

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held at 6:30 PM on **Tuesday, March 18, 2025** in Council Chambers, 55 South Fifth Street, Lewisburg. Present: Council President Heayn; Councilmembers Armbruster, Comas, Powers, Stamm, Grobes, Manager Lowthert, Secretary Wendt, Community Development Grant Manager Berkey, and Solicitor Lyons. Also present: Ellen Ruby, Keith Smolley, Isaac Ramer, Jody Ramer, Erin Karahuta, Amy Machesic, Martha Barrick, Mark Sprio, Gawner Abou-aid, Justin Strawser, Dora Kreitzer, and Taylor Lightman.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Council President Heayn informed everyone there had been a Lewisburg Borough 2025 Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing at 5:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to approve the February 18, 2025, Regular meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to approve HARB items a and b as submitted and recommended by HARB per their minutes dated March 11, 2025. Motion was unanimously approved.

- a. **JPF & LCF / 201 Market Street / Signs** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)
- b. **“Creative Dog” / 139 Market Street / Signs** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to approve an Add-On Subdivision for 115 South Fifth Street as submitted. The Lewisburg Borough Planning Commission has reviewed and recommended approval. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Stamm to approve the low bid from New Enterprise Stone & Lime Company, Inc., Winfield, PA in the amount of \$208,453.20 for the Lewisburg Borough 2025 Street Paving Project. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to direct the Borough Solicitor to prepare and advertise an Ordinance amending the Sidewalk and Curb Ordinance, being Article II of Chapter 300 of the Code of the Borough, relating to tree lawns and tree wells. There was some discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to adopt Resolution 25-06 establishing degradation fees for pavement excavations occurring in tar/chip/fog seal and tar/chip/fog seal/leveling coat pavements. Motion was unanimously approved.

Committee directed staff and the Borough Engineer to move forward with the project concept designs for the South Eighth Street/White Pine Alley Removal of Architectural Barriers which closes White Pine Alley to through traffic and provides a cohesive pedestrian sidewalk as well as include green infrastructure features at the alley terminus.

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

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

ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC HEARING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
February 18, 2025

PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS
HARB

JPF & LCF

Creative Dog

Approval of Add-On subdivision 115 S Fifth St

2025 Street Paving Project

Prepare amendment to Sidewalk and Curb Ordinance

Resolution 25-06

S Eighth St/White Pine Alley Removal of Barriers Project

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

BVRPD

WCEC

March 18, 2025

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Powers to approve payment of bills from February 16, 2025, through March 15, 2025, in the amount of \$388,723.87. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Powers to appoint Sue Mahon to the Lewisburg Borough Zoning Hearing Board as an Alternate with a term expiring 12/31/2026. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to adopt Resolution 25-07 approving the Union County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan. There was some discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Powers to approve the purchase of a replacement snow plow for Lewisburg Borough Truck 1 from Maxwell Truck & Equipment of State College in the amount of \$6,764.01. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to approve Rainshine Studios (Amy Machesic) to use the Lewisburg Tri-globe Street Light image in her stained-glass work for sale as the Lewisburg Arts Festival. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to authorize up to \$5,000 for legal expenses relating to preparation review and adoption of a Human Relations Ordinance for Lewisburg Borough. There was some discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Powers to approve a proposal from Cohen Law Group in the amount of \$6,900.00 to represent Lewisburg Borough during Cable Franchise Agreement negotiations with Comcast. There was some discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

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

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

Keith Smolley explained his concern with placing his trash in trash cans per the amended Refuse Ordinance. He requested that he be grandfathered in and continue to set out bags of trash as he has always done. Mr. Smolley also wanted to discuss how terrible the traffic pattern is on Airport Road. He requested that the Borough write a letter to Buffalo Township expressing traffic concerns on this road.

Mark Sprio discussed his concern with the blight of trash on South Sixth Street between St. Louis Street and St. George Street. Council President Heayn said that the Council is very active in trying to resolve this issue.

BOROUGH MANAGER:

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to grant permission to the Union County Veterans' Fourth of July Parade Committee to close Market Street and Borough Streets for the parade and permission to submit the letter of support to PennDOT. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Stamm to request on behalf of the Union County Veterans' Fourth of July Parade Committee the assistance of the Milton Borough, Mifflinburg Borough, New Berlin Borough, Watsontown Borough, Union Township, and White Deer Township Fire Police for the event. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Armbruster made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Powers to approve the COSTARS purchase of a new 2024 F250 SRW 4x4 Regular Cab Pick-up Truck from the Sunbury Motor Company in the amount of \$46,789.00 from the Borough's Highway Equipment Depreciation Fund. Motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Bills

Appoint Sue Mahon to ZHB

Resolution 25-07

Purchase of snowplow for Truck #1

Approve Rainshine Studios to use Tri-globe Street light image

Authorize \$5,000 legal expense for prep of Human Relations Ordinance, if needed

Approve proposal from Cohen Law Group

Vacancies

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Keith Smolley

Mark Sprio

BOROUGH MANAGER

Union County Veterans' Fourth of July Parade Approval

Union County Veterans' Fourth of July Parade Assistance Requested

Approval to Purchase 2024 F250 SRW 4x4 Regular Cab Pick-up Truck

March 18, 2025

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to declare the Borough's 2005 GMC Pick-up Truck as surplus and approve listing of the truck for sale on Municibid. Motion was unanimously approved.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR:

Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Stamm to enact Ordinance No. 1085 amending the Recycling Ordinance, being Article II of Chapter 280 of the Code of the Borough, by changing the definition of "Community Activities." Motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS / COMMUNITY UPDATES / PUBLIC NOTICES:

Council President Heayn reported that he is working on the By-Laws and other various projects. He is hoping to have the information ready for discussion at April's work session and ready for approval at the May Council meeting.

Councilmember Comas announced that PA DEP is hosting workshops to share your thoughts, concerns, and ideas for addressing PA's Climate Action Plan. An online webinar will be held April 17, 2025. He passed a QR Code to scan for those interested.

WRITTEN REPORTS: Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to acknowledge receipt of the monthly Parking Report, Zoning Officer Report, Code Enforcement Officer Report, CK COG February Activity Report, CK COG February Building Permits, BVRA January 2025 Financials, and BVRA 2-26-26 Meeting Minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

WORK SESSION: There will be a Work Session to be held Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA:

Justin Strawser, The Daily Item, asked for the list of streets that will be paved in 2025. He also asked for some information on the Human Relations Ordinance.

Council President Heayn called for an executive session to discuss legal matters at 7:30PM. Council returned at 7:58PM.

There being no further business, Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy D. Wendt
Borough Secretary

Approval to surplus
2005 GMC Pick-up
Truck

**BOROUGH
SOLICITOR**

Ordinance 1085

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Heayn

Comas

**WRITTEN
REPORTS**

WORK SESSION

**MEDIA
QUESTIONS**
J Strawser

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

ADJOURNMENT