

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held at 6:30 PM on **Tuesday, April 21, 2026** in Council Chambers, 55 South Fifth Street, Lewisburg. Present: Council President Bilenky Trahan; Council Vice President Comas, Councilmembers Armbruster, Heayn, Pearson (via telecommunication), Karahuta, Stamm, Manager Lowthert, Secretary Wendt, Mayor Alvarez, Community Development Grant Manager Berkey, Solicitor Lyons and Junior Councilmember O’Mealy and Kalaberer. Also present: Lynne Ragusea, Jessie Lee, James Mathias, Jon Gustafson, Susan Mathias, Jack Fisher, Bonnie Poteet, Taylor Lightman, Tiffany Hawn, Emily Hontz, Vincent DiFonzo, Connie Harter, Greg Krohn, and Kyle Gardner.

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

Council President Bilenky Trahan announced that the Administration-Public Safety Committee held an Executive Session at the end of their Committee Meeting on April 13, 2026 to discuss personnel and legal matters. Also, Borough Council held an Executive Session at the end of the Borough Council’s Work Session on April 14, 2026 to discuss personnel matters.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Council President Bilenky Trahan informed everyone there had been a Lewisburg Borough 2026 Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing at 5:30 PM hosted by SEDA-COG.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilmember Heayn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to approve the March 17, 2026, Regular meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

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

**PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:** Councilmember Stamm made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve HARB items a. through f. as submitted and recommended by HARB per their minutes dated April 14, 2026. Motion was unanimously approved.

- a. **“Pine Sushi” / 316 Market Street / Sign** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval).
- b. **Joshua Martz / 136 Brown Street / Fence** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval).
- c. **Bucknell University / 420 South Seventh Street / Window Replacements** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval).
- d. **Bucknell University / 82 University Avenue / Window Replacements** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval).
- e. **Bucknell University / 235 Gateway Drive / Window Replacements** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval).
- f. **SpruceStone, LLC / 842-844 Market Street / Sign/Monument** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval).

Borough Council and members of the public discussed the Lewisburg Tri-globe Streetlight color on Market Street between Fourth Street and Second Street. Jim Mathias recommended changing the current streetlight color of green to black along Market Street (Fourth Street to Second street) to reflect the most likely historic original color of the cast iron streetlights, to promote interest and awareness of Lewisburg’s history, and to serve as a subtle, no-cost safety intervention. Bonnie Poteet spoke in favor of keeping the Streetlights green. She believes green has become the signature color of Lewisburg. Council agreed that they need more time before making a decision and will discuss at the May Borough Council meeting.

Councilmember Stamm made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve the treatment plan from Bartlett Tree Experts for the Fraser Fur/Holiday Tree in Hufnagle Park in the amount of \$1,735.00. Motion was unanimously approved.

**ATTENDANCE**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**  
April 13, 2026

April 14, 2026

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
April 21, 2026

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM**

**PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS**  
HARB

Pine Sushi

J. Martz

Bucknell University

Bucknell University

Bucknell University

SpruceStone

Discussion of Lewisburg Tri-globe Streetlight Color

Approve Bartlett Tree Experts to treat Fraser Fur / Holiday Tree

April 21, 2026

Councilmember Stamm made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to award the CDBG funded South Eighth Street/White Pine Alley Removal of Architectural Barriers project to the low bidder Gutelius Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$143,578.50. Motion was unanimously approved.

Award Gutelius Excavating, Inc. Architectural Barriers Project for \$143,578.50

Councilmember Stamm made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve Resolution 26-04 for the submission of a Greenways, Trail, and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant application in the amount of \$219,994.00 to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for a Multi-Use Trail Solar Lighting Project. Motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution 26-04

Councilmember Stamm made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve the Lot Addition Subdivision of an existing shared garage and an easement of an existing sidewalk for 118 Brown Street as submitted. The Lewisburg Planning Commission has reviewed and recommended approval. Motion was unanimously approved.

Lot Addition Subdivision for 118 Brown Street

Councilmember Stamm made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to approve a Minor Subdivision for 101 St. George Street (Lewisburg Landing) as submitted. The Lewisburg Borough Planning Commission has reviewed and recommended approval. Motion was unanimously approved.

Minor Subdivision for 101 St. George Street (Lewisburg Landing)

FYI:

- i. Notification of the planned submission of a DEP Act 902 Recycling Grant for the purchase of a Front-End Loader for use in association with the Borough's Brush Pile/Mulch Pile and a potential future Composting Site.
- ii. Notification that the Borough plans to move forward with the short-term recommendations from the Market Street Pedestrian Safety LTAP Technical Assistance Report dated March 2, 2026 (once given permission by PennDOT).

FYI

At the Market Street/Water Street intersection

1. Install Pedestrian Warning signs (W11-2) with downward diagonal arrow plaques (W16-7P) at the crosswalk locations (both directions) on the right side of the roadway.
2. Install a Pedestrian Warning sign (W11-2) with downward diagonal arrow plaques (@16-7P) at the crosswalk locations on the left side of the roadway on the westbound approach.
3. Install Pedestrian Advance Crossing assembly consisting of a Pedestrian warning (W11-2) sign with an Ahead (W16-9P) plaque on the westbound approach.
4. Add fluorescent yellow-green strip to all the pedestrian signage signposts.
5. Add Yield to Ped Xing pavement markings on the westbound approach of Market Street.

At the Market Street/Front Street intersection

6. Add the downward diagonal arrow plaques (W16-7P) to the existing Pedestrian Warning signs on the right side of the roadway in both directions.
7. Add fluorescent yellow-green strip to all the pedestrian signage signposts.

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

BVRPD

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

WCEC

Councilmember Armbruster made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve payment of bills from March 15, 2026, through April 18, 2026, in the amount of \$474,751.89. Motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Bills

April 21, 2026

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY Con't...**

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (continued):**

Councilmember Armbruster made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to appoint Deborah Sills as the Lewisburg Borough representative to the Lewisburg Area Joint Sewer Authority with a term expiring December 31, 2030. Motion was unanimously approved.

Appointment D. Sills to LAJSA

Councilmember Armbruster made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to appoint Lawrence Means to the Lewisburg HARB with a term expiring December 31, 2028. Motion was unanimously approved.

Appoint L. Means to HARB

Councilmember Armbruster made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to accept the resignation of Sandy Bond from the Lewisburg Planning Commission effective May 31, 2026. With regret, motion was unanimously approved.

Accept resignation of S. Bond from PC

Councilmember Armbruster made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approved Resolution 26-05 prohibiting on an experimental basis parking in all spaces in Municipal Parking Lot No. 4 and Municipal Parking Lot No. 5 on Mondays from 7:00 am to noon for a period of ninety (90) days from May 18, 2026 to August 15, 2026 pending the enforcement of the revision providing for the prohibition on Thursday. Motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution 26-05

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; Planning Commission term expiration December 31, 2029 (effective June 1, 2026).

Vacancies

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

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Jon Gustafson noted that there has been discussion about the need to have a new cast iron mold made for the streetlight posts due to the current mold losing design details. He then provided information on an alternative and less expensive way to make new molds that could replace the more costly cast iron molds.

J. Gufstason

**BOROUGH MANAGER:** No Report.

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**BOROUGH SOLICITOR:**

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Councilmember Heayn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to enact Ordinance No. 1091 Restating the Non-Uniformed Employees' Retirement Plan effective January 1, 2015. Motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance 1091

Councilmember Heayn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to enact Ordinance No. 1092 making White Pine Alley between South Seventh Street and South Sixth Street one way east bound and restricting combination trucks over 10,000 GCWR from using White Pine Alley between South Seventh Street and South Sixth Street and also Ludwig Alley between St. Louis Street and White Pine Alley. Motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance 1092

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

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**MAYOR:** Mayor Alvarez announced three Proclamations: "30 Days of Biking", "National Walking Day" and "Recognizing the 2026 Bison Outdoor Classic". Mayor Alvarez also announced that on May 5<sup>th</sup> there will be the Appalachian Leadership Institute in downtown Lewisburg.

**MAYOR**

**BOROUGH SECRETARY:** Borough Secretary Wendt reminded Council members that the Statement of Financial Interest is due May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**BOROUGH SECRETARY**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/GRANT MANAGER:** No Report.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ GRANT MANAGER**

April 21, 2026

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Councilmember Heayn announced that Council will have a stand at the Arts Festival on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. He noted that at least one Jr. Councilmember will assist as well as Councilmember Karahuta. Councilmember Pearson suggested offering a poll for the color of the lamppost. Councilmember Heayn also asked Jr. Councilmembers if they would be interested in presenting to Council next month a Resolution recognizing May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Councilmember Armbruster announced that he is on the music committee for the Lewisburg Arts Council and there will be a lot of entertainment all day during the Arts Festival.

**JR. COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Jr. Councilmember Kalaberer announced that he was interviewed by Axios for an article about Youth, GenZ and Politics that should be published next week.

Jr. Councilmember O’Mealy announced that he has committed to Howard University.

A discussion was held on how to fill the Jr. Councilmember’s seat that will be vacated by Jr. Councilmember O’Mealy upon graduation. Kalaberer said he will draft a notice to be distributed to students in the district announcing the vacancy.

**WRITTEN REPORTS:** Councilmember Bilenky Trahan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn 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 to be held Tuesday, May 12, 2026. Topic: Presentation of the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan by Kittelson.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA:**

Vincent DiFonzo, The Standard Journal asked for more information regarding the GTRP grant application.

Council President Bilenky Trahan called for an executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters at 7:31PM. Council returned at 7:51PM.

There being no further business, Councilmember Heayn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy D. Wendt  
Borough Secretary

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Heayn

Armbruster

**JR. COUNCILMEMBERS**

Kalaberer

O’Mealy

Jr. Councilmember  
Vacancy

**WRITTEN REPORTS**

**WORK SESSION**

**MEDIA QUESTIONS**  
V. DiFonzo

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**