

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held at 6:30 PM on **Tuesday, February 16, 2021** as a Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present: Council President Sulai; Councilmembers Botelho, Comas, Derman, Farrell, Heayn, Yohn and Brody; Manager Lowthert, Secretary Anders, Solicitor Lyons, and Mayor Wagner. Also present: Eric Scicchitano, Kathy Wendt, Lynne Ragusea, Tim Turner, Chris Watts, Mitzi Gallagher-Long, Ellen Ruby, David Hines, Coleman Gregory, Bud Hiller, and a phone participant.

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

COUNCIL PRESENTATION(S): Lewisburg resident Brian Kerstetter is one of the candidates running for Common Pleas Judge in Snyder and Union County. Mr. Kerstetter gave a brief explanation of his experiences and qualifications.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman, to approve the January 12, 2021 Zoom Work Session meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn, to approve the January 19, 2021 Zoom Regular meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC WORKS/POLICE COMMITTEE: Buffalo Valley Regional Police Chief Yost was unable to attend but submitted a monthly report.

William Cameron Engine Company Chief Blount was unable to attend but submitted a monthly report.

Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn, to request Union County to undertake a Budget modification to move all the FFY 2019 Lewisburg Borough Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation (\$89,707.00) from the Limestone (Bull) Run Floodplain Restoration Project to the Emergency Notification System Project. There was a brief discussion of obtaining a system that would also encompass a structure to send notifications to cell phones. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn, to appoint Jordi Comas as the Lewisburg Borough Alternate to the Central Susquehanna Fire and Emergency Services (CSFES) Board. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman to abandon the Limestone (Bull Run) Flood Resiliency project. Motion was unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve payment of bills from January 16, 2021 through February 12, 2021 in the amount of \$349,800.24. Motion was unanimously approved.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING COMMITTEE: Councilmember Yohn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brody to approve HARB item a. and issue a Certificate of Appropriateness without official HARB recommendation due to a lack of a quorum at the February HARB meeting. There was some discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

a. Timothy & Debra Faulk / 214 South Seventh Street / Window Replacement

Currently there are vacancies on Zoning Hearing Board Alternate, term expiration December 31, 2023, HARB term expiration December 31, 2022, December 31, 2023, December 31, 2023, and Shade Tree term expiration December 31, 2022, December 31, 2023, December 31, 2025.

ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER

COUNCIL PRESENTATION
Kerstetter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
January 12, 2021

January 19, 2021

PUBLIC WORKS/POLICE COMMITTEE
BVRPD

WCEC

CDBG FFY 2019
Budget
modification

CSFES Alternate
appointment -
Comas

Abandon
Limestone Bull Run
Flood Resiliency
Project

**ADMINISTRATIVE/
FINANCE**
Approval of Bills

**COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT/
PLANNING**
HARB

Faulk

Vacancies

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Eric Scicchitano inquired about the motion to abandon the Limestone (Bull Run) Flood Resiliency project because it was a big project for the Borough and portions have been completed. Borough Manager Lowthert explained as part of the Borough’s 2019 CDBG application a small floodplain restoration project behind Towne Tavern and La Casa Pizza North of Market Street was submitted to DCED for consideration. There have been some other thoughts as to how those areas should be reused and developed and Council has decided that project isn’t as high of a priority as the Emergency Notification System Project. Manager Lowthert suspects the Borough will get back to the Limestone (Bull Run) Flood Resiliency project because it is part of the Bull Run Master Site Plan.

MAYOR: Mayor Wagner stated that the Public Works crew and Borough Manager is doing an amazing job.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Council President Sulai passed along a website (vaccinate.pa.org) run by volunteers for information on vaccines.

BOROUGH MANAGER: Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to authorize the Solicitor to schedule a Public Hearing for March 16, 2021 at 6 PM to satisfy Section 3.102 (b) of the PA Liquor Code stating: “The municipality will hold at least one public hearing on the applicant’s request for an economic development license”. Motion was unanimously approved.

The Planning Commission has completed its review of the Derrstown Village Housing Development Project along St. Anthony Street in Lewisburg Borough. Recommendations have been made by the Planning Commission regarding the Project to approve several waivers requested by the Developer. The Planning Commission has also recommended approval of the Project when the conditions imposed on the Project by Borough Council are satisfied. Council action does not need to be taken at this time regarding the project.

Bud Hiller informed Council of the Planning Commission review of the St. Anthony Street Project and stated that Council will need to decide if Hazel Tree Ally will need to be a one-way street.

Borough Engineer Gregory stated that the Developer has been able to address majority of the comments he issued in his review and made the recommendation to change Hazel Tree Ally to one-way. The waivers recommended for approval deal with curbing and streetlights along the front of the property due to lack of infrastructure. There was a brief discussion about driveways.

Borough Zoning Enforcement Officer Hines reviewed the St. Anthony Street Project from the inception and states the project is compliant with the Borough Zoning Ordinance.

Chis Watts from Mid-Penn Engineering stated the final soil report was just sent to the Borough Manager today for Council review. Mr. Watts reported there were no detectable pesticides, herbicides, or volatile organic compounds. They are having issues obtaining the traffic counts on Hazel Tree Alley due to uncooperative weather. There was some discussion regarding Hazel Tree Alley.

Developer Turner stated his appreciation of everyone for all the work to have the St. Anthony Street Project best fit the site.

Councilmember Brody made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Botelho to accept the low proposal of \$7,475.00 from Hillyard Landscaping for 2021 Borough Landscaping Services. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Farrell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman to approve and Council President to sign FFY 2020 CDBG CV Entitlement Subrecipient Agreement with Union County in the amount of \$50,816.00. Motion was unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Scicchitano

MAYOR

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

BOROUGH MANAGER

Economic Development License

Derrstown Village/St. Anthony Street Project

2021 Landscaping

Subrecipient Agreement FFY 2020 CDBG CV

February 16, 2021

Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to approve and Council President to sign FFY 2020 CDBG CV Competitive Subrecipient Agreement with Union County in the amount of \$276,000.00. Motion was unanimously approved.

Subrecipient Agreement FFY 2020 CDBG CV Competitive

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL:

Additional Business from Council

Councilmember Comas stated the ice rink is open. Comas inquired if there is a process to encourage Bucknell University to be proactive in communication with the Borough regarding COVID-19. Mr. Bravman has reached out to Mayor Wagner and ensured Bucknell University is working every angle to keep the Community and Bucknell Community safe.

Comas

Councilmember Heayn shared information on tree plantings in Lewisburg from his nonprofit environmental group. There was some discussion.

Heayn

Councilmember Farrell would like to present the Municipal Energy Audit to Council at a work session. Councilmember Farrell stated there is a lot of research project studies and has some ideas of managing the information. He is looking into a project management software where the information could be consolidated to better serve the Council.

Farrell

WRITTEN REPORTS: Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brody to acknowledge receipt of the monthly Zoning Officer Monthly and 2020 Report, Code Enforcement Officer Report, January Planning Commission Minutes, WCEC Fireman’s Relief Audit Findings Withdrawal and LAJSA January minutes and February Agenda. Motion was unanimously approved.

WRITTEN REPORTS

WORK SESSION: There will not be a Work Session to be held Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

WORK SESSION

Council President Sulai called for an executive session to discuss legal matters at 8:07 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council returned at 8:17PM.

There being no further business, Councilmember Derman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:18PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline A. Anders
Borough Secretary