

The Zoom Work Session meeting of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held at 6:30 PM on **Tuesday, June 09, 2020** as a Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present: Council President Medina; Councilmembers Comas, Heayn, Brody, Derman, Yohn, Farrell, and Sulai; Mayor Wagner, Manager Lowthert, Secretary Anders, Solicitor Lyons, Special Projects Coordinator/Grant Manager Wheeler. Also present: Police Chief Yost, Fire Chief Blount, Lynne Ragusea, Ted Strosser, Kathryn Morris, Kathy Wendt, Braden Klinger, Janice Butler, Robert Antanitis, Samantha Pearson, Ellen Ruby and Matt Farrand.

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

Vice President Comas informed the public to submit questions or comments to Council through the Questions and Answers or the Chat function.

Vice President Comas open the meeting up to any public comments or questions. No comments or questions made.

Sam Pearson stated due to the severe financial economical impact from Coronavirus and the ongoing business restrictions the Lewisburg Downtown Partnership Design Committee has made a proposal of outdoor eating options. The proposal is a combination of policy, space use, analysis, and outreach to local eateries for Borough Council consideration. The committee hopes that focusing on the eateries will also help make the downtown more of a destination and therefore help the other businesses. Lynne Ragusea performed the survey with the Downtown businesses regarding outdoor seating. Ellen Ruby gave a brief overview regarding some of the business' revenue. There was discussion about making a temporary change to suspend the Ordinance prohibiting the consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages for the area of Seventh Street on the West, Front Street on the East, Cherry Alley on the North and White Pine Alley on the South, excluding Hufnagle Park to better facilitate the downtown businesses under the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board's Advisory Notice No. 26. There was **lots** of discussion.

Mayor Wagner addressed some letters and Borough resident concerns requesting information regarding police policies and procedures considering National issues being seen daily. Mayor Wagner is confident the Police policies and procedures meet the standards the community requires. The issues and concerns will be discussed at the next Buffalo Valley Region Police Commission meeting.

Janice Butler thanked Mayor Wagner for considering the letter she submitted and for the posting of the Proclamation. Janice Butler says that is the kind of proactive leadership needed in the society and our community. There is not a concern about abusive behavior with the local law enforcement, but Janice Butler believes it is important for the community to know that there is a use of force policy. Janice Butler requested dates of the last training, how often de-escalation training is required and when was the last time the use of force policy was reviewed. Janice Butler also asked Mayor Wagner to sign onto the Mayor's pledge to be included with other organizations that state they are going to look at their policies and ask for citizen input and update as needed.

Sam Pearson also thanked Mayor Wagner for the proclamation and the Councilmembers on the Lewisburg Neighborhoods board. Lewisburg Neighborhoods was able to sign on to a Regional Greater Susquehanna Valley United Way letter in support of Black Lives.

Vice President Comas spoke of the County's weekly Municipal calls in light of the COVID-19 emergency have been informative and would like to ask the County to continue this type of meeting monthly after the emergency declaration expires.

Vice President Comas asked Councilmembers Derman, Heayn, and Sulai to address restarting Committees and ways to streamline and be more time efficient.

Borough Manager Lowthert reminded Council of the 2020 CDBG entitlement public hearing on June 16, 2020 at 6:30 pm hosted by Seda COG. The Regular Council meeting will begin at 7:30 pm with the Borough hosted Zoom Webinar. During the June 16, 2020 Council meeting, Council will be asked to pick a CDBG-CV project. The two projects that have been presented are the restroom project and the

ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER

Business
Resiliency Plan

Police Policies and
Procedures

County Municipal
Calls

Ad-Hoc Committee
to restart
Committees

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Salvation Army project. Council will be asked to award the Floodplain Restoration project on South Sixth Street. The Walker Loomis Street Project will be discussed regarding an additional quantity amount for curbing. Council needs to have a discussion regarding when to start having in person meetings. There have been several calls inquiring about the reopening of the playground and the athletic fields. Council needs to consider when to revoke the emergency disaster declaration. The Borough Office will open to the public June 15, 2020 by appointment only. Council will need to decide what to do regarding the second quarter refuse bills that will be going out early July.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline A. Anders
Borough Secretary

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Adjournment