The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 as a Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present: Council President Medina; Councilmembers Comas, Derman, Yohn, Heayn, Sulai and Brody; Mayor Wagner, Solicitor Lyons, Manager Lowthert, Secretary Anders, Chief Yost, Jr, Councilmember Kaszuba and Special Projects Coordinator/Grant Manager Wheeler. Also present: Kathryn Morris, Ellen Ruby, Matt Farrand, Samantha Pearson, Kevin Gardner, Ryan Hostetter and Coleby Kauffman.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Councilmember Sulai, seconded by Councilmember Brody, to approve the minutes of the Zoom April 21, 2020 regular monthly meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Councilmember Derman, seconded by Councilmember Sulai, to approve the minutes of the Zoom April 28, 2020 Emergency COVID-19 meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Councilmember Derman, seconded by Councilmember Heayn, to approve the amended minutes of the Zoom May 5, 2020 meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC WORKS/POLICE COMMITTEE: Council received the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department’s (BVRPD) monthly report. Police Chief Yost reported no issues, everyone is healthy, and they have not had any expenses beyond the normal. Councilmember Heayn inquired if there was anything happening over the past couple of days because of Graduation parties. Chief Yost did have several calls regarding gatherings over the 25 limit and the parties did comply and readjusted their environment.

Police Chief Yost answered expense questions asked by Councilmember Derman.

Councilmember Comas asked if Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department directly interfaces with Transitions or other groups that work with domestic violence and wondered if there was something that could be done to be more prepared or sensitive to domestic violence calls. Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department is involved in a quarterly meeting with Transitions and Officers received special training. Police Chief Yost cited that they have not had any increase in domestic violence calls.

Borough Manager Lowthert shared as part of the submittal for the Mixed-Use Path/Nature Play/Floodplain Restoration Project to DEP for permitting, HRG needs consistency letters from the Borough Engineer for the Floodplain Ordinance and the Stormwater Management Ordinance. There will be more impervious surface added than what is permitted in the Stormwater Management Ordinance, therefore Borough Council needs to make a decision to exempt the project of the coverage requirement, change the impervious asphalt to pervious asphalt or design a subterranean basin to catch and retain the stormwater and to slowly allow it seep into the soil. There was much discussion. Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn, to exempt the Mixed-Use Path/Nature Play/Floodplain Restoration Project from section 290-7a of the Borough Stormwater Management Ordinance. Motion was unanimously approved.

Borough Manager reminded Council that the CDBG-CV digital Public Hearing will be held May 20, 2020 by SEDA COG for the potential project of bathroom/sanitizing facility in the Hufnagle Park area. If there are any other projects Councilmembers believe would qualify as a CDBG project with the CV requirements, they are to be brought up at the May 20, 2020 Public Hearing.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE: Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn, to approve payment of bills from April 18, 2020 through May 15, 2020 in the amount of $330,030.20. Motion was unanimously approved.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING COMMITTEE: Council President Medina stated the current vacancies on Planning Commission, term expiration December 31, 2022, Zoning Hearing Board Alternate, Term expiration December
May 19, 2020


MAYOR: Mayor Wagner presented a Proclamation of Motorcycle Noise Awareness Month for May for the Borough of Lewisburg. There was much discussion on enforcement of a Noise Ordinance.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Council President Medina encouraged everyone to help support the many open downtown businesses that are doing take-out orders or delivery and reported there is a new business called Oakwood Smokehouse that just opened.

BOROUGH MANAGER: Borough Manager Lowthert asked Council to think about when would it be appropriate to allow Organizations back into the Borough of Lewisburg’s facilities to have large group activities and when would the Borough resume a more normal Committee schedule? There were some discussions on how to have meetings and maintain social distancing.

SPECIAL PROJECT COORDINATOR/GRANT MANAGER: Kim Wheeler reported Bull Run Greenway Shared Use Path Project is in the permitting phases.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR: Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to adopt Resolution 20-06 for Buffalo Valley Recreation Authority easement. Motion was unanimously approved.

JUNIOR COUNCILMEMBER: Junior Councilmember Kaszuba questioned if there were any regulations with the crosswalk buttons.

OTHER COMMITTEES: Councilmember Medina and Comas shared there were discussions regarding reopening of the pool, limiting admission to the pool, limiting staff, disinfecting, cleaning, and summer programs.

Executive Director of the Lewisburg Downtown Partnership Ellen Ruby shared the gift card program was a success and there might be a second round of the program and continue to support the downtown businesses in various needs and information.

Executive Director of the Lewisburg Neighborhood Sam Pearson reported they have had Zoom Committee meetings, continuing with the Podcast, plantings and volunteers working in Mariah’s Garden.

Councilmember Yohn informed Council Shade Tree’s goal is to revise the Ordinance then work on implementation.

Councilmember Derman reported the CSFES has not had their Board meeting due to being heavily impacted by COVID-19.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL: Councilmember Sulai commented that Riverwoods and Elmhurst have had one staff member each with confirmed case of COVID-19 and encourage people to vote by mail.

WRITTEN REPORTS: Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sulai to acknowledge receipt of monthly Zoning Officer Report and Code Enforcement Officer Report. Motion was unanimously approved.

WORK SESSION: There will be a work session held Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

There being no further business, Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brody, to adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline A. Anders
Borough Secretary