We will work to make sure the downtown remains the heart and soul of Lewisburg. We want to see the downtown bustling through the four original pillars of the LDP: economic development, promotion, organization, and historic preservation/design. She stressed the many partnerships the LDP has remain extremely important. Business owners are collaborating more and carrying out the brand of Lewisburg. Downtown parking continues to be a concern to be revisited in the future. We want better bike and pedestrian access and to see the development of the rail/trail, etc. Next year there will be one or two newcomer events in an attempt to create great relationships right away. She stated she would be brief but invites anyone that has any questions or comments to contact her. Mayor Wagner commented she feels the Strategic Plan distributed tonight is extremely informative, and thanked the LDP for their hard work.

Susan Warner-Mills, representing the Lewisburg Planning Commission, asked for Council support on a project they have been discussing, the need for a central vision. We are aware of all the groups that are in existence, and it seems as though each group has

ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
CARL MOYER

LINDA STERLING
LDP

SUSAN WARNER-
MILLS
LNC

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overlapping issues/concerns. We would like to have a couple meetings to have representatives from the various groups come together to communicate on these overlapping issues/concerns to develop a common vision of where we, as a Borough, want to go. She would call this a visioning process, initially, and does not anticipate this will take months to accomplish. Results of the process will be reported back to Council.

Councilmember Morris said she wants Council to support this; Councilmembers were just talking last week about "our" vision for the Borough.

Mayor Wagner said she would like each Councilmember, at the reorganization meeting in January, to share what their vision is for this Borough.

Councilmember Strosser asked the Planning Commission's next step.

Susan Warner-Mills said to contact representatives from each group and find a date to meet and discuss, following up with as many meetings as are necessary. She questioned if Council needs to make a motion for this.

Solicitor Lyons said no. Councilmember Morris said she didn't hear any negative comments. Councilmember Casimir suggested significant Council participation.

CONDITIONAL USE/PUBLIC HEARINGS: Matt Sauers, Central Keystone COG, Zoning Officer for the Borough, indicated there are two conditional use applications: 1) 638 Market Street and 2) 700 Market Street. The Planning Commission has recommended the application for 638 Market Street be continued to allow the applicant time to properly develop a parking plan. He is in agreement with that recommendation and suggests Council continue this application. The application for 700 Market Street has been withdrawn by the applicant, but in the absence of a written request by the applicant, he recommends the application for 700 Market Street be denied at this time.

Solicitor Lyons explained the reason for the denial is because there is a clock ticking of 100 days from the time of the first hearing (both were scheduled for hearing last month and they were continued). So you have until next month's Council meeting to hear what needs to be heard, thus the reason for the withdraw and denial at this time. If 638 Market Street isn't ready next month, we will deny it. So there is no reason to have a public hearing tonight.

Councilmember Casimir made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Morris, to deny the conditional use application for 700 Market Street, and continue the conditional use application for 638 Market Street, as recommended by the Zoning Officer and Borough Solicitor. Motion was unanimously approved.

POLICE COMMITTEE: Councilmember Mahon indicated everyone should have the September 2013 monthly activity report. She reported the Police Committee met to brainstorm on the social gathering ordinance. Chief Yost should have a draft for review at next month's meeting. Mayor Wagner commented Dan Remley was in attendance and there was a good discussion. Councilmember Casimir asked if there were Bucknell students present. Councilmember Morris said no, but that may have been as a result of Dan Remley's interaction with the students. Chief Yost commented he also met this past Thursday with representatives of the Bucknell Student Government (BSG); there was a Q&A period with the general student population in attendance (both on and off campus participation), which was beneficial.

Manager Smith said the BVRPD budget has been figured into the Borough's budget; approval of the Borough's budget, in essence, means approval of the BVRPD budget, but Chief Yost is asking for Council action. Councilmember Casimir said we don't give BVRec anything special. Solicitor Lyons clarified the Police present what they want, we can say yes or no, and if we say no, they must go back and make adjustments period. Chief Yost said the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) indicates that the municipalities should approve the BVRPD operational budget; therefore he would like something that indicates Council has approved the Operational Budget for 2014. Councilmember Casimir commented we haven't even seen the BVRPD 2014 budget. Manager Smith said he has as it was sent to him and he calculated it into the Borough's budget. Basically the Chief requested an allocation for 2014 of \$1,010,000.00. There was **much** discussion.

Councilmember Casimir made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Morris, to approve the BVRPD operational budget for 2014. Motion was unanimously approved.

Chief Yost commented as we continue to work with the IGA, we find there are things that do not work; an example would be, per the IGA, he is to have his budget to the Borough and Township by October 1st and there is *no way* that can occur. Mayor Wagner stressed the Chief is very thrifty in the allocation of resources and the BVRPD budget increase from 2013 to 2014 is only 1.39%.

Councilmember Casimir indicated he was a fan of the bicycle patrol; has that continued. Chief Yost said yes; there are four bike patrol officers.

COUNCILMEMBERS
TO SHARE VISION
FOR BOROUGH AT
REORGANIZATION
MEETING

CONDITIONAL
USE/PUBLIC
HEARINGS

638 MARKET
STREET
CONTINUED/700
MARKET STREET
DENIED

POLICE
COMMITTEE

BVRPD
OPERATIONAL
BUDGET FOR 2014
APPROVED

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PLANNING COMMITTEE: Councilmember Casimir made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strosser, to approve HARB applications a and b, as submitted and recommended by HARB. Motion was unanimously approved.

a. Bucknell University/103 University Avenue/Elevator Shaft. An application was submitted to and reviewed by HARB for the installation of an addition of an elevator shaft. A motion was made by Steve Snook, seconded by Mary Mastascusa, to recommend approval of the installation of an elevator shaft, with a request that the bricks match the existing bricks as close as possible, as submitted in the HARB application under project description and per the attached drawings. Motion as unanimously approved.

b. Lewisburg Borough/Hufnagle Park/Fence. An application was submitted to and reviewed by HARB for a wooden fence to enclose the portable restrooms. A motion was made by Phoebe Faden, seconded by Robert Cook, to recommend approval of a wooden fence enclosure, as stated in the project description section of the HARB application and as shown on the attached drawings, with the condition that the enclosure be either painted and/or stained within one year, and that the painting and/or staining is done to match the existing gazebo in Hufnagle Park. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Casimir made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Baker, to direct Solicitor to advertise the following 2014 meeting dates and times: Work Session: 2nd Tuesday of each month – 7:00 PM; Council Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of each month – 7:00 PM; Traffic Advisory Committee: 4th Tuesday of each month – 12:00 Noon; Lewisburg Planning Commission: 1st Wednesday of each month – 6:00 PM (except for January, which will be the 2nd Wednesday); Shade Tree Commission: 2nd Thursday of each month – 7:00 PM; HARB: 2nd Tuesday of each month – 5:00 PM; Zoning Hearing Board: 3rd Monday of each month – 7:00 PM; Finance Committee: 2nd Monday of each month – 4:00 PM; Police Committee: 1st Tuesday of each month – 5:00 PM (except for January – no meeting); Public Works Committee: 1st Monday of each month – 5:30 PM (except for January – no meeting; September meeting will be held the 2nd Monday); Planning Committee: 2nd Thursday of each month – 5:00 PM (except for January, May and October, which will be the 3rd Thursday); and Reorganization Meeting: 1st Monday of January – 7:00 PM. ON THE QUESTION: Councilmember Morris suggested the Council President, when assigning individuals to various committees, check to make sure the times/days of these monthly meetings work. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Casimir made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Baker, to reappoint Keri Albright to the Buffalo Valley Recreation Authority to serve a five year term 01/01/14 through 12/31/18. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Casimir made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strosser, to reappoint Jack E. Solomon to the Lewisburg Area Joint Sewer Authority (LAJSA) to serve a five year term 01/01/2014 through 12/31/2018. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Casimir made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Morris, to reappoint Mary Mastascusa and Kim Walter to the Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) to serve three year terms of 01/01/14 through 12/31/16. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Casimir made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mahon, to reappoint Clare Sammells to the Planning Commission to serve a four year term 01/01/14 through 12/31/17. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Casimir made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mahon, to reappoint Rachel Sussman to the Shade Tree Commission to serve a five year term 01/01/14 through 12/31/18. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Casimir made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Robinson, to reappoint Peter J. Bergonia, Jr. to the Central Keystone-COG to serve a three year term 01/01/14 through 12/31/16. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Casimir made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mahon, to reappoint Judith T. Wagner, Mayor, to the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Commission (BVRPC) to serve a two year term 01/06/14 through 01/07/16. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Casimir made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strosser, to appoint Ed Cox to the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Commission (BVRPC), as an At-Large member, to serve a one year term 01/07/14 through 01/07/15. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Casimir made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Morris, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Councilmember Robinson effective 11/20/13. Motion was unanimously approved. (Council President Bergonia presented Councilmember Robinson with a Certificate of Appreciation.)

Councilmember Casimir made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strosser, to direct Solicitor to repeal Chapter 179, Floodplain Management, from Code of Ordinances, as the Floodplain Management Ordinance is now included within the Zoning Ordinance. Motion was unanimously approved.

**PLANNING
COMMITTEE
HARB**

**BUCKNELL
UNIVERSITY**

BOROUGH

**ADVERTISEMENT
OF 2014 MEETINGS**

**REAPPOINTMENTS:
K ALBRIGHT/
BVREC**

**J SOLOMON/
LAJSA**

**M MASTASCUSA
AND K
WALTER/HARB**

**C SAMMELLS/
PLANNING
COMMISSION**

**R SUSSMAN/
STC**

**P BERGONIA, JR/
CK-COG**

**J WAGNER/
BVRPC**

**E COX/
BVRPC (AT-LARGE)**

**RESIGNATION OF
COUNCILMEMBER
ROBINSON**

**SOLICITOR
DIRECTED TO
REPEAL CHAPTER
179/ FLOODPLAIN
MANAGEMENT**

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Councilmember Casimir noted current vacancies: Vacancy Board and Lewisburg Planning Commission, and upcoming vacancies effective 01/01/14: CATV Advisory Committee and the Zoning Hearing Board. All positions were advertised and only letters of interest were received from those currently serving, so reappointments were made to those interested in serving again. Councilmember Morris said we now also need a Councilmember for Ward II, so anyone in Ward II interested in serving on Council should send their resume and letter of interest to Manager Smith.

Councilmember Casimir indicated Samantha Pearson gave a presentation about neighbors interested in specific sites for possible river access. Trish Carothers was late to the meeting, but shared some information on Rivertowns; discussions will continue in the future.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilmember Strosser made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cox, to approve Confirmation of Assignment in the amount of \$19,200.00 to Larson Design Group for Phase II engineering services related to remaining five (5) properties under the Flood Mitigation Project along South Sixth Street. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Strosser made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Casimir, to approve Confirmation of Assignment in the amount of \$13,900.00 to Larson Design Group for engineering services related to North Seventh Street Bridge, specifically sidewalk/railing repair and bank stabilization. ON THE QUESTION: Councilmember Strosser said this is the bridge by the D.F. Green Field. Manager Smith explained the actual engineering costs appear high, but that is due to the need for a DEP permit. The cost of the construction work is reasonable and within our budget. Motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilmember Casimir made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Baker, to approve payment of bills from 10/12/13 through 11/15/13 in the amount of \$512,051.32. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Casimir made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cox, to approve the proposed 2014 budget with millage rates as follows: General Fund 8.93; Street Light Fund 0.34; Fire Protection Fund 0.50; Shade Tree Fund 0.04; Recreation Fund 0.34; and to direct the Solicitor to advertise the proposed 2014 budget for final consideration and adoption of Council on Tuesday, December 17, 2013. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Casimir made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Morris, to direct the Solicitor to prepare and advertise the necessary tax ordinance (General Fund 8.93; Street Light Fund 0.34; Fire Protection Fund 0.50; Shade Tree Fund 0.04; Recreation Fund 0.34). Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Casimir made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mahon, to direct the Solicitor to prepare a tax resolution regarding the realty transfer tax, the earned income tax, the local services tax, the business privilege tax, and the per capita tax for 2014. Motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR: Mayor Wagner updated Council on her recent activities. She attended the Susquehanna Valley Visitors Bureau annual meeting conducted by Andrew Miller, Director. It was quite informative and for every \$1 the Visitors Bureau invests, \$50 is returned to our region; their efforts are truly appreciated by all. She will be attending the Community Relations meeting at the Penitentiary on Thursday where a round table is held with County officials and updates are given on various activities. She also attended the LNC Retreat on Saturday, which was quite productive.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Councilmember Morris commented that Project Connect is handled through Planned Parenthood, not Transitions, in an effort to get the message of sexual assault and domestic violence to young people through the schools, Children and Youth Services, SVWIT, etc.; it is a funded project. One of the board members is to be a member of local government and she was requested to represent Council on this board.

Councilmember Casimir made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Robinson, to designate Councilmember Morris to be Council's representative on Project Connect. Motion was unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR: Solicitor Lyons stated he was directed last month to prepare and advertise an ordinance to change the right of way for Cherry Alley, making it two-way between North Fifth Street and Raspberry Alley. This has been duly advertised and is ready for Council action.

Councilmember Mahon made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strosser, to approve Ordinance No. 1024, an ordinance that will eliminate one-way traffic on Cherry Alley between North Fifth Street and Raspberry Alley. Motion was approved with two dissenting votes; Councilmembers Casimir and Morris voted no.

VACANCIES:
VACANCY BOARD;
PLANNING
COMMISSION;
CATV ADVISORY
COMMITTEE; ZHB;
WARD II
COUNCILMEMBER

RIVERTOWNS

**PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE**
CONFIRMATION OF
ASSIGNMENT TO LDG
FOR PHASE II
ENGINEERING - FIVE
PROPERTIES UNDER
THE FLOOD
MITIGATION PROJECT

CONFIRMATION OF
ASSIGNMENT TO
LDG FOR
ENGINEERING - N
SEVENTH ST
BRIDGE

**FINANCE
COMMITTEE**
PAYMENT OF BILLS

2014 PROPOSED
BUDGET
APPROVED AND
SOLICITOR
DIRECTED TO
ADVERTISE

SOLICITOR
DIRECTED TO
PREPARE/
ADVERTISE TAX
ORDINANCE

SOLICITOR
DIRECTED TO
PREPARE TAX
RESOLUTION

MAYOR

**COUNCIL
PRESIDENT**

COUNCILMEMBER
MORRIS
DESIGNATED
COUNCIL
REPRESENTATIVE
FOR PROJECT
CONNECT

SOLICITOR

ELIMINATION OF
ONE-WAY TRAFFIC
ON CHERRY ALLEY
(ORDINANCE NO.
1024)

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Solicitor Lyons indicated he was directed last month to prepare a resolution authorizing a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note; it is ready for Council action.

Councilmember Casimir made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Morris, to adopt Resolution No. 13-07, authorizing a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note in the amount of \$750,000.00 for year 2014. ON THE QUESTION: Councilmember Casimir indicated \$750,000.00 was offered to the Borough by the bank, but we only pay interest on the amount of money used and we do not expect to need the entire amount. Motion was unanimously approved.

Solicitor Lyons indicated the last resolution before Council this evening provides for an increase to the fees for collection and disposal of refuse; it is ready for Council action.

Councilmember Casimir made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Morris, to adopt Resolution No. 13-08, providing for an increase to the fees for the collection and disposal of refuse. ON THE QUESTION: Councilmember Casimir clarified this increase is effective the first billing of 2014 and raises the monthly fee \$1.50 and raises the dumpsters \$1.50 per yard. Motion was unanimously approved.

MANAGER: Councilmember Cox, made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Strosser, to adopt Resolution No. 13-09, outlining sewage permit fees charged to the public, and to authorize the Council President to sign an agreement between the Borough and Central Keystone-COG for 2014 Sewage Enforcement Services, naming Gerald W. Kilgus as primary Sewage Enforcement Officer, and Russell Goodling as alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer. ON THE QUESTION: Manager Smith said this is an annual requirement we must fulfill although serviced entirely by the LAJSA and public utility. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Casimir made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mahon, to adopt Resolution No. 13-10, placement of 2014 banner across State Highway (Market Street) and the submittal of same to PennDOT. ON THE QUESTION: Manager Smith explained this is also an annual requirement we must fulfill. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Casimir made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Morris, to approve per capita tax exonerations for 2013 (2013-01) in the amount of \$105.00, as submitted by the Tax Collector. Motion was unanimously approved.

OTHER COMMITTEES: Council President Bergonia reported Buffalo Valley Recreation Authority (BVRec) is working on their budget, as well as the ash tree issue in the park. Councilmember Casimir said there were two public meetings on the tennis courts, with really good attendance at the second meeting, including a representative from the U.S. Tennis Association and a man that was recently involved with a tennis court renovation project. Councilmember Casimir hopes to form a tennis association, which will act to assist with grants and funding for projects like this.

Councilmember Morris reported Linda Sterling spoke tonight on the LDP and she has nothing to add.

Mayor Wagner reported she, along with Councilmember Morris, will be attending the Town and Gown Committee meeting tomorrow night.

Councilmember Morris stated the LNC held their retreat this past Saturday and the goal is to try to keep the LNC connected with Council. The LNC is looking for ways of keeping the LNC involved beyond 2014.

Samantha Pearson said the LNC is planning on having representatives at Council meetings on a regular basis; next month they will present an annual report to Council on the LNC's accomplishments. She stated Council should feel free to contact her at anytime with questions/concerns about the LNC.

Councilmember Casimir stated the STC planted approximately 23 trees last weekend, with assistance from community service workers. The first draft from the consultant on the Emerald Ash Bore Plan was received and we hope to see this completed sometime in December. He attended a webinar and wants to correct some previously shared information; ash trees remain sturdy, stable and in saleable condition for at least two years after being infested. He did research on the story being passed around about a 16 year old girl being killed by an ash tree in a park somewhere here in Pennsylvania and he hasn't been able to find anything to substantiate that. The main point of the webinar was that when you decide to cut down an ash tree, there are opportunities for selling them. He is happy to report the Manager sold the three trees taken down from the St. Mary Street Park for approximately \$700; this money will offset the cost of the removal.

Council President Bergonia indicated the CK-COG recently approved their 2014 budget; they just became responsible for the inspection of 750 rental units in Jersey Shore and as a result, may have to hire additional people.

TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE (TRAN) AUTHORIZATION (RESOLUTION NO. 13-07)

INCREASE IN FEES FOR COLLECTION/ DISPOSAL OF REFUSE (RESOLUTION NO. 13-08)

MANAGER SEWAGE PERMIT FEES AND SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES (RESOLUTION NO. 13-09)

PLACEMENT OF BANNERS IN 2014 (RESOLUTION 13-10)

PER CAPITA TAX EXONERATIONS SUBMITTED BY TAX COLLECTOR FOR 2013 APPROVED

OTHER COMMITTEES BVREC

LDP

TOWN AND GOWN

LNC

STC

CK-COG

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Manager Smith noted the hourly rate for the CK-COG increased, the BVRec budget decreased, and the Regional Police budget increased.

Councilmember Morris stated the Community Garden has been closed for the winter.

Mayor Wagner said the Traffic Advisory Committee Chairwoman is present. Samantha Pearson thanked Council for passing the two-way traffic Cherry Alley ordinance allowing the use of the lot behind the Mifflinburg Bank. Mayor Wagner stated she became aware of an application that is available for use with an electronic device that is placed on each and every parking space, which then allows you to locate empty parking spaces; maybe Bucknell University's small business students could investigate that.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilmember Mahon reported that of the three student houses currently for sale on the corner of Seventh and Market Streets, the green one was bought by a friend who teaches at Bucknell University and she is happy to share that it will be restored to a single family home.

Councilmember Casimir indicated a couple years ago Council sent a letter to the School District registering our disagreement with their moving the high school out of town. Now it appears the decision has been made and they are moving on with this process, so we might want to make other comments with regard to the building, i.e. making it a green building, etc. Mayor Wagner stressed she wants to have input on what happens to the current high school property as it is an important piece of Lewisburg. Samantha Pearson reported the LNC was very involved in that and at the time we were told there would be a repurposing committee and that the Borough would be involved; now we are told the repurposing committee exists, but there isn't a member of Council, the LNC, the Planning Commission or even anyone that lives within the Borough on that committee. Councilmember Casimir asked if the comment that the Borough would have representation was made at a public school board meeting. Ms. Pearson said she isn't sure; it would have been made during the planning meetings that occurred. There was **much** discussion.

Councilmember Casimir made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Morris, that the Council President send a letter to the Lewisburg Area School District requesting representation on the repurposing committee and any other committees associated with the move of the high school out of the Borough. Motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Wagner indicated she would also write a letter.

Council President Bergonia welcomed Robert Cook, Councilmember-Elect, who is in the audience this evening.

WRITTEN REPORTS: Councilmember Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Casimir, to acknowledge receipt of the Budget Index; Parking Report, Zoning Officer Report, and Code Enforcement Officer Report. Motion was unanimously approved.

WORK SESSION: Council President Bergonia indicated there will not be a work session in December.

Council President Bergonia called for a five minute recess at 8:30 PM.

Councilmember Casimir made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mahon, to hold a very brief executive session on a personnel matter. Motion was unanimously approved.

Council entered executive session at 8:35 PM. Council returned at 8:45 PM.

There being no further business, Councilmember Mahon made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Morris, to adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Garrison
Borough Secretary

COMMUNITY GARDEN

TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION OF HIGH SCHOOL

LETTER REQUESTING BOROUGH INVOLVEMENT ON REPURPOSING COMMITTEE FOR HIGH SCHOOL

COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT COOK WELCOMED

WRITTEN REPORTS

WORK SESSION

RECESS

PERSONNEL MATTER

(EXECUTIVE SESSION)

ADJOURNMENT