

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held at 6:30 PM on **Tuesday, August 18, 2020** as a Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present: Council President Sulai; Councilmembers Botelho, Comas, Derman, Farrell, Yohn, Heayn, and Brody; Manager Lowthert, Secretary Anders, Solicitor Lyons, Mayor Wagner, BVRPD Chief Yost, WCEC Fire Chief Blount, Special Projects Coordinator/Grant Manager Wheeler, Junior Councilmember Kaszuba. Also present: Ryan Hostetter, Theresa Yerger, Steven Beattie, David Ulrich, Jason Leonard, Eric Scicchitano, Nichole Mendinsky, Christopher Hartz, Meg Dresser, Erin Swanson-Batman, Stacy Richards, Bonnie Lewis, Patty Driver, Justin Spangler, Brian Auman, Samantha Pearson, and Matt Farrand.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brody, to approve the July 14, 2020 Zoom Work Session meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Heayn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman, to approve the July 21, 2020 Zoom Regular meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brody, to approve the August 4, 2020 Zoom Special meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

**SPECIAL REQUEST NON-AGENDA ITEM:** Council President Sulai took a special request for comment on a non-agenda item. Megan Dresser addressed Council regarding the structure of Ikeler Street and requested Council to consider this street during the budget discussion of road projects. This street is popular for bikers due to being a dead-end street.

**PUBLIC WORKS/POLICE COMMITTEE:** Buffalo Valley Regional Police Chief Yost submitted a monthly report and stated there has not been any major impact or issues.

Fire Chief Blount submitted a report and informed Council the fire department has received grant money for self-contained breathing apparatus and an automated CPR device to provide chest compressions. Councilmember Derman reported the CSFES board has not met but will be receiving the fire department's 2021 budget to pass along to Council.

HRG presented an update on the 2021 Shared Use Path/Floodplain Restoration Project/Nature Play Project and ensured there are not any changes to the project prior to submission to DCNR for permitting. Borough Council had no changes.

Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman to grant a waiver from Section 290-7(A) of the Borough's Stormwater Management Ordinance for the Driver Minor Subdivision Project requiring the preparation of a complete stormwater management plan. Staff have no objection to this waiver request as the Minor Subdivision plans include the necessary provisions for water quality and volume controls required by the ordinance. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman to grant final approval for the Driver Minor Subdivision with the following condition of approval: prior to construction of the new residence or issuance of building permits, the applicant must provide for review testing results from a qualified professional confirming soil infiltration rates in the area(s) proposed for stormwater infiltration beds. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmembers had a lengthy discussion regarding masks and enforcement of masking. Mayor Wagner had suggested having a press conference.

Council President Sulai called for a five-minute recess at 8:26 PM. Council returned at 8:32 PM.

**ATTENDANCE**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
July 14, 2020

July 21, 2020

August 4, 2020

**NON-AGENDA SPECIAL REQUEST**  
Ikeler Street

**PUBLIC WORKS/POLICE COMMITTEE**  
BVRPD

WCEC

Update Shared Use Path/ Floodplain Restoration/ Nature Play

Minor Subdivision Waiver

Minor Subdivision

Masking

Recess

August 18, 2020

**ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve payment of bills from July 18, 2020 through August 14, 2020 in the amount of \$522,147.71. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Derman shared Administrative Finance Committee concurred with the window replacement project at the Borough Office and Council Chambers paid from the Building Depreciation Fund.

Administrative Finance Committee acknowledges that additional technology costs for equipment if the need to work from home occurs for Borough Office staff.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING COMMITTEE:** Councilmember Yohn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve HARB items a through b as submitted and recommended. Motion was unanimously approved.

- a. **Karen McGrath / 704 Market Street / Fence.** An application was submitted to and reviewed by HARB for a fence. Motion was made by Ann Hilliard, seconded by David Heayn to recommend approval and issuance of Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for a wood fence as submitted in the project description of the HARB application. Motion was unanimously approved.
- b. **Beth Kaszuba / 26 Saint Mary Street / Fence.** An application was submitted to and reviewed by HARB for a fence. Motion was made by Elaine Wintjen, seconded by Ann Hilliard to recommend approval and issuance of Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for a wood fence as submitted in the project description of the HARB application. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Yohn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman to withdraw the March 19, 2019 conditional approval of the Greenspace Property LAHS Townhome Development Plan as the developer has not complied with Section J of the Lewisburg Borough SALDO 315-24 Final Plans. Revised plans and necessary documents have not been submitted to the Borough for approval by the staff within the 45 days of acceptance of the conditions. There was much discussion with the Developer Tom Romanowski. Councilmember Yohn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to withdraw the motion to withdraw the March 19, 2019 conditional approval of the Greenspace Property LAHS Townhome Development Plan. Motion was unanimously approved to be TABLED.

Councilmember Yohn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas, to extend the closure of South Sixth Street from Market Street to White Pine Alley for use by outdoor diners until September 15, 2020 at the request of the LDP Design Committee. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Yohn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman, to adopt Resolution 20-10 that extends the temporarily suspended enforcement of Sections 100-2 and 100-3 of Article I of Chapter 100 of the Code of the Borough of Lewisburg, being part of Ordinance No. 805, enacted July 16, 1985, between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M. in the area within the Borough bounded by 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. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Heayn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman, to accept the resignation of Jordi Comas from the Buffalo Valley Recreation Authority and appoint George Botelho to the Buffalo Valley Recreation Authority. Motion was unanimously approved.

**MAYOR:** Mayor Wagner believes it is important to promote the safety measures that are taking place in the Borough of Lewisburg to ensure everyone's safety.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT:** Council President Sulai discussed changing the Other Committees section on the Council Agenda to by request of the Committee or Councilmembers and Committees are encouraged to send written reports.

Council President Sulai appointed George Botelho to Council Public Works/Police Committee.

Council President asked Council Committee Chairs to consider Zoom meetings for the next month due to COVID-19 numbers.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/  
FINANCE**  
Approval of  
Bills

Borough  
Window  
replacement

Tech costs

HARB

K. McGrath

B. Kaszuba

LAHS  
Townhome

S Sixth St  
Closure

Resolution 20-10

BVRA  
resignation/  
appointment

MAYOR

COUNCIL  
PRESIDENT  
Change to  
Agenda

Public  
Works/Police  
appointment

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**BOROUGH MANAGER:** Borough Manager Lowthert forwarded information on the Family First Coronavirus Response Act that was passed by Congress and staff was inquiring how it impacts them as Borough employees. There are two Acts that impact the Borough, the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act and the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act. Borough Manager Lowthert informed Council that the office staff is eligible for both acts and Council must decide if the Public Works staff should be exempt from the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act. Borough Manager Lowthert asked Council to adopt a policy defining the two Acts and employee eligibility. Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brody, to send the policy to the Administrative Finance Committee for review. Motion was unanimously approved.

**MANAGER**  
*Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act and Emergency Family & Medical Leave Expansion Act*

**SPECIAL PROJECT COORDINATOR/GRANT MANAGER:** Special Project Coordinator/Grant Manager Wheeler shared with Council that there is a positive recommendation from the Regional DEP representative for the Grant submitted for the new leaf truck and should have final results in about a month.

**Special Project Coordinator / Grant Manager Update**

The Community Rating Systems (CRS) verification visit will be September 10, 2020.

**CRS**

**JUNIOR COUNCILMEMBER:** Junior Councilmember Kaszuba believes WiFi outdoors is the most accessible for a lot of students and Hufnagle and Saint Mary's Park are the most centralized locations.

**JUNIOR COUNCILMEMBER WiFi**

**ANY ADDITIONAL BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL:** Councilmember Comas acknowledged the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment.

**Nineteenth Amendment 100 yr. anniversary**

**WRITTEN REPORTS:** Councilmember Heayn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Botelho, to acknowledge receipt of the monthly Zoning Officer, Code Enforcement, Building Report, Buffalo Valley Recreation Authority Reports, Lewisburg Area Joint Sewer Authority Report, June Planning Commission Minutes and July Draft Minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

**WRITTEN REPORTS**

**WORK SESSION:** There will be a Work Session to be held Tuesday, September 08, 2020.

**WORK SESSION**

Executive session to discuss legal matters at 9:55 PM.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council returned at 10:07 PM.

There being no further business, Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn, to the adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:08 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline A. Anders  
Borough Secretary