The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held at 7:30 PM on **Tuesday, July 14, 2026** in Council Chambers, 55 South Fifth Street, Lewisburg. Present: Council President Bilenky Trahan; Council Vice President Comas, Councilmembers Armbruster, Heayn (via telecommunications), Pearson, Stamm, Grobes, Manager Lowthert, Secretary Wendt, Mayor Alvarez, Solicitor Lyons and Junior Councilmember O'Mealy. Also present: Lynne Ragusea, Keven Gardner, Kyle Gardner, Debra Sulai, Susan Kauffman, Josh Bowerman, Coleby Kauffman, Barb Nutwritis, and Tim Miller.

**ATTENDANCE**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Bilenky Trahan called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilmember Pearson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Stamm to approve the June 16, 2026, Regular meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
**June 16, 2026**

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY AGENDA ITEM:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM**

**PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:** Councilmember Pearson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to approve HARB items a through c as submitted and recommended by HARB. Motion was unanimously approved.

**PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS**
HARB

a. **Kim Oberdorf / 139 North Second Street / Entrance/Windows** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval).
b. **Gregory Modesto / 310 St. Mary Street / Roof Replacement** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval).
c. **Wolverine Land Company / 55-57 South Water Street / New Home (Reconstruct)** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval).

K. Oberdorf

G. Modesto

Wolverine Land Company

Councilmember Pearson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to reimburse Lewisburg Neighborhood up to $3,000.00 for the mailing of Lewisburg Neighborhood's Lewisburg Resident Handbook. There was some discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Approve $3,000 for mailing of LN's Resident Handbook

Councilmember Pearson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to approve Add Change Order 1 from Gutelius Excavating Inc. in the amount of $697.27 for a storm water inlet size change associated with the South Eighth Street/White Pine Alley RAB Project. Motion was unanimously approved.

Approve Change Order 1 from Gutelius Excavating, Inc.

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**
BVRPD

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

WCEC

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to approve payment of bills from June 14, 2026, through July 11, 2026, in the amount of $353,456.09. Motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Bills

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to appoint Maxwell Wheeler as a Lewisburg Borough Junior Council Member with term expiring May 31, 2027. Motion was unanimously approved.

Appoint M. Wheeler as Jr. Council Member

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to direct the Borough Solicitor to prepare and advertise an Ordinance to make MPL4 and MPL5 No Parking for Cleaning and Maintenance on Mondays from 7:00 am to noon and to ticket violations per Lewisburg Borough Code 345-57. Motion was unanimously approved.

Prepare Ordinance for MPL4 and MPL5 No Parking on Mondays 7:00am – Noon

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to appoint Tim Miller to the Lewisburg Borough Planning Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2026. Motion was unanimously approved.

Appoint Tim Miller to the Planning Commission

Borough Manager approved a Larson Design Group proposal in the amount of $8,000.00 to undertake the inspection of five Lewisburg Borough owned bridges under 20 feet in length.

Larson Design Group to inspect bridges under 20"

The Lewisburg Borough's Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Compliance Audit has been completed.

Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Audit

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); and Planning Commission term expiration December 31, 2029.

Vacancies

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
D. Sulai, LN

Debra Sulai, LN, reported that Lewisburg Neighborhood's posted Do Not Feed The Ducks signs in the area. She also reported that the Lewisburg Public Paddle program is available to everyone.

Lynne Ragusea, LDP, announced that Christmas in July will be held on July 25th with festive movies, holiday themed activities, and a Garden Party.

L. Ragusea, LDP

**BOROUGH MANAGER:**

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Borough Manager announced that BVRPD will be holding a Trunk or Treat event this year. More information to come. He also said he emailed our 2027 budget preparation schedule to Council members and asked for a response.

**BOROUGH SOLICITOR:**

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Councilmember Armbruster made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to adopt Resolution 26-07 amending the Quality of Life Ordinance by the addition of Article II of Chapter 100 entitled Permits for Social Gatherings and Chapter 272 entitled Smoke Detectors to those Chapters of the Code of the Borough subject to the said Ordinance. Motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution 26-07 Quality of Life Amendment

Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to enact Ordinance No. 1094 amending the Stormwater Management Ordinance by modifying the exemption provision and changing the water quality equation. Motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 1094 amending SWM

**REPORTS / COMMUNITY UPDATES / PUBLIC NOTICES**:

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Mayor Alvarez

Mayor Alvarez gave an update on the National Convening of Mayor's in Philadelphia celebrating America's 250th anniversary that she recently attended.

Grobes

Councilmember Grobes reported that National Night Out will be held August 4th, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm, at the Lewisburg Area Recreation Park.

Comas

Councilmember Comas attended Local Progress, a National Network of Local Elected Officials who discuss what local government can do to make for safer communities and more economic prosperity.

Pearson

Councilmember Pearson reported that at the end of June the PA Downtown Center held a conference in Erie, PA. They did a pop-up demonstration project of traffic calming in a parklet. It has been documented and will be posted on the Center's website. Also, Pearson said that currently Lewisburg Borough is working on the S. Second Street and St. George Street intersection project and accessibility is being considered as part of the new complete street policy.

Heayn

Councilmember Heayn mentioned that signs aren't usually posted on Borough property without Council approval. Borough Manager said he will review the duck signs that are being posted.

O'Mealy

Jr. Council O'Mealy thanked everyone for the great experience as Jr. Council Member. He will be leaving for college on August 5th .

**WRITTEN REPORTS:** Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to acknowledge receipt of the monthly Parking Report, Zoning Officer Report, CK COG June Activity Reports, CK COG June Building Permit, and BVRA May Financials. Motion was unanimously approved.

**WRITTEN REPORTS**

**WORK SESSION:** There will be a Work Session to be held Tuesday, August 11, 2026. Topic: Budget Discussion.

**WORK SESSION**

**QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA:** None

**MEDIA QUESTIONS**

There being no further business, Councilmember Armbruster made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy D. Wendt
Borough Secretary