

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held at 6:30 PM on **Tuesday, April 20, 2021** as a Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present: Council President Sulai; Councilmembers Botelho, Comas, Derman, Farrell, Heayn, and Yohn; Manager Lowthert, Secretary Anders, Solicitor Lyons, BVRPD Chief Yost, WCEC Fire Chief Blount, and Mayor Wagner. Also present: Ellen Ruby, Kathy Wendt, Kendy Alvarez, Eric Scicchitano, Luis Medina, Lynne Ragusea, Marlene Lira, Samantha Pearson, and Matt Farrand as a phone participant.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Sulai called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn, to approve the March 16, 2021 Zoom Regular meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn, to approve the March 16, 2021 Zoom Public Hearing minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC WORKS/POLICE COMMITTEE:** Buffalo Valley Regional Police provided a monthly report. Councilmember Derman asked for clarification of the numbers for the statistics for crimes cases. Councilmember Comas inquired if the traffic issues with Dunkin Donuts continue. Chief Yost confirmed that the issues remain. Public works/Police Committee will discuss at their next meeting.

Councilmember Heayn inquired about the progress with the noise meter for the traffic noise issue. Chief Yost is waiting for warmer weather, staffing, and figuring the best plan approach. Councilmember Derman asked to review the noise plan when it is completed.

Councilmember Heayn also inquired about 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward parties. Chief Yost was able to put a couple officers out. They have been fielding calls regarding the status of the Social Gathering Ordinance because in the next couple weeks when graduation would take place. They have been referred to the Borough. Chief Yost believes there may be party issues around graduation time if the Borough restrictions remain the same.

Fire Chief Blount apologized for not having his monthly report prior to the meeting. Chief Blount had been working on long term capital improvement projects for the Central Susquehanna Fire Emergency Services Board. Manager Lowthert inquired about posts on social media regarding brush fires. Chief Blount agreed the public should be cautious with open burning because it is brush fire season and they have responded to several brush fires.

Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman to approve the Engineering Design Change Order #1 from Larson Design Group for the Hufnagle Park Restroom and Handwashing Station Project. This is an allocation change not a cost change. There was some discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman to accept the low bid from Wolyniec Construction Inc. for PENNDOT Project 111606 for the Bull Run Greenway Phase 1 – Kidsburg in the amount of \$1,054,363.80. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Botelho to authorize the Borough Manager to make all necessary approvals in the PennDOT ECMS system for PENNDOT Project 111606 for the Bull Run Greenway Phase 1. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Botelho to authorize Borough Council President to make all necessary approvals in the PennDOT ECMS system for PENNDOT Project 111606 for the Bull Run Greenway Phase 1. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Botelho to authorize the Borough Solicitor to make all necessary approvals in the PennDOT ECMS system for PENNDOT Project 111606 FOR THE Bull Run Greenway Phase 1. Motion was unanimously approved.

**ATTENDANCE**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

March 16, 2021

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Public Hearing

**PUBLIC WORKS/POLICE COMMITTEE**  
BVRPD

WCEC

Larson Design  
Group CO #1  
Hufnagle Park  
Restroom and  
Handwashing  
Project

PENNDOT –  
Wolyniec  
Construction bid  
acceptance – Bull  
Run Greenway  
Phase 1

PENNDOT –  
ECMS Borough  
Manager  
authorization

PENNDOT –  
ECMS Council  
President  
authorization

PENNDOT –  
ECMS Borough  
Solicitor  
authorization

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Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Botelho to authorize the Borough Manager to approve all project related invoices in the PennDOT ECMS system for PENNDOT Project 111606 for the Bull Run Greenway Phase 1. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman to approve payment of \$4,990.00 by the Borough from General Fund for outdoor eating items associated with the Lewisburg Downtown Partners Open-Air Initiative. Sam Pearson gave a presentation regarding the Open-Air Initiative. Motion was unanimously approved.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve payment of bills from March 13, 2021 through April 16, 2021 in the amount of \$332,881.09. Motion was unanimously approved.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING COMMITTEE:** Councilmember Yohn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman to approve HARB items a through e as submitted and recommended by HARB per their minutes dated April 13, 2021. Motion was unanimously approved.

- a. **Graystone Housing / 78 University Avenue / Window replacement**
- b. **Rick and Kristin Selvala / 207 South Fourth Street / Fence**
- c. **Triple M Contracting Services LLC / 727 Market Street / Windows, Roof, Gutters**
- d. **Bucknell University / 490 South Seventh Street / Window replacement**
- e. **Meixell-Diehl Agency / 433 Market Street / Sign replacement**

Councilmember Yohn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to approve a request from Geisinger Health Systems to use the Lewisburg Tri-globe Street Light Image in advertisements. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Yohn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to accept the resignation of Michael Brody as Lewisburg Borough Councilmember from Ward I with regret effective April 30, 2021. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember to appoint Bina Bilenky Trahen to Borough Council in acknowledgement of Michael Brody's resignation effective April 30, 2021. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Yohn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman to direct the Borough Solicitor to advertise for a Public Hearing on and the enactment of an Ordinance amending Part II, Chapter 360, being the Borough's Zoning Ordinance, regarding the Wireless Facilities provision thereof. Motion was unanimously approved.

Current vacancies on Zoning Hearing Board Alternate, term expiration December 31, 2023, HARB term expirations December 31, 2022, December 31, 2023, December 31, 2023, and Shade Tree term expirations December 31, 2022, December 31, 2023, and December 31, 2025.

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Borough Manager Lowthert received a question from Matt Farrand from the Standard Journal asking for an update on the Borough's sidewalks enforcement efforts. Mr. Farrand believed the sidewalk efforts were delayed last year due to everything going on. Borough Manager Lowthert gave a brief history of the events and confirmed there was a break in 2020 and are resuming efforts. The Borough continues to work with property owners.

Eric Scicchitano asked if the Sixth Street seating was set up. Manager Lowthert confirmed the tables were put out this week. Mr. Scicchitano also inquired if the Open Container Ordinance was still lifted. Borough Council President stated it has remained in place since it was first initiated.

PENNDOT – ECMS Borough Manager invoice authorization

LDP Open Air Initiative funding approval

**ADMINISTRATIVE/ FINANCE**  
Approval of Bills

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ PLANNING**  
HARB

Graystone Housing

R. Selvala

Triple M Contracting

Bucknell

Meixel-Diehl

Tri-globe image approval – Geisinger

Ward I resignation

Ward I appointment

Wireless Facilities Ordinance

Vacancies

**PUBLIC COMMENT**  
Matt Farrand

Eric Scicchitano

Comment from Luis Medina in the chat stating Huntington and Bloomsburg are some of the latest PA's rural municipalities to enact a comprehensive  
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nondiscrimination ordinance to protect LGBTQ+ individuals, after two years of discussions, presentations, questions, and answers When is Council going to issue its vote on the Human Relations Ordinance? Councilmember Comas informed everyone that after receiving legal counsel, the process has reset. The plan is to reintroduce it with some explanatory material and come up with a timeline and how to proceed forward.

**MAYOR:** Mayor Wagner recognized Joseph Carrol of 50 years in the same shop on Market Street.

Mayor Wagner also recognized Local Government week April 12<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> and commends Councilmembers on their service.

Mayor Wagner offer a Bells Across Pennsylvania Day Proclamation on May 2, 2021.

Festival of Lights will be holding a ceremony April 22, 2021 in front of the pool at Saint Mary Street Park. There will be luminaries lit in memory of those that have passed away or message of hope.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT:** Council President Sulai noted that the Lewisburg Joint Sewer Authority will begin to shut off utilities for nonpayment that action had been suspended for COVID.

Council President Sulai wanted to be sure that anyone who may need access to the vaccine and has not been able to get an appointment or anyone 65 or older needing financial assistance due to COVID, they can reach out Union Snyder County of Agency of Aging, Community action agency, or the United Way.

**BOROUGH MANAGER:** Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to adopt Resolution 21-03 for placement of a banner over Market Street/Route 45 for the CONCERN banner. Motion was unanimously approved.

**JUNIOR COUNCILMEMBER:** Paige Kaszuba shared some information regarding her research on Public WiFi.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL:** Borough Manager shared a large tree planting from several entities will be taking place on Earth Day and Arbor Day. They would like to plant some trees in a portion of the mow area in the pier area but keeping a path. There was some discussion.

Councilmember Comas addressed the issue of vehicles parking on Borough Streets. Councilmember Comas will be taking the issue back to the Public Works Committee before going to Council to vote.

**WRITTEN REPORTS:** Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to acknowledge receipt of the Parking Meter Collections report, CK COG DCED reporting, LAJSA April Agenda and March 2021 minutes, 2017 to 2020 Pension Audit, Planning Commission 2020 Annual report, Planning Commission March minutes, and Union County Planning Commission 2020 Annual report. Motion was unanimously approved.

**WORK SESSION:** There will be a Work Session to be held Tuesday, May 11, 2021 to discuss Planning.

Council President Sulai called for an executive session to discuss legal matters at 8:10PM. Council returned at 8:29PM.

There being no further business, Councilmember Heayn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**MAYOR**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**Borough Manager**  
Resolution 21-03

**Junior Councilmember**

**Additional Business from Council**

**WRITTEN REPORTS**

**WORK SESSION**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jacqueline A. Anders  
Borough Secretary