

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held at 6:30 PM on **Tuesday, June 20, 2023** in Council Chambers, 55 South Fifth Street, Lewisburg. Present: Council President Sulai; Council Vice President Comas, Councilmembers Derman, Heayn, Bilenky Trahan, Powers, Stamm, Grobes, Manager Lowthert, Secretary Wendt, Mayor Alvarez, Community Development Grant Manager Berkey, and Solicitor Lyons. Also present: Ellen Ruby, Taylor Lightman, Justin Strawser, Wendy Kroft, Rodney Kroft, Geralee Zeigler, and Kevin Gardner.

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Sulai called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilmember Heayn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman to approve the May 16, 2023, Regular meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilmember Bilenky Trahan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to approve HARB item a as submitted and recommended by HARB per their minutes dated June 13, 2023. Motion failed with a 1-7 vote with Councilmember Stamm voting in favor of approval.

- a. **Hungry Run Distillery / 323 Market Street / ADA Ramp** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)

Councilmember Bilenky Trahan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman to approve HARB item b as submitted and recommended by HARB per their minutes dated June 13, 2023. Motion was unanimously approved.

- b. **Robert Murcek / 103 South Front Street / Porch Replacements** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)

Councilmember Bilenky Trahan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve HARB item c as submitted and recommended by HARB per their minutes dated June 13, 2023. Motion was unanimously approved.

- c. **Darin Riehl / 219 South Sixth Street / Window Replacements** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)

Councilmember Bilenky Trahan made a motion to approve professional services proposal from PennCore Consulting LLC in the amount of \$122,275.00 for engineering design, project bidding, and construction administration associated with the Piers Art Park Project and the CDBG Funded Floodplain Restoration Project (behind Towne Tavern). Expenses will be paid from the Borough's General Fund. Note – PennCore Consulting LLC will be given immediate Notice to Proceed on all Tasks except for Task 6. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Bilenky Trahan made a motion, seconded by councilmember Heayn to direct the Borough Solicitor to prepare and advertise for enactment an Amendment to the Lewisburg Borough Zoning Ordinance to allow for Accessory Dwelling Units and to schedule the required Public Hearing. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Bilenky Trahan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Powers to approve Jillia Ceramics LLC to use the Lewisburg Tri-globe Street Light image on ceramic products for sale. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Bilenky Trahan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve the Lewisburg Climate Action Strategy for a healthy and sustainable future - A Climate Action Plan for Lewisburg Borough. Motion was unanimously approved.

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

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

ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
May 16, 2023

PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS
HARB

Hungary Run Distillery

Robert Murcek

Darin Riehl

PennCore Consulting LLC
Piers Art Park and Floodplain Restoration (behind Towne Tavern)

Advertise Amendment to Zoning Ordinance to allow ADU's

Jillia Ceramics LLC

Lewisburg Climate Action Plan

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
BVRPD

WCEC

June 20, 2023

Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve payment of bills from May 14, 2023 through June 17, 2023, in the amount of \$672,407.99. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bilenky Trahan to approve the purchase of an orange Kubota V Series RTV-X1100CWL-H Side by Side Vehicle from C.H. Waltz Sons, Inc. of Winfield, PA in the amount of \$23,673.36 via PA COSTARS to be used primarily for maintenance activities in Borough parks. Cost to be paid from the Borough's Highway Equipment Depreciation Fund. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve Lewisburg Borough's Flood Mitigation Study – A Community Resiliency Planning Study as prepared by HRG subject to the inclusion of grammatical and format changes of a non-substantial nature. The study was funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development through their Strategic Management Planning Program (STMP) and by Lewisburg Borough. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Powers to approve Amendment 1 to the Subrecipient Agreement with Union County for the CDBG-CV funds associated with the Hufnagle Park Event Venue Project. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to request the Milton Fire Police's assistance for the BVRPD National Night Out on August 1, 2023 from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to direct the Borough Solicitor to proceed with execution on the municipal claim against Joseph Murphy for unpaid Refuse Bills at 50 North Derr Drive, Lewisburg, PA. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to direct the Borough Solicitor to advertise for enactment an Amendment to the Lewisburg Borough Zoning Ordinance related to the parking provisions thereof, and to schedule the required Public Hearing. Motion was unanimously approved.

Current vacancies on Planning Commission with term expirations December 31, 2025, Zoning Hearing Board Alternate with term expiring December 31, 2023, HARB with term expirations December 31, 2023, December 31, 2025.

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

Rodney Kroft, LAMAtrek LLC, reported on the scooter usage in the Borough. There was a discussion on issues that are occurring by scooter users. Also discussed was the need for a Borough agreement as to designating parking areas for the scooters. Mr. Kroft said he will address these concerns.

REPORTS / COMMUNITY UPDATES / PUBLIC NOTICES:

Mayor Alvarez reported that the PA Broadband Development Authority is holding an event in State College on July 13, 2023 to discuss key programs that are aimed at expanding broadband infrastructure.

Council President Sulai announced that Music in the Park will be held in the Fourth Ward every Wednesday beginning June 21 through August 30. She also reported that the Hufnagle Park project is scheduled to be completed by the end of December.

Approval of Bills

Kubota V Series Side by Side Purchase

Lewisburg Borough's Flood Mitigation Study

Amendment 1 to Subrecipient Agreement

BVRD National Night Out Assistance

Joseph Murphy municipal claim

Advertise Amendment to Zoning Ordinance related to parking provisions

Vacancies

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Rodney Kroft

REPORTS / COMMUNITY UPDATES / PUBLIC NOTICES

Mayor Alvarez

Sulai

June 20, 2023

Community Development Grant Manager Berkey reported that she is on tasks to submit the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant and the DCED Multi-Modal grant for St. Anthony's Street.

Berkey

Councilmember Bilenky Trahan reported that she and Taylor Lightman, Lewisburg Neighborhood, were on WNEP a couple of weeks ago discussing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in the Borough.

Bilenky Trahan

Councilmember Heayn stated for the record that the ADA Ramp request that was presented to Council the first time on October 18, 2022 was denied by HARB as well as by Council. This time their request was approved by HARB and denied by Council.

Heayn

Councilmember Comas reported that he is the Environmental Justice Coordinator for the Department of Environmental Protection so feel free to reach out to him with questions pertaining to environmental permitting and other environmental questions.

Comas

Councilmember Derman asked if anyone has heard from anyone interested in becoming a Junior Council member.

Derman

Councilmember Grobes reported that a Sexual Assault Symposium coordinated at Bucknell University was well attended by local enforcement, common pleas judges as well as others.

Grobes

WRITTEN REPORTS: Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bilenky Trahan to acknowledge receipt of the monthly Parking Report, Zoning Officer Report and Code Enforcement Officer Report, May Building Permits, BVRA April 2023 Financial Reports. Motion was unanimously approved.

WRITTEN REPORTS

WORK SESSION: There will be a Work Session to be held Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

WORK SESSION

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA: Justin Strawser, the Daily Item, introduced himself to Council and reported that he will now be covering the Lewisburg area.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

Council President Sulai called for an executive session to discuss legal matters at 7:45PM. Council returned at 8:05PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bilenky Trahan to Table the motion to direct Borough Solicitor to advertise for enactment an Amendment to the Lewisburg Borough Social Gathering Ordinance.

Table Social Gathering Ordinance Advertisement

There being no further business, Councilmember Heayn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy D. Wendt
Borough Secretary