The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held at 6:30 PM on **Tuesday, May 20, 2025** in Council Chambers, 55 South Fifth Street, Lewisburg. Present: Council Vice President Bilenky Trahan, Councilmembers Armbruster, Pearson (via telecommunications), Powers, Stamm, Grobes, Secretary Wendt, Community Development Grant Manager Berkey, and Solicitor Lyons. Also present: Debra Sulai, Angie Hunselman, Tim Turner, Bob Lauver, Melissa Lobes, Barry Mabus, Susan Lauver, Lynne Ragusea, Vicki Fritz, Terry Burke, Brian Shultz, Justin Strawser, Martha Barrick, LaVonne Poteet, Kevin Gardner and Chief Embeck.

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

<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>: Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to approve the April 15, 2025, Regular meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

COUNCIL PRESENTATION:

Terry Burke, President, Union County Veterans' 4th of July Committee, updated Council on the plans for the 2025 Union County Veterans' 4th of July Parade. He also informed Council that next year is the 250th birthday of our nation and they are planning on making the celebration really special.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY AGENDA ITEM:

Bob Lauver, Commander of Purple Hearts Chapter of Lewisburg, voiced his concern and disappointment over moving the Purple Heart Memorial Monument in Hufnagle Park. Barry Mabus also reported his same concerns as Mr. Lauver. Debra Sulai, LN, announced LN received grant money for the bus shelter and due to flood plain restrictions they were limited on where the shelter could be placed. There will be a rededication ceremony for the monument to remind people why it is there. She also said the monument will be moved to a nicer, more central location in Hufnagle Park by the flagpole.

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to direct the Borough Solicitor to prepare and advertise an Amendment to the Lewisburg Borough Zoning Map rezoning the area bounded on the east by South Sixth Street, on the south by St. Louis Street, on the west by Ludwig Alley and on the north by White Pine Alley from the Residential Town 2 (RT-II) Zoning District to the Downtown Commercial (D-C) Zoning District. Motion was unanimously approved.

<u>PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE</u>: Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to approve HARB items a through h as submitted and recommended by HARB per their minutes dated May 13, 2025. Motion was unanimously approved.

- a. Beaver United Methodist Church / 42 South Third Street / Windows Replaced (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)
- b. Jeremy Haziak / 116 St. Anthony Street / Windows & Roof (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)
- c. Bucknell University / 103 University Avenue / Windows Replaced (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)
- d. LaVonne Poteet / 838-842 Market Street / Fence (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)
- e. Mifflinburg B&T / 500 Market Street / Sign (Replaced) (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)
- f. Tal MacArthur / 127 North Fourth Street / Windows Replaced (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)
- g. Clint Rockey / 405 St. Anthony Street / Roof/Windows/Siding (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)
- h. Bob Gruneberg / 306 North Fourth Street / Siding Only (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes for Lewisburg Borough to request that Union County, on behalf of Lewisburg Borough, submit an application based on the following allocation to the

ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES April 15, 2025

COUNCIL PRESENTATION

Terry Burke

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM

Bob Lauver
Barry Mabus

Debra Sulai, Lewisburg Neighborhood (LN)

Approval to direct Borough Solicitor to prepare Amendment to Zoning Map

PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS

HARB

Beaver United Methodist Church

Haziak

Bucknell

Poteet

Mifflinburg B&T

MacArthur

Rockey

Gruneberg

FFY 2025 CDBG Entitlement Funding May 20, 2025

Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for FFY 2025 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement funding for the following activities:

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- 1. Lewisburg Borough Sidewalk Improvements for LMI Homeowners 30%
- 2. Public Sidewalks on St. Mary Street, Water Street, and Front Street 53%
- 3. Administration 17%

Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to direct the Borough Engineer to move forward with Project Design Option #2 for the CDBG funded South Eighth Street/White Pine Alley Removal of Architectural Barriers (RAB) Project. Motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of CDBG funded Project Design Option #2

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to approve the Lewisburg Neighborhood's draft site development plans for the Hufnagle Park Bus Shelter and Purple Heart Memorial Relocation Project and to approve the Bus Shelter Concept Design. Motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of LN site development plans for Bus Shelter

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to approve the proposed Bus Shelter 10-year Maintenance and Insurance agreement between the Susquehanna Regional Transportation Authority and Lewisburg Borough. Motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Bus Shelter 10-year Maintenance and Insurance Agreement

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to approve the low-bid from Russell Standard in the amount of \$19,392.12 for Lewisburg Borough 2025 Tar/Chip/Seal Projects on St. Anthony Street and North Fourth Street. Motion was unanimously approved.

Approve Russell Standard for 2025 Tar/Chip/Seal Projects

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to approve the proposal from Ted Strosser at Marotta/Main Architects in the amount of \$4,750.00 for Step 1:Schematic Development associated with the three-sided shed at the Public Works Complex and a vehicle cover at the Borough Office both designed for the installation of solar panels. Motion was unanimously approved.

Approve Marotta/Main Architects for Schematic Development

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

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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

BVRPD

WCEC

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to approve payment of bills from April 13, 2025, through May17, 2025, in the amount of \$464,862.76. Motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Bills

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

Vacancies

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

Debra Sulai announced that May is Bike Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS Sulai

Vicki Fritz reported that her HARB application was not approved by Council at April's meeting and asked what she had to do next. Councilmember Pearson said her proposed columns were prefab and that was not acceptable. Fritz will resubmit an application to HARB.

V. Fritz

REPORTS / COMMUNITY UPDATES / PUBLIC NOTICES:

Councilmember Armbruster, on the Mayor's behalf, announced two proclamations: National Gun Violence Awareness Day – June 6, 2025, and Emergency Medical Services Week – May 18-24, 2025.

REPORTS / COMMUNITY UPDATES / PUBLIC NOTICES

Armbruster

May 20, 2025

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to table the Council President's motions to adopt the revised Rules of Order, to adopt the revised By-Laws, and to adopt a Code of Conduct. Motion was unanimously approved.

Appoint HRG as Borough Alternate Engineer

Con't

Approval to table motions to adopt

revised Rules of Order, By-Laws, Code of Conduct

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to appoint Herbert, Rowland, & Grubic Inc. (HRG) as the Alternate Borough Engineer for land development plan reviews and engineering related matters if the Borough Engineer has a conflict of interest. Motion was unanimously approved.

SS4A 2nd Public Meeting May 21st

Community Grant Manager Berkey announced that the second Public Meeting for the Safety Action Plan for Safe Streets for All will be held Wednesday, May 21st at 7:00 pm at the Lewisburg Hotel.

Powers

Councilmember Powers asked that a sub-committee be formed to review and make changes to the Ordinance for licensing and inspecting of residential rental properties.

Bilenky Trahan

Council Vice President Bilenky Trahan reported that May is Bike Month.

y WRITTEN REPORTS

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 March Activity Reports, and BVRA March 2025 Financials. Motion was unanimously approved.

WORK SESSION

WORK SESSION: There will be a Work Session to be held Tuesday, June 10, 2025.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA:

Justin Strawser, The Daily Item, asked for more clarification on the Zoning Map Amendment. Council Vice President Bilenky Trahan gave a brief explanation of the developing plans for the request for rezoning. Solicitor Lyons said the rezoning is consistent with the Borough's comprehensive plan.

Strawser

There being no further business, Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy D. Wendt Borough Secretary