

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held at 6:30 PM on **Tuesday, December 17, 2024** in Council Chambers, 55 South Fifth Street, Lewisburg. Present: Council President Heayn; Councilmembers Armbruster, Pearson, Powers, Stamm, Manager Lowthert, Secretary Wendt, Community Development Grant Manager Berkey, and Solicitor Lyons. Also present: Angie Hunselman, Martha Barrick, and Gawhara Abou-Eid.

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Heayn called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilmember Pearson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to approve the November 19, 2024, Regular meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pearson to approve HARB item a. as submitted and recommended by HARB per their minutes dated December 10, 2024. Motion was unanimously approved.

- a. **Laura Josie Moore / 41 North Third Street / Exterior Chair Lift** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pearson to appoint Ann Longanbach to Shade Tree Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2029. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pearson to approve Resolution 24-18 requesting PennDOT approval for the 2025 Market Street Banner Placements at Sixth Street and Eighth Street. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pearson to approve submittal of the Request for Public Assistance form to FEMA for flood damage to the tennis courts at St. Mary Street Park. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pearson to approve Resolution 24-19 for Lewisburg Borough's Designation of Agent for the FEMA Public Assistance Project related to flood damage at the tennis courts in St. Mary Street Park. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pearson to request Union County, on behalf of Lewisburg Borough, abandon the originally submitted FFY 2024 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement funded project of N. Water & St. Anthony St. Sidewalk Installation and submit an application based on the following allocation to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for FFY 2024 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement funding for the following activities:

South Eighth Street/White Pine Alley RAB	\$ 87,300
Administration	<u>\$ 18,600</u>
Total	\$105,900

and to approve the Borough Council President to sign the Revised Project Certification form. There was some discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: Buffalo Valley Regional Police (BVRPD) Chief Yost submitted a monthly report.

William Cameron Engine Company (WCEC) Chief Blount submitted a monthly report.

ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
November 19, 2024

PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS
HARB

Moore

Appoint Ann Longanbach to Shade Tree Commission

Approve Resolution 24-18

Approve Request for Public Assistance form to FEMA

Approve Resolution 24-19

Approve the FFY 2024 Block Grant Revised Project

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
BVRPD

WCEC

December 17, 2024

Councilmember Armbruster made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Powers to approve payment of bills from November 17, 2024, through December 14, 2024, in the amount of \$654,351.99. Motion was unanimously approved.

Current vacancies on Zoning Hearing Board Alternate, term expiration December 31, 2026, Zoning Hearing Board Alternate, term expiration December 31, 2026, HARB, term expiration December 31, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Marth Barrick asked when something will be done about North Fourth Street. Council President Heayn replied that at the last Council Work Session it was decided to do a temporary chip and seal on the road as well as move forward with a 2025 investment for a planning study of the road. Barrick also asked when parking permits would be available for purchase. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the process of purchasing the permits as well as the price increase.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR:

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to adopt Resolution 24-20 increasing the monthly parking lot permit fee from \$35.00 to \$50.00 per space per month effective January 1, 2025. There was some discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Pearson made a motion to enact Ordinance No. 1084 increasing the metered parking violation fine from \$10.00 to \$12.00 if paid in the first 48 hours and from \$15.00 to \$20.00 if paid after the first 48 hours effective January 1, 2025. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to approve Resolution 24-21 amending the Regional Police IGA. Motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS / COMMUNITY UPDATES / PUBLIC NOTICES:

Council President Heayn appointed Council Vice-President Bilenky Trahan and Councilmembers Powers, Stamm, and Pearson to the Parking Sub-Committee. Bilenky Trahan was elected as Chair of the sub-committee and will schedule the meeting days and times. Heayn reported that he had the opportunity to attend an event in Hufnagle Park and thanked the borough crew and staff for it being so beautiful. Manager Lowthert also thanked the elected officials who helped develop the park.

Secretary Wendt announced that the Recycling Center will be closed on December 25 and January 1 and will be open on December 26 and January 2.

Councilmember Pearson reported that the 2024 Week Without Driving Nationally has wrapped up and had a much higher participation rate than 2023.

WRITTEN REPORTS: Councilmember Pearson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Powers to acknowledge receipt of the monthly Parking Report, Zoning Officer Report, Code Enforcement Officer Report, CK COG August Activity Reports, and CK COG August Building Permit. Motion was unanimously approved.

WORK SESSION: There will be a Work Session held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA:

Gawhara Abou-Eid, Standard Journal, asked what happened to cause damage to the tennis courts. President Heayn replied that flood waters caused the damage and the Borough as well as BVRA are working with FEMA regarding the next step for assistance in repairing.

Approval of Bills

Vacancies

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Barrick

BOROUGH SOLICITOR

Approve Resolution 24-20

Adopt Ordinance No. 1084

Approve Resolution 24-21

REPORTS / COMMUNITY UPDATES / PUBLIC NOTICES

Heayn

Wendt

Pearson

WRITTEN REPORTS

WORK SESSION

MEDIA QUESTIONS

December 17, 2024

There being no further business, Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy D. Wendt
Borough Secretary

ADJOURNMENT