

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held at 6:30 PM on **Tuesday, September 21, 2021**, in Council Chambers, 55 South Fifth Street, Lewisburg. Present: Council President Sulai; Councilmembers Comas, Derman, Heayn and Yohn; Manager Lowthert, Mayor Wagner, Community Development/Grant Manager Beattie, and Solicitor Lyons. Also present: Kathy Wendt, Ellen Ruby, Leslie Valentine, Erin Batman, Steve Walter, Roger Wise Jr., Isaac Ramer Jr., Taylor Lightman, and Matt Farrand.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Sulai called the meeting to order at 6:42 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve the August 17, 2021, Regular meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC WORKS/POLICE COMMITTEE:** Buffalo Valley Regional Police Chief Yost submitted a monthly report.

William Cameron Engine Company Fire Chief Blount submitted a monthly report.

Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve the following activities for inclusion in Lewisburg Borough 2022 Streets and Project Bids with cost to be paid from the General Fund, Refuse Fund, Liquid Fuels Fund, and ARPA Fund:

1. Improve St. Louis Street from Dale Alley to the Greenspace Driveway entrance;
2. Improve Logan Avenue from Ikeler Street to the end;
3. Improve Peach Tree Alley from St. John Street to St. Mary Street;
4. Improve Matlack Avenue from Ikeler Street to Pennsylvania Street;
5. Improve Plum Tree Alley from St. John Street to St. Anthony Street;
6. Undertake Stormwater Management Improvements on St. Anthony Street from North Front Street to Ogren Alley;
7. Undertake Stormwater Management Improvements/Green Infrastructure in an unopened unnamed alley west of Spruce Street;
8. Undertake Stormwater Management Improvements in Chestnut Tree Alley between St. John Street and Cherry Alley.

There was some discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman to require the developer of a property at St. Catharine Street and South Front Street to install tree lawns and sidewalks along St. Catharine Street and plant street trees along South Front Street and St. Catharine Street as part of the project development. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman to approve the closure of the remnant South Fifth Street stub roadway from St. George Street to Limestone Run due to safety concerns. Motion was unanimously approved.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve payment of bills from August 15, 2021, through September 17, 2021, in the amount of \$617,065.01. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to set the 2022 Lewisburg Borough Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation at \$265,398.00 as recommended by the Borough's Actuary. Motion was unanimously approved.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING COMMITTEE:** Councilmember Yohn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to approve HARB items a through d as submitted and recommended by HARB per their minutes dated September 14, 2021. Motion was unanimously approved.

**ATTENDANCE**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
August 17, 2021

**PUBLIC WORKS/POLICE COMMITTEE**  
BVRPD

WCEC

Lewisburg Borough  
2022 Street  
Projects and  
Project Bids

Developer to install  
tree lawns and  
sidewalks; and  
plant street trees

Closure to stub  
roadway

**ADMINISTRATIVE /FINANCE**  
Approval of Bills

Approval to set  
Pension MMO

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ PLANNING**  
HARB

September 21, 2021

- a. Jeremy Schwartz & Kerry Richmond / 226 South Fourth St / Windows - Replaced (HARB approved/Committee recommends Council approval)
- b. Alan & Tina Zeigler / 41 & 45 North Front St / Roof - Shingles (HARB approved/Committee recommends Council approval)
- c. Davide Della Pietra / Rail Trail Café / 512 Market St / Sign (HARB approved/Committee recommends Council approval)
- d. Scott Stieler / 111 South Sixth St / Fence (HARB approved/Committee recommends Council approval)

J. Schwartz

A. Zeigler

Rail Trail Café

S. Stieler

Councilmember Yohn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Derman to adopt Resolution 21-08 authorizing the disposition of public records as listed. Motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution 21-08

Councilmember Yohn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to approve a request from Susan Kauffman of Black Dog Jewelers to use the Lewisburg Tri-Globe Street Light likeness in a jewelry design. Motion was unanimously approved.

Black Dog Jewelers jewelry design

Councilmember Yohn made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to appoint William Cameron Engine Company to perform fire and life safety inspections in the Borough of Lewisburg in accordance with an ordinance currently under development by the Borough. There was discussion on clarifying the meaning of this motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

WCEC to perform fire and life safety inspections

Current vacancies on Zoning Hearing Board Alternate, term expiration December 31, 2023, and December 31, 2023, HARB term expiration December 31, 2022, December 31, 2023, December 31, 2023.

Vacancies

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY NON-AGENDA ITEM:** Ellen Ruby thanked the Borough crew on the work they have been doing on refinishing the Borough's Tri- Globe Street Light lamp posts.

**Public Comment**  
Ellen Ruby

**MAYOR:** Mayor Wagner wanted to recognize National Hispanic Heritage Month September 15 – October 15 in the United States for their contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans through the history, culture, and achievements of the United States. Councilmember Comas noted this Council has a strong Hispanic representation. Councilmember Heayn added that Council has a lot of diversity as well.

**MAYOR**

Mayor Wagner also said that Taylor Lightman, Executive Director of Lewisburg Neighborhood organized a great event for Saturday, September 25, 2021. One event scheduled is to recognize Samantha Pearson for all her hard work on the revitalization efforts in the Borough over the past eight years as Director of Lewisburg Neighborhoods.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT:** Council President Sulai was informed by Chief Blount there are a lot of reports of COVID in the area. She urged everyone to do what they can to keep the numbers down.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**BOROUGH MANAGER:** Borough Manager Lowthert introduced several staff members who were in attendance. Borough Manager Lowthert reported a Black Locust Tree in the Recycling Center area has split down the center and will need to be removed as well as a large Norway Maple tree at the entrance due to a rotten core. Councilmember Heayn stated he had a Black Locust and a Sycamore tree that the Borough could have.

**BOROUGH MANAGER**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/GRANT MANAGER:** Community Development/Grant Manager Beattie reported the Bull Run project is approximately 40% completed with a completion timeline of early June.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/GRANT MANAGER**  
Bull Run Project

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Councilmember Comas expressed his sympathy for County Commissioner Preston Boop for his loss of a barn due to fire.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
Comas

Councilmember Derman asked if there were any events planned for Halloween this year. Ellen Ruby replied the "mask-a-rade" will be held this year on Saturday, October 30, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Derman

September 21, 2021

Councilmember Heayn said Marlene Lira is trying to set up a vaccination clinic locally. Ms. Lira has contacted DCED for assistance with the clinic.

**WRITTEN REPORT:** Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to acknowledge receipt of the monthly BVRA Financial Reports, CK COG Zoning and Code Reports, LAJSA August Minutes and September Agenda. Motion was unanimously approved.

**WORK SESSION:** There will be a Work Session to be held Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

There being no further business, Councilmember Derman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Heayn to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy D. Wendt  
Accounting Clerk I

Heayn

**WRITTEN REPORTS**

**WORK SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**