The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held at 6:30 PM on **Tuesday, August 18, 2026** in Council Chambers, 55 South Fifth Street, Lewisburg. Present: Council President Bilenky Trahan; Council Vice President Comas, Councilmembers Armbruster, Heayn (via telecommunications), Pearson, Karahuta, Stamm, Grobes, Manager Lowthert, Secretary Wendt, Community Development Grant Manager Berkey, Solicitor Lyons and Junior Councilmember Kalberer and Wheeler. Also present: Lynne Ragusea, Brian Auman, Justin Strawser, Vincent DiFonzo, Kevin Gardner, Mitchell Hart, Kim Wheeler, Kyle Gardner, Deborah North, and Charles North.

ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to approve July 14, 2026, Regular meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
July 14, 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 Armbruster to approve HARB items a through d as submitted and recommended by HARB per their minutes dated August 11, 2026. Motion was unanimously approved.

PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS

HARB

a. **Beaver Memorial UMC / 40 South Third Street / Windows (Replaced)** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval).
b. **Jordan Southern / 107-109 South Fourth Street / Roof Replacement** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval).
c. **"Paws on Market" / 217 Market Street / Sign & Window Art** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval).
d. **Union Oak Rentals / 136 Saint George Street / Porches & Exterior Renovations** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval).

Beaver Memorial UMC

J. Southern

Paws on Market

Union Oak Rentals

Councilmember Pearson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to approve an engineering concept proposal and OPC from PennCore Consulting in the amount of $7,500.00 for a Municipal Parking Lot 4 (MPL 4) redesign project to create additional flood holding capacity for Limestone/Bull Run, construct green infrastructure, and improve parking. There was some discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of PennCore Consulting proposal for MPL4 redesign for $7,500.00

Councilmember Pearson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to approve Add Change Order 2 from Gutelius Excavating Inc. in the amount of $858.89 for additional concrete knee wall and flat work associated with the South Eighth Street/White Pine Alley RAB Project. Motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Gutelius Excavating Inc. Change Order 2 for $858.89

Councilmember Pearson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to approve Add Change Order 3 from Gutelius Excavating Inc. in the amount of $8,688.94 associated with additional milling and paving for storm water drainage control for the South Eighth Street/White Pine Alley RAB Project. Motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Gutelius Excavating Inc. Change Order 3 for $8,688.94

Councilmember Pearson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to approve additional paving from Gutelius Excavating Inc. in the amount of $23,058.86 associated with the Borough installed storm water management pipe on St. Louis Street and South Eighth Street between Market Street and White Pine Alley. Cost will be paid from Lewisburg Borough's General Fund. There was some discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Gutelius Excavating Inc. additional paving for $23,058.86

Councilmember Pearson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to approve Payment Application 1 from Gutelius Excavating Inc. in the amount of $87,638.26 associated with the South Eighth Street/White Pine Alley RAB Project. Invoice to be paid by Union County as part of Lewisburg Borough's CDBG Program. Motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Gutelius Excavating Inc. Payment App. 1 for $87,638.26.

Resolution 26-08

Councilmember Pearson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to approve Resolution 26-08 for Closing Out Community Conservation Partnerships Grant Project BRC-TAG-30-148 by indicating the following:

i. The project was completed in accordance with the DCNR Grant Agreement
ii. All project expenditures have been made in accordance with the DCNR Grant Agreement.
iii. The Plan and related materials are acceptable to the Lewisburg Borough.
iv. The Plan and related materials will be used to guide future recreation and conservation decisions.

Motion was unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

BVRPD

WCEC

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: Buffalo Valley Regional Police (BVRPD) Chief Embeck submitted a monthly report. Chief Embeck reported that National Night Out was a huge success.

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

Approval of Bills

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to approve payment of bills from July 12, 2026, through August 15, 2026, in the amount of $591,634.45. Motion was unanimously approved.

Appointing Voting Delegates for PML Summit

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pearson to appoint William Lowthert as Voting Delegate and Kendy Alvarez as Alternate Voting Delegate for the Resolutions Committee Meeting and Annual Business Meetings at the Pennsylvania Municipal League Summit in Hershey, October 7-10, 2026. Motion was unanimously approved.

Bucknell University's Street Festival Approval

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to approve an Event Permit for Bucknell University's Street Festival to be held Friday, August 21, 2026 from 9:00 pm – 11:30 pm. Please note the amplified music will be played during the Event which will violate Section 360-31E of the Borough's Zoning Ordinance and conflicts with the conditions of the Event Permit Application. Motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of changing property address to 138 Hazel Tree Alley

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pearson to approve a request from the property owner at 119 North Second Street Rear to change the property address to 138 Hazel Tree Alley. Motion was unanimously approved.

Approving MOU to host Appalachian Studies Association

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pearson to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Lewisburg Borough, Bucknell University, and the Appalachian Studies Association for Hosting the 2027 Appalachian Studies Association Annual Meeting/Conference. Motion was unanimously approved.

Vacancies

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

C. North
D. North

PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY NON-AGENDA ITEMS:
Charles and Debra North inquired as to whether the shade tree on the corner of Fifth Street and Market Street will be removed when the bump outs are installed. Debra North explained how the tree provides shade and privacy to the property. Community Grant Manager Berkey said she will meet with the North's to discuss the current plans.

BOROUGH MANAGER:
Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pearson to direct the Borough Solicitor to prepare and advertise an Ordinance to define "Commercial" and "30-minute commercial loading/unloading zone" in Section 345 of the Lewisburg Borough Code of Ordinance. After a lengthy discussion, Councilmember Comas withdrew his motion. Council agreed to discuss it further in the Administrative and Public Safety Committee meeting.

BOROUGH MANAGER
Motion failed for Ordinance to define Commercial loading/unloading zones

Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to give permission to William Cameron Engine Company to use Borough Streets for the September 11th parade being held on September 12th and to send a letter to PennDOT. Motion was unanimously approved.

Approval for WCEC to use Borough Streets for 9/11 parade

BOROUGH SOLICITOR:
Councilmember Pearson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to enact Ordinance No. 1095 prohibiting parking in all spaces in Municipal Parking Lot No. 4 and Municipal Parking Lot No. 5 on Mondays from 7:00 am – noon. Motion was unanimously approved.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR

Ordinance No. 1095

REPORTS / COMMUNITY UPDATES / PUBLIC NOTICES:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT:
Council President Trahan thanked Brian Auman for his work on the Wolfe Field Master Plan design and noted that she was excited for the project.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

BOROUGH SECRETARY: No Report

BOROUGH SECRETARY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/GRANT MANAGER: No Report

COMM DEV /GRANT MGR

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Councilmember Grobes reported that the first year Bucknell students will be arriving tomorrow. She also reported that BVRPD will be launching an educational campaign on E-bikes.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Grobes

Councilmember Comas read a Resolution which acknowledges Dianne Powers' many contributions to the Borough in a variety of ways. He also suggested planting a tree and adding a plague in her memory. Comas reported that progress is being made on participatory budgeting and plans will be on the October agenda.

Comas

Councilmember Pearson said that she gave a presentation that included E-bikes, electric motorcycles, etc. at the PA Statewide Active Transportation Summit in June. Pearson will be glad to share more information on the topic. She also said now is the time to sign up for Week Without Driving if planning on participating. Now is the time to make your plans for the week and to spread the word. It will be held October 1-8, 2026.

Pearson

JR. COUNCIL MEMBER:
The Council welcomed Maxwell Wheeler as the new Lewisburg Junior Council Member. It was noted that Wheeler was sworn in by the Mayor prior to the Council meeting.

JR. COUNCIL MEMBER
Wheeler

WRITTEN REPORTS: Councilmember Pearson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to acknowledge receipt of the monthly Parking Report, Zoning Officer Report, Code Enforcement Officer Report, and BVRA June Financials. Motion was unanimously approved.

WRITTEN REPORTS

WORK SESSION: There will be a Work Session to be held Tuesday, September 8, 2026 – Municipal Auditors from J.H. Williams & Co., LLC.

WORK SESSION

August 18, 2026

MEDIA QUESTIONS

J. Strawser

V. DiFonzo

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA:

Justin Strawser, The Daily Item, asked if the amount increases for the three Change Orders on the Agenda were expected. Manager Lowthert responded that Change Orders 2 and 3 were unexpected and the additional paving from Gutelius Excavating Inc. was expected.

Vincent DiFonzo, The Standard-Journal, asked for an explanation of the South Eighth Street/White Pine Alley RAB project. Councilmember Pearson provided a brief explanation.

Council President Bilenky Trahan called for an executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:20PM. Council returned at 7:28PM.

There being no further business, Councilmember Pearson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy D. Wendt
Borough Secretary