

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held at 6:30 PM on **Tuesday, December 15, 2020** as a Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present: Council President Sulai; Councilmembers Botelho, Comas, Derman, Farrell, Heayn, Yohn and Brody; Manager Lowthert, Secretary Anders, Solicitor Lyons, Mayor Wagner, Junior Councilmember Paige Kaszuba, Special Projects Coordinator/Grant Manager Wheeler. Also present: Mary Collier, Paul Alfred Siewers, Travis Short, Sam Pearson, Asteri Aliaj, Ellen Ruby, Eloise Stevens, Kathy Wendt, Ryan Hostetter and a phone participant.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilmember Heayn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Botelho, to approve the November 10, 2020 Zoom Work Session meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Botelho made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn, to approve the November 17, 2020 Zoom Regular meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

Lewisburg Neighborhood Executive Director, Sam Pearson spoke briefly about some work happening over the past week recognizing that COVID cases both locally and nationally are heading upward and need to move the public health messaging to reach more people. There is new material. The plan is to have more people and organizations helping with repetition of clear simple messaging, enlisting community leaders, and work on person-to-person outreach. Sam is posting a new messaging document on the Lewisburg Neighborhoods website under "More Messengers, Better Messaging". There was some discussion.

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

Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to award the winter 2020-2021 snow removal equipment bid to the low bidder, Schlegel Excavating, Inc. Motion was unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve payment of bills from November 13, 2020 through December 11, 2020 in the amount of \$463,815.98. Motion was unanimously approved.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING COMMITTEE: Councilmember Yohn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman to approve HARB item a as submitted and recommended by HARB per their minutes dated December 8, 2020. Motion was unanimously approved.

- a. Dale & Amber Lind – "Good Times Barbershop" / 714 Market Street / Sign.
HARB approved/Committee recommends Council approval.

Councilmember Yohn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Botelho to appoint Jordi Comas to BVRPC with a term expiring 1/7/2023. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Yohn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman to appoint George Botelho in the alternate BVRPC position. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Yohn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve the request from HRG for Engineering Services Change Order 1 in the amount of \$7,500.00 associated with the additional permitting requirements for PA DEP in relation to the Mixed-Use Path/Nature Play/Floodplain Restoration Project. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Yohn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to grant the request from Donald Heiter Community Center to use the Lewisburg Tri-globe Street Light image as part of a digital media podcast. Motion was unanimously approved.

ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 10, 2020

November 17, 2020

Sam Pearson – COVID Messaging

PUBLIC WORKS/POLICE COMMITTEE
BVRPD

2020/2021 Snow Removal Award - Schlegel

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE
Approval of Bills

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING
HARB

Good Times Barbershop

BVRPC Appointment – Comas

BVRPC Alternate Appointment – Botelho

HRG Change Order 1 - Mixed-Use Path/Nature Play/ Floodplain Restoration

Tri-globe Street Light Request – Donald Heiter Community Center

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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 and Shade Tree term expiration December 31, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Eloise Stevens from Green New Day Deal spoke about an event on Market Street that tried to engage people walking by in a project of collective imagination. Their goals are to engage the people in conversation around issues of environmental and social justice, seek insight and ideas from the local community members and meet with local officials to continue partnership in advocating for, developing, and implementing policies and projects to help mitigate some of the worst impacts of climate change and increase quality of life in the Lewisburg and Union County.

MAYOR: Mayor Wagner thanked everyone that made Lewisburg beautiful and welcoming and wished everyone happy holidays.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Council President Sulai commented that during the November work session there was discussion regarding changing individual council committee meetings to committees of the whole, however due to staff changes and office closure Council was asked by staff not to start a new schedule at this time.

BOROUGH MANAGER: Councilmember Farrell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman to direct the Borough Solicitor to advertise the following 2021 meeting dates and times: Council Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM; Council Work Session – 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM; Administrative/Finance Committee – 2nd Monday of each month at 4 PM; Community Development/Planning Committee – 2nd Thursday of each month at 5 PM; HARB – 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5 PM; Lewisburg Planning Commission – 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 PM; Public Works/Police Committee – 1st Tuesday of each month at 8 AM; Shade Tree Commission – 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 PM; Shade Tree Work Session – 4th Thursday of each month at 6 PM except November, which will be the 3rd Thursday; Zoning Hearing Board – 3rd Monday of each month at 7 PM except January with will be the 3rd Friday. Motion was unanimously approved.

Borough Manager Lowthert gave an update on the Mix Use Path/Nature Play/Floodplain Restoration project. PennDOT funding delays due to COVID-19 will push back the Mix Use Path/Nature Play/Floodplain Restoration project to be let in late spring 2021, started July 2021, and completed late spring 2022.

Borough Manager Lowthert shared the information on the Governor’s Press Release that Union County received a CDBG grant in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the restroom project in Hufnagle Park. SEDA COG assisted the Borough of Lewisburg with this grant application.

DCED notified Borough Manager Lowthert regarding the 2020 CDBG entitlement allocation. The allocation will be larger than anticipated and amount of the larger grant funding will need to be allocated toward the emergency siren project at the January or February Council meeting.

The Floodplain Ordinance update is to be back to Council at the January Council meeting.

SPECIAL PROJECT COORDINATOR/GRANT MANAGER: Wheeler updated Council on her departure from the Borough to be the Executive Director of SEDA COG. Mayor Wagner thanked Wheeler for everything she has done for the Borough.

Councilmember Comas made a motion, Councilmember Derman seconded to accept the resignation of Kim Wheeler with regret and to cancel the employment agreement. Motion was unanimously approved.

Vacancies

Public Comment
Stevens – Green
New Day Deal
*1/19/21
correction

MAYOR

COUNCIL
PRESIDENT

MANAGER
2021 meetings

PennDot delay
Mix-Use Path/
Nature Play/
Floodplain
Restoration

CDBG restroom
project –
Hufnagle Park

2020 CDBG
allocation

Floodplain
Ordinance

Special Project
Coordinator /
Grant Manager

Resignation -
Wheeler

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JUNIOR COUNCILMEMBER: Junior Councilmember Kaszuba has been trying to connect with the United Way regarding public WiFi. Kaszuba wants to assist Sam Pearson with the COVID messaging.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL:

Councilmember Heayn took a position with a nonprofit environmental justice group as the Executive Director of Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light. Councilmember Heayn has spoken to other Community leaders to figure out projects to do without spending Borough tax dollars to do positive change within the Borough of Lewisburg. One possibility would be to donate some shade trees to the Borough of Lewisburg from the approximate thousands of trees Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light receives to plant along the Chesapeake Bay Watershed yearly. Councilmember Heayn will work with the Shade Tree Commission.

Councilmember Heayn has a petition for the regional greenhouse gas initiative which he is hoping for Councilmembers signatures.

Councilmember Farrell gave an update on the Municipal Energy Audit from last spring. Councilmember Farrell will send the final report along with recommendations to the Councilmembers.

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

WORK SESSION: There will be a Work Session to be held Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

Council President Sulai called for an executive session to discuss legal matters at 7:35 PM.

Council returned at 8:13 PM.

There being no further business, Councilmember Derman made a motion to the adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:13PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline A. Anders
Borough Secretary

Junior Councilmember

Additional Business from Council
Heayn – PA Interfaith Power and Light

Greenhouse Gas petition

Farrell – Municipal Energy Audit

WRITTEN REPORTS

WORK SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT