

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held at 6:30 PM on **Tuesday, February 17, 2026** in Council Chambers, 55 South Fifth Street, Lewisburg. Present: Council Vice President Comas, Councilmembers Armbruster, Heayn (via telecommunications), Pearson, Karahuta, Stamm, Grobes, Manager Lowthert, Secretary Wendt, Community Development Grant Manager Berkey, Solicitor Lyons and Junior Councilmembers O’Mealy and Kalaberer. Also present: Stacy McBride, Debra Sulai, Lynne Ragusea, Kyle Gardner, Gawhara Abou-Eid, and Officer Baumwoll.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Council Vice President Comas called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilmember Armbruster made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Karahuta to approve the January 20, 2026, Regular meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY AGENDA ITEM:** None

**PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:**

Councilmember Pearson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to award the Lewisburg Borough 2026 Street Paving Project to the apparent low bidder Gutelius Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$107,223.80. There was some discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Pearson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Stamm to accept the resignation of Ann Hilliard from Lewisburg HARB effective immediately. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Pearson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to approve the Union County Veterans Fourth of July Committee to use Market Street and other Borough streets for the annual parade and permission to submit the necessary approval letter to PennDOT. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Pearson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to appoint Betty Ann Bardell to the Lewisburg Shade Tree Commission as recommended by the Commission with a term expiration of December 31, 2027. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Pearson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to appoint Kyle Gardner to the Lewisburg Planning Commission as recommended by the Commission with a term expiration of December 31, 2028. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Pearson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to waive Chapter 290-32 in regards to the requirement of a financial guarantee for the Bucknell University Taylor Hall Parking Project. Motion was unanimously approved.

The Borough Manager discussed with the Committee the opportunity to purchase a used snow blower attachment for the Ventrac equipment in the amount of \$4,500.00 and the Committee supported the Borough Manager’s decision to purchase the equipment under his authority.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Buffalo Valley Regional Police (BVRPD) Chief Embeck submitted a monthly report. There was some discussion.

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

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to approve payment of bills from January 18, 2026, through February 14, 2026, in the amount of \$796,072.74. Motion was unanimously approved.

**ATTENDANCE**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
January 20, 2026

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM**

**PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS**  
2026 Street Paving Project

Resignation of A. Hilliard from HARB

Approval of UC Veterans Fourth of July Committee’s parade

Appointment of Betty Ann Bardell to STC

Appointment of Kyle Gardner to Planning Commission

Approval to waive Chapter 290-32 financial guarantee

Purchase of an attachment for the Ventrac for \$4,500.00

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**  
BVRPD

WCEC

Approval of Bills

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Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pearson to declare as surplus the Borough's 2010 Isuzu NRR paired with a 2012 Challenger Mechanical sweeper and permission to place the item for bid on Municibid with the appropriate public advertisement. Motion was unanimously approved.

Lewisburg Borough is installing back-up wireless ATT FirstNET internet service at the Borough Office and Public Works Complex for emergency operations.

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, 2028; HARB term expiration December 31, 2028; BVRPC Civil Service Position; and Lewisburg Area Joint Sewer Authority term expiration December 31, 2030.

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Sandy McBride reported her concerns with White Pine Alley between Seventh and Sixth Street and the accidents and near misses occurring on the alley due to delivery trucks inability to make turns cleanly. She suggested making the alley a one-way as well as no trucks on the road except Borough and Emergency vehicles.

Debra Sulai, LN, announced that there is an opening on the LN Board for a Borough Council representative.

Lynne Ragusea, LDP, announced that there is an opening on the LDP Board for a Borough Council representative. She also announced that a bid was advertised in the paper for a Lewisburg monument sign (in the empty lot across from the old High School).

**BOROUGH MANAGER:** None

**BOROUGH SOLICITOR:** None

**COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT:**

Council Vice President Comas suggested some work forum processes and changes to Council's Agenda structure such as: addition of Moment of Silence, Executive Sessions and Planning Updates on every Council Agenda; addition of another Council Work Session per month (council members showed an interest in holding one); Regional Municipal Meetings and who attends and what the topics are; the development of File Sharing for all Council; and status of streaming meetings.

**BOROUGH SECRETARY:** None

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/GRANT MANAGER:** None

**REPORTS / COMMUNITY UPDATES / PUBLIC NOTICES:**

Councilmember Pearson announced that a Week Without Driving 2026 will be held October 1 – 8, 2026. She encouraged people to be aware of the needs of the non-driving population.

Jr. Councilmembers O'Mealy and Kalberer said they would be happy to help with social media designs if needed.

**WRITTEN REPORTS:** Councilmember Armbruster made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pearson to acknowledge receipt of the monthly Parking Report, Zoning Officer Report, Code Enforcement Officer Report, CK COG January Activity Report and BVRA December Financials and Minutes. There was some discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

**WORK SESSION:** There will be a Work Session to held Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

Approval to place 2012 Challenger Sweeper on Municibid

Installation of back-up wireless ATT FirstNET internet service

Vacancies

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

S. McBride

D. Sulai

L. Ragusea

**BOROUGH MANAGER**

**BOROUGH SOLICITOR**

**COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT**

**BOROUGH SECRETARY**

**GRANT MANAGER**

**REPORTS / COMMUNITY UPDATES / PUBLIC NOTICES**  
Pearson

JR. Council Members

**WRITTEN REPORTS**

**WORK SESSION**

February 17, 2026

**QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA:**

Gawhara Abou-Eid, The Standard Journal, asked what streets will be paved for the streets project. Community Development/Grant Manager Berkey responded that Front, Eighth and Spruce Streets will be paved in June timeframe. Abou-Eid also asked if any more information could be provided regarding the streaming platform being reviewed by the Borough.

There being no further business, Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy D. Wendt  
Borough Secretary

**MEDIA  
QUESTIONS**

**ADJOURNMENT**