

A work session of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held on **Tuesday, December 13, 2011** in the Council Chambers, 55 South Fifth Street. Present: Council President Bergonia, Casimir, Cox, Mahon, Molesevich, Morris and Strosser. Absent: Councilmember Baker. Also present: Mayor Wagner, Manager/Treasurer Smith, Secretary Garrison and Chief Yost. Also present: Tom Zorn, East Buffalo Township Supervisor; Jim Buck, LARA Chairman and East Buffalo Township Supervisor; Mark Hubbert, Lewisburg Area Recreation Authority (LARA) Treasurer; and Keri Albright and Samantha Pearson, LARA members.

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

RESIGNATION OF WARD IV COUNCIL MEMBER – JOHN BAKER: Council reviewed the resignation letter of John Baker, Ward IV Councilmember. Motion was made by Councilmember Morris, seconded by Councilmember Casimir to accept John Baker's resignation, with deepest regret. Motion was unanimously approved.

WARD IV VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: With the resignation of John Baker, Ward IV, Manager Smith explained Council has thirty (30) days to fill the vacancy. Fortunately, this period of time overlaps the January 3, 2012 reorganizational meeting. Normally, an elected resident simply takes their seat as the Ward IV Councilmember; however, the individual that won the election in Ward IV, Matthew Cunningham, recently notified the Voter Registration Office and the Borough that he would not be a resident of Lewisburg Borough in 2012, so he had to decline this position. Manager Smith suggested that because we currently have a vacancy due to John Baker's resignation, and because we know there will be a vacancy as Matthew Cunningham had to decline this position, Council should authorize the Manager to advertise this vacancy. Council could then accept letters of interest prior to the reorganizational meeting, potentially filling the vacancy at that time. There was no motion made, but the sense of Council was that advertising this vacancy was prudent.

LARA DISCUSSION: Manager Smith explained that part of the reason for this work session was to discuss and potentially answer any issues, concerns or questions that Council may have about the recent actions taken by the LARA Board to remove the Executive Director and/or remove the position of Executive Director. Members of LARA were present to answer questions. There was **much** discussion. There was no motion made, but Council strongly felt that having appointed Councilmember Casimir and Council President Bergonia, as the representatives for the discussions relative to the Intergovernmental Agreement, that they should communicate with East Buffalo Township to entertain if the Township would be willing to consider a different form of supervision of recreation in this region. Councilmember Casimir drafted an Intergovernmental Agreement that would replace the current Authority with a Commission that would be much smaller and specific to elected officials and appointed employees. Until a response could be received from East Buffalo Township, it was determined this issue should be put on hold.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LPOA CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: A motion was made by Councilmember Morris, seconded by Councilmember Mahon, to enter executive session (at 8:25 PM) for the purpose of discussing the current status of contract negotiations with Borough Police Officers. Motion unanimously approved.

Council returned to its regular work session at 8:50 PM.

BUFFALO VALLEY REGIONAL POLICE DISCUSSION: Motion by Councilmember Casimir, seconded by Councilmember Mahon, to authorize Borough representatives to the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Commission (BVRPC) to carry the support of the Lewisburg Borough Council to the BVRPC to submit a letter to the respective Police Officers' unions that the Regional Police Department would be starting February 6, 2012 and that all officers would be expected to appear for duty at their respective scheduled times; Police Officers were expected to either continue negotiations with the BVRPC or they would work under their respective municipal contracts until such time as a universal contract was established. Motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – AT-WILL EMPLOYEE CONTRACT DISCUSSIONS: A motion was made by Councilmember Casimir, seconded by Councilmember Molesevich, to enter an executive session (at 8:55 PM) to discuss the contract negotiations for the At-Will employees scheduled for renewal at the reorganizational meeting January 3, 2012. Motion unanimously approved.

Council returned to its regular work session at 9:10 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Council President Bergonia adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chad N. Smith
Borough Manager

ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER

JOHN BAKER/
RESIGNATION AS
WARD IV
COUNCILMEMBER

WARD IV
VACANCY

LARA
DISCUSSION

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