

May 4, 2016

The Work Session of Lansdale Borough Council was held on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at Lansdale Municipal Complex, One Vine Street, Lansdale, PA and called to order at 9:11 pm by Council President Denton Burnell.

ROLL CALL:

- (X) Councilman Angelichio
- (X) President Burnell
- (X) Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton
- (X) Councilman DiGregorio
- (X) Vice President Fuller
- (X) Councilman Hansen
- (X) Councilman Malagari
- (X) Councilman Van Dame
- (X) Councilman Work
- ( ) Mayor Szekely – personal reasons

Borough Representatives:

Borough Manager, Jake Ziegler  
Finance Director, Brian Shapiro  
Asst. Borough Manager, John Ernst  
Parks & Rec. Director, Carl Saldutti  
Electric Superintendent, absent  
Public Works, Rick DeLong  
WWTP Superintendent, Dan Shinskie

Borough Solicitor, not present  
Borough Engineer, not present  
Police Chief, Bob McDyre  
Library Director, Tom Meyer  
IT/GIS Coordinator, Bryan Poster  
Cust. Svc/Records Mgr., Pat Chapman

Residents

Drew Stockmal – W. Mt. Vernon Street  
John Black – 520 W. Second Street

**President Burnell** – Congratulations to Julianna and Andy Krauss on the birth of their second son Maxwell Eugene.

Agenda Item #5 – Committee Reports

**Administration and Finance Committee – Councilman Van Dame**

1. Motions to appear before Council at the next Business Meeting:
  - Approval of the Borough's Emergency Management resolution and promulgation.
  - Sterling Act Resolution – appeal to the State to get money back from Philadelphia for the Lansdale residents that work in Philadelphia. The Borough does not receive any funds from the Philadelphia Earned Income Wage Tax for those residents. Other municipalities are supporting this resolution,
2. The Borough financials are tracking normal to date. Capital items were not discussed this evening.
3. Finance Department will be updating their INCODE Software. This upgrade will take four hours to complete. People will not be able to pay their bill in

person or online during the update. A date has not been set yet for this upgrade.

4. Comments:
  - Are invoices for professional services individualized to reflect the person who does the work. Council will start seeing reports from the Borough's professional services firms.
  - Kudos to Tracy Flynn and Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton for creating and "teaching" Civics 101 classes.
5. An Executive Session was held for a personnel matter.

#### **Code Enforcement Committee – Councilman Angelichio**

1. Motions to appear before Council at the next Business Meeting:
  - 43 W. Third Street – the Zoning Map and the Overlay District has to be amended to allow for the proposed apartments in that area to move forward. This process will take months. Residents have expressed concerns regarding traffic, parking and height of the building in a residential neighborhood.
  - 123 S. Chestnut Street – approval for preliminary and final subdivision.
2. Discussed possible land development for a duplex at 200 Hatfield Street. Continues to be discussed in Planning Commission.
3. Discussed amending the Accessory Structure ordinance to include in-law suites as this request is being asked for more often.
4. Discussed the revision of the Zoning Code revision regarding stacked parking.
5. Need to add adult day care businesses as allowable in the Zoning Code. Currently the Borough allows child day care but there are no provisions for adult day care.

**Councilman DiGregorio** – Can the overlay district be added to Dropbox for all of Council to view?

**Mr. Ernst** – It is already in the Code Committee Dropbox and all of Council has access to it.

#### **Communication Commission – Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton**

1. Civics 101 – There were six attendees for the first class last night. The next class is May 10 and the Police Department will be discussed.
2. Staff has met with Hatfield Township regarding videoing of Council meetings and will be meeting with Montgomery Township as well.

#### **Economic Development Committee – Councilman Van Dame**

1. April's Business of the Month was Giuliano's Deli on 5<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut Streets.
2. The Committee discussed what their goals should be for the future. There are a lot of entities in the Borough that are trying to revitalize Lansdale and the Committee would like to streamline these ideas and work with all interested groups. President Burnell put together a document to help streamline the process.
3. Website discussion – Some things are hard to find on the site. It was suggested to use the search toolbar to help find what you are looking for.

### **Electric Committee – Councilman DiGregorio**

1. No report – meeting was cancelled in advance.

### **Library Committee –Vice President Fuller**

1. No report – meeting was cancelled in advance.

### **Parks and Recreation Committee – Vice President Fuller**

1. Motions to appear before Council at the next Business Meeting:
  - Approve request for the use of Memorial Park for a wedding ceremony on June 25.
  - Approve request for the use of Railroad Plaza for the Lansdale Swim & Dive Team comb fundraiser June 25.
2. Upcoming programs:
  - Bike Safety at White’s Road Park on May 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00am.
  - T-ball at 4<sup>th</sup> Street Park begins May 7<sup>th</sup>. Sixty-five children are signed up for this program.
  - White’s Road Concerts in the Park begin Tuesday, May 31 with the North Penn Jazz Ensemble kicking off the season.
  - Movie in the Park – Inside Out will be playing May 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - First Friday starts on May 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00pm. If it rains the cancellation will be announced by 2:00pm.
3. Pool memberships can now be purchased. Information is on the website and in the Parks & Rec. Newsletter that is mailed to residents. White’s Road Pool will open May 28<sup>th</sup> thru Memorial Day and then each weekend until it is open full time June 13. 4<sup>th</sup> Street Pool will be open June 13<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, June 5 a USA Swim meet will be held for qualifying times at White’s Road Pool and will be closed to the public. We may open 4<sup>th</sup> Street Pool that day so people can swim there.
4. Staff is creating a full vendor list that departments can compare to their own lists so we can streamline vendors and get better pricing for services/items the borough uses if at all possible.
5. The Borough Engineer is putting together bid specifications for the rehabilitation of the grandstands at Memorial Field.
6. Skate Park – reviewing locations to house the park. Staff is using a national score sheet to help determine the best location and site visits will be done soon.
7. Software will be purchased so staff can do online registrations for programing and pool memberships and should be available next season.

### **Public Safety Committee – Councilman Work**

1. Motions to appear before Council at the next Business Meeting:
  - Approval for the Fairmount Fire Company’s Under the Lights Car Show on June 18 with a rain date of June 19.
2. The Committee denied the appeal for a handicapped parking space at 120 E. Fifth Street. They have made several attempts to contact the homeowner’s daughter with no response.
3. Discussed replacing the stop signs at Vine and Green Streets, but since the PCTI route has been completed we do not meet PennDOT’s criteria for a 4

way stop sign intersection. We will continue discussing other ways to help that intersection.

4. Discussed stop signs at W. Third St. and Mitchell Avenue as well as W. Second Street and Richardson Avenue.
5. The original route for the concrete delivery for the SEPTA parking garage was denied by PennDOT and a new route has been dedicated. They will now follow Rt. 309 to Rt. 202 to Main Street. To date there have not been any complaints about the new route.

**Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton** – If we can't add additional stop signs at Vine and Green Streets can we get something like high accident area signs or another type of sign that we could use at this intersection?

**Councilman DiGregorio** – Will the concrete deliveries be done by winter time?

**President Burnell** – They will need a couple of more months for deliveries.

6. Discussed the possibility of a Pop-up Beer Garden. Drew Stockmal and Chris Staub owner of the Blue Dog Café presented to the Committee.
  - Proposing to start in June and run through September. They would set up and open at 4:00pm on Fridays, be open Saturday afternoons/evenings through Sunday afternoon and then close until the next weekend.
  - This is also an opportunity to bring people in from outside the Borough.
  - The optimal location would be the West Main parking lot as it is the most visible location and it would be an easily managed area. They would also hope they could have Susquehanna Avenue adjacent to the parking lot closed during business hours.
  - The beer garden would serve food, craft beer and be a family friendly venue. They are not looking to compete with restaurants in town. Just adding another option for the summer months.
  - They need approval from the Borough as well as the Parking Authority for use of the property and they will need electric service to that area and will pay for their electric use.

**Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton** – She is concerned that taking this area away from First Friday events and bringing kids to an area where there will be a lot of drinking.

**Vice President Fuller** – The first step is to see how Discover Lansdale can collaborate with the Beer Garden folks.

**Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton** – She doesn't want to see drunk people walking around town. How will people pay to get in the area?

**Mr. Stockmal** – There is no cost to get into the area. People pay for what they consume so there won't be binge drinking. This is a pop up event and after the first season is over we can determine if it is something we should try again next year.

**Councilman Van Dame** – He thinks this is a great concept and it would be good to bring people in from outside the Borough. How will you market this?

**Mr. Stockmal** – They will use the contacts they have for the attendees of the Beerfest as well as an aggressive marketing campaign.

**Councilman Angelichio** – It sounds like a good idea. How will you market this to the current businesses that pay \$3,000 a month in rent and you are not paying rent and they made a significant investment in their business?

**Mr. Stockmal** – They believe this concept will be a community event and are willing to donate back to the Borough.

**Councilman Angelichio** – You need to make sure residents and business owners know that you are fully funded to keep costs down for the Borough since a moratorium on new events have been put into place.

**Mr. Stockmal** – They will be talking to the local business owners about their plans.

**Mr. Staub** – He is the owner of the Blue Dog Tavern in Towamencin and in Chalfont. He was an attorney but started his business with his young daughter in mind to have a family friendly establishment. He is very strict about the behavior of patrons in his Taverns and will be with the Beer Garden as well.

**Councilman Malagari** – He is for bringing people into Lansdale but he is concerned with a for-profit group/restaurant using public property.

#### **Public Works Committee – Councilman Malagari**

1. Motions to appear before Council at the next Business Meeting:
  - 2013 CDBG project E. Second Street – approval for a change order in the amount of -\$14,563.22 and a final payment in the amount of \$12,778.08.
  - WWTP Capacity Upgrade project – payment in the amount of \$10,900.80. There is still \$178,639.34 left on the contract.
  - Approval for the replacement of the WWTP sludge truck not to exceed \$185,000.
2. A resident sent an e-mail thanking the department for how quickly a pothole was fixed after they reported it on the Borough's online form.
3. Perkiomen Avenue project – residents are getting their curbs and sidewalks replaced and paving should begin in July.
4. Design plans for the Crestview Project will be sent to staff from Remington, Vernick & Beach this week.
5. 2016 CDBG project – The application was delivered to the County for E. Third Street from Main Street to Ridge Street.
6. NPWA are doing pipe lining on E. Main Street from Line to Church Streets. About 5 or 6 pits will be dug to the water main to line the pipes. They hope to start mid-May and will take about three weeks from 9:00am to 3:00pm.
7. Staff is creating a patch paving list of streets to be done this summer.

8. Discussed whether the patch paving on Hancock Street near Broad Street will stay as it is or be repaved. This area was dug up for the Andale Development.

**Councilman DiGregorio** – Should Jim Moulton pay for the re-paving since it was for his project and they dug up the road?

**Councilman Malagari** – Staff will be working with Mr. Moulton and the County to see if more can be done than what was dug up for the project.

9. Derstine Avenue – a section of the sanitary sewer line needs to be replaced. The pipe is in really bad shape and will have to be replaced very soon at an approximate cost of \$113,000.
10. At the June 15 Business Meeting AKRF will hold a public meeting for the Borough's TMDL.

**Councilman DiGregorio** – Knapp Road on the Montgomery Township side is really getting bad, particularly on the S curve. Can the Borough reach out to Montgomery Township about this?

Agenda Item #6 – Announcements

**President Burnell** – An Executive Session will be held after this meeting to discuss potential litigation, personnel and real estate. There will be no action tonight.

Agenda Item #7 – Public Comment

**Mr. John Black** of 520 W. Second Street – He has a concern about the Pop-up Beer Garden using public property for a private business to make a profit. They should have to pay a large fee for the use of public property and Borough businesses should be given the opportunity before a non-Borough business to do something like this.

*The meeting was adjourned at 10:30pm*