

A Special Regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held at 6:30 PM on **Monday, July 24, 2023**, in Council Chambers, 55 South Fifth Street, Lewisburg. Present: Council President Sulai; Council Vice President Comas, Councilmembers Derman, Heayn, Bilenky Trahan, Powers, Grobes, Manager Lowthert, Secretary Wendt, Mayor Alvarez, and Community Development Grant Manager Berkey. Also present: Angie Hunselman, Jim Diehl, Justin Strawser, Kevin Gardner and LaVonne Peteet.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilmember Heayn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman to approve the June 20, 2023, Regular meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilmember Bilenky Trahan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman to approve HARB items a through j as submitted and recommended by HARB per their minutes dated July 11, 2023. Motion was unanimously approved.

- a. **“David & Andrea Deibler-Gorman” / 123 South Seventh Street / Window Replacement** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)
- b. **“Bucknell University (Alumni House)” / 90 University Avenue / Window Replacements** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)
- c. **“Bucknell University” / 64 University Avenue / Window Replacements** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)
- d. **“Bucknell University (Lowry House)” / 110 University Avenue / Window Replacements** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)
- e. **“JPF & LCF Enterprises” / 201 Market Street / Renovations/site work** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)
- f. **“JPF & LCF Enterprises” / 30 North Fourth Street / Window Replacements** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)
- g. **“Bob Gruneberg” / 306 North Fourth Street / Roof & Siding (Replaced)** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)
- h. **“Bob Gruneberg” / 31 Market Street / Roof Replacement** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)
- i. **“44 Market” / 55 North Front Street / New Home** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)
- j. **“Culture Coffee” / 216 Saint John Street / Sign** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)

Councilmember Bilenky Trahan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman to approve HARB item a below as submitted and recommended by HARB per their minutes dated June 13, 2023. Motion passed with a 5-2 vote with Councilmember Heayn and Grobes voting No.

- 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 the Final Minor Subdivision Plan for Walnut Buildings, LLC located behind the new townhouse development on Saint Anthony Street, as recommended by the Lewisburg Borough Planning Commission. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Bilenky Trahan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Powers to approve the Final Minor Subdivision Plan for 44 MRKT, LLC located at 55-57 North Front Street as recommended by the Lewisburg Borough Planning Commission. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Bilenky Trahan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Powers for Lewisburg Borough Council to request that Union County, on behalf of Lewisburg Borough, submit an application in the amount of \$107,411 to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for FFY 2023 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement funding for the following activity:

South Eighth Street/White Pine Alley Removal of Architectural Barriers Project. Motion was unanimously approved.

ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
June 20, 2023

PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS

HARB

David & Andrea Deibler-Gorman

Bucknell (Alumni House)

Bucknell

Bucknell (Lowry House)

JPF & LCF

JPF & LCF

Bob Gruneberg

Bob Gruneberg

44 Market

Culture Coffee

Hungry Run Distillery

Walnut Buildings, LLC

44 MRKT, LLC

DCED for FFY 2023 Community Dev Block Grant Entitlement funding

S. 8th Street / White Pine Alley

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Councilmember Bilenky Trahan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve Resolution 23-04 for Lewisburg Borough’s application to DCED for Multi-modal Grant Funding associated with the St. Anthony Street Improvements Project. Motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution 23-04
Multi-modal Grant
St. Anthony St.

Councilmember Bilenky Trahan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve Resolution 23-05 authorizing the filling of an application for Pennsylvania Department of Transportation’s Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program. Motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution 23-05
PA DOT TASA
Program

Councilmember Bilenky Trahan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to reject the sole bid received from Dave Gutelius Excavating, Inc. for the St. George Street Stormwater Project/South Fourth Street Handicap Ramp Project. Motion was unanimously approved.

Reject Bid for St.
George Street
Stormwater
Project

Councilmember Bilenky Trahan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve Resolution 23-06 in support of the Lewisburg Downtown Partnership’s application to DCED for Multi-modal Grant Funding associated with the Market Street Improvements Project. Motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution 23-06
support LDP
Application for
Multi-modal Grant

Councilmember Bilenky Trahan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve Resolution 23-07 in support of the Lewisburg Downtown Partnership’s application to DCED for Keystone Communities Public Improvement Grant Funding associated with the Market Street Gateway Improvements Project. Motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution 23-07
supporting LDP
Application for
Keystone Comm
Public Improve -
ment Project

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

**ADMINISTRATIVE
AND PUBLIC
SAFETY**

Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve payment of bills from June 18, 2023, through July 15, 2023, in the amount of \$337,135.09. Motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Bills

Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to direct the Borough Solicitor to prepare an amendment to Lewisburg Borough Code to establish Loading/Unloading Zones along the south side of Market Street in front of Hufnagle Park and in front of the Campus Theater. Motion was unanimously approved.

Loading/
Unloading Zones

A ceremony will be held at the William Cameron Engine Company Training Room on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 6:30 pm to recognize the BVRPD Officers and the WCEC Fire Fighters who saved two people from a burning building in Lewisburg Borough (along Buffalo Road) in November 2022.

Recognition of
BVRPD Officers
and WCEC Fire
Fighters

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

Vacancies

REPORTS / COMMUNITY UPDATES / PUBLIC NOTICES

**REPORTS /
COMMUNITY
UPDATES /
PUBLIC NOTICES**

Council President Sulai reminded Council that “Music in the Park” is held every Wednesday at 7:00 pm this summer. She also announced that every Friday there is a Growers Market located on South Sixth Street

Sulai

Councilmember Grobes announced that National Night Out will be held August 1st from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Saint Mary’s Park .

Grobes

Councilmember Derman reported that the stop sign at the intersection of Brown Street and Saint George Street is hidden by tree branches and can’t been seen.

Derman

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Councilmember Comas discussed Bradford Pear trees. Councilmember Powers said she would take the Bradford Pear tree discussion to the Shade Tree Committee.

Comas
Powers

Councilmember Bilenky Trahan informed the Council that Downtown Lewisburg's Restaurant weekend will be held Thursday, July 27th through Sunday, July 30th.

Bilenky Trahan

WRITTEN REPORTS: Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to acknowledge receipt of the monthly Parking Report, Zoning Officer Report, Code Enforcement Officer Report, 2022 LAJSA Audited Financial Statement, and BVRA May 2023 Financial Notes and Statements. Motion was unanimously approved.

WRITTEN REPORTS

WORK SESSION: There will be a Work Session to be held Tuesday, August 8, 2023.

WORK SESSION

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA:

Justin Strawser, Daily Item, asked for a brief explanation of the Saint Anthony Street Project. He also asked how much money Lewisburg was seeking for each grant.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There being no further business, Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy D. Wendt
Borough Secretary