

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held at 6:30 PM on **Tuesday, June 16, 2026** in Council Chambers, 55 South Fifth Street, Lewisburg. Present: Council Vice President Comas, Councilmembers Armbruster, Heayn, Pearson, Karahuta, Stamm, Grobes, Manager Lowthert, Secretary Wendt, Mayor Alvarez (via telecommunications), Community Development Grant Manager Berkey, Solicitor Lyons, Chief Embeck, and Junior Councilmembers Kalaberer and Gibson. Also present: LaVonne Poteet, Vincent DiFonzo, Justin Strawser, Kevin Gardner, Kyle Gardner, and Jessie Lee.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilmember Heayn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to approve the May 19, 2026, Regular meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY AGENDA ITEM: None

PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilmember Pearson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve HARB items a. and b. as submitted and recommended by HARB per their minutes dated June 9, 2026. Motion was unanimously approved.

- a. **Bucknell University – Larison Hall / 521 St. George Street / Exterior Renovations** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval).
- b. **Michell Hart & Meenakshi Ponnuswami / 124&126 South Fourth Street / Fence** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval).

Councilmember Pearson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to direct the Borough Solicitor to prepare and advertise the necessary Stormwater Ordinance amendment to include the Stormwater Management Plan Exemption Application. There was some discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Pearson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve the proposal from Martotta/Main Architects in the amount of \$19,500.00 for the preparation of design plans and construction documents associated with a Public Works Complex Solar Installation Project. There was some discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Pearson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster for Lewisburg Borough to request that Union County, on behalf of Lewisburg Borough, submit an application for the South Sixth Street Flood Resiliency Project to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for FFY 2026 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement funding. There was some discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: Buffalo Valley Regional Police (BVRPD) Chief Embeck submitted a monthly report. Chief Embeck updated Council on the department’s goings-on since he became Chief.

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

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Stamm to approve payment of bills from May 17, 2026, through June 13, 2026, in the amount of \$359,522.02. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to rescind the prior motion to paint a rainbow crosswalk on South Third Street in the area of MPL1. A discussion was held regarding how painting the crosswalks on a Borough road violates PennDOT’s regulations related to paint colors on PA roads. Councilmember Grobes voted No. Motion passed with a vote of 6-1.

ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
May 19 2026

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM

PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS

HARB

BU – Larison Hall

Hart & Ponnuswami

Stormwater Ordinance Amendment

Approve proposal from Martotta/Main Architects in the amount of \$19,500

DCED for FFY 2026 Community Dev Block Grant Entitlement funding for S. Sixth Street Flood Resiliency Project

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
BVRPD

WCEC

Approval of Bills

Rescind prior motion to paint a rainbow crosswalk on S. Third Street

Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pearson to paint crosswalks of the progress pride flag at both the entrance and exit of Municipal Parking Lot 1. There was a lengthy discussion. It was noted that they would like to continue the discussion of more sidewalk and crosswalk paintings in the Borough. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to direct the Borough Solicitor of prepare and advertise the necessary Amendments to the Quality of Life Ticketing Ordinance Chapter 328-3 Enforcement to include violations of Chapter 100 Alcoholic Beverage and Chapter 272 Smoke Detectors. There was much discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

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 (for a person having expertise, experience, or a background in preservation, historical or planning areas); Planning Commission term expiration December 31, 2029.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

BOROUGH MANAGER:

Councilmember Heayn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to accept the resignation of Scott Seneca from the Lewisburg Planning Commission effective immediately. Motion was unanimously approved.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR:

Councilmember Heayn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to enact Ordinance No. 1093 regulating on-street and off-street parking, by prohibiting parking in Municipal parking lots, along streets and on Borough owned property whenever they are closed to vehicular traffic for any reason. There was some discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Karahuta to adopt Resolution No. 26-06 approving an Amendment to the Police IGA authorizing its execution. Borough Solicitor Lyons explained the small changes being made. Motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS / COMMUNITY UPDATES / PUBLIC NOTICES:

MAYOR:

Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to approve Mayor Kendy Alvarez’s attendance at the “We the People 250: Mayors Celebrate America” event sponsored by Philadelphia Mayor Cherelle Parker, in partnership with the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the Pennsylvania Municipal League at an expense not to exceed \$2,000.00.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: No Report

BOROUGH SECRETARY: No Report

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/GRANT MANAGER:

Councilmember Heayn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to approve the Lot Addition/Subdivision Plan for 838 Market Street per plans dated April 21, 2026. The Lewisburg Planning Commission has reviewed and recommended approval with no exceptions. Motion was unanimously approved.

Manager Berkey announced that there will be a Flood Insurance Roundtable on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, 5:00pm-6:00pm at the Lewisburg Borough Office. She also announced that she attended the PSAB Annual Conference in Hershey and received her 30-year Service Award for being in Municipal Government.

Approval to paint crosswalks of the progress pride flag at MPL1

Amendments to the Quality of Life Ticketing Ordinance

Vacancies

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

BOROUGH MANAGER
Accept resignation of Scott Seneca from PC

BOROUGH SOLICITOR
Enact Ordinance No. 1093 regulating parking

Adopt Resolution No. 26-06 approving Amended Police IGA

REPORTS / COMMUNITY UPDATES / PUBLIC NOTICES

MAYOR
Approve Mayor’s attendance at an event in Philadelphia not to exceed \$2,000

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

BOROUGH SECRETARY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / GRANT MANAGER
Approval of a Lot Addition/Subdivision Plan at 838 Market Street

Berkey

COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilmember Person reported that the State Transportation Commission is inviting comments on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) from June 15 through June 30. Also, SEDA-COG’s Long-Range Transportation Plan is currently being updated. Pearson also announced that at the Statewide Active Transportation Summit that PA Downtown Center ran last week, rolled out a new Statewide Coalition for Active Mobility in PA.

Councilmember Grobes reported that 4th Ward refuse pick up will not be picked up on June 19th but rather the Wednesday prior (June 17th). She encouraged everyone to join the June 19th festivities.

Councilmember Comas said the Campus Theater will be showing the movie “Soul” on June 19th.

JR. COUNCIL MEMBERS: No Report

WRITTEN REPORTS: Councilmember Heayn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to acknowledge receipt of the monthly Parking Report, Zoning Officer Report, Code Enforcement Officer Report, CK COG May Activity Reports, and CK COG May Building Permits. Motion was unanimously approved.

WORK SESSION: There will be a Work Session to be held Tuesday, July 14, 2026. Topic: Parking Discussion.

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA:

Justin Strawser, The Daily Item, asked whether the \$19,500.00 for the Solar Project is just for the design only and will the grant cover the rest of it? Community Grant Manager Berkey said it is just for design only and right now we have no funding for the installation. Strawser also asked which building the project was referring to. Manager Lowthert replied that it was for the garage on St. Mary’s Street and North Fifth Street. Strawser asked if it was the rainbow design being painted in the crosswalk. Councilmember Comas confirmed that the Progress Pride Flag design will be painted at the crosswalks.

Vincent DiFonzo, The Standard-Journal, asked for confirmation that the crosswalks will be painted at the entrance and exit and MPL1.

Council Vice President Comas called for an executive session to discuss legal matters at 7:50PM. Council returned at 7:59PM.

There being no further business, Councilmember Heayn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy D. Wendt
Borough Secretary

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pearson

Grobes

Comas

JR. COUNCIL MEMBERS

WRITTEN REPORTS

WORK SESSION

MEDIA QUESTIONS

J. Strawser

V. DiFonzo

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT