

June 1, 2016

The Work Session of Lansdale Borough Council was held on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at Lansdale Municipal Complex, One Vine Street, Lansdale, PA and called to order at 9:15 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
- (X) Mayor Szekely

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, absent
WWTP Superintendent, Dan Shinskie

Borough Solicitor, not present
Borough Engineer, not present
Sergeant, Alex Kromdyk
Library Director, Tom Meyer
IT/GIS Coordinator, Bryan Poster
Cust. Svc/Records Mgr., Pat Chapman

Residents

Anne Henning Scheuring – 125 S. Line Street

President Burnell – An Executive Session will be held immediately following the meeting regarding two personnel matters and two real estate matters. Action will not be taken tonight.

Agenda Item #5 – Committee Reports

Administration and Finance Committee – Councilman Van Dame

1. Motions to appear before Council at the next business meeting:
 - Green Light Go grant approval to sign agreement and commit to the match of \$185,150 for traffic signal/control upgrades.
 - Support the Sterling Act that would allow Lansdale receive a portion of the Philadelphia wage tax from Borough residents that work in Philadelphia which equals roughly \$170,000 per year.
2. The committee reviewed the financial reports and all is tracking normally.
3. Discussed some capital items that will be coming before Council from various departments.
 - Purchase of a sludge truck for the WWTP not to exceed \$220,000.
 - Sanitary sewer repair on Derstine Avenue. This is something that needs to be completed sooner rather than later.

- Engineer and project management for the restoration of the grandstands at Weaver Field in Memorial Park.
 - Patch paving throughout the Borough not to exceed \$100,000.
4. Discussed the MS4/TMDL requirement presentation by AKRF to be presented at the next business meeting. This is an unfunded mandate which will cost the Borough \$5-6 million over the next seventeen years.
 5. An agreement has been signed with SEPTA to continue the process for the Liberty Bell trail.
 6. In June electric customers will see the electric pass back in their bill. For a resident the pass back amount is \$21.96.
 7. More brackets have been ordered to continue hanging the Hometown Hero Banners. This is an unbudgeted item.

Vice President Fuller – The pass back is in the June billing?

Councilman Van Dame – Yes.

Councilman Hansen – In regard to the Sterling Act, when a resident works in another municipality we give back to those municipalities as well as other municipalities give back to the Borough for our residents?

Councilman Van Dame – That is correct except for Philadelphia. This is the only city in the State that does not give back to a resident's municipality.

Councilman DiGregorio – Has there been any more discussion about reducing the sewer customer service charge when NPWA takes over the sewer billing?

Councilman Van Dame – We didn't discuss that tonight as NPWA hasn't started billing for us yet. The charge doesn't cover just a customer service charge, it includes other items as well. We will discuss in our next meeting.

Code Enforcement Committee – Councilman Angelichio

1. Discussed the MS4/TMDL requirements from DEP.
2. On June 6 a new staff member for the Code Department took over Chris Kunkel's prior duties as Chris is now the Borough's Project Manager.
3. Gave an overview on fence permits with when, how, why, what needs to be done, etc. This is a monthly informational item for the Committee and residents.
4. Planning Commission – will be discussing a duplex at 200 Hatfield Street. The builder is currently going through the channels.
5. Montgomery County Planning Commission is working with the department on adult day care and stacked parking ordinances.
6. There are four applications to appear before the Zoning Hearing Board on June 21.

Communication Commission – Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton

1. The next meeting is scheduled for July 5 and it may be changed to June 28.
2. Staff is reviewing three quotes received from three companies about video recording of Council meetings.

Economic Development Committee – Councilman Van Dame

1. New businesses that opened in the Borough in April were:
 - Cake Designs by Patty
 - UTI Integrated Logistics
 - Branch Bank (formerly National Penn Bank)
 - La Personalization Boutique
 - Boost Mobile
2. Discussed communication within EDC and other groups that have an interest in the revitalization of Lansdale and how each group responds in different ways to things. We need to try and work together with the other groups to get the word out about Lansdale.
3. There is a magazine Shady Side Magazine that EDC would like to get Lansdale into.

Electric Committee – Councilman Angelichio

1. A Safety Coordinator has been hired for the department. He will handle training and safety as well as work as a lineman for the department.
2. Fiber Optic Project Phase 2 – crews are working to get the fiber lines installed. After all fiber is set up and ready this project will save the Borough money. Our crews are certified to install fiber after going through training and receiving their certification.
3. Equipment maintenance is being done now by staff.
4. LED Street Lights – we are 90% completed of the investment break audit. The fee to the Borough has been dropped to about \$27,000 since the GIS Department has completed most of the work already.
5. Green Light Go grant will include upgrades to traffic lights and add audible pedestrian crossings for the visually impaired. Cameras will also be installed instead of having road trip wires to read the traffic cycling traffic lights.
6. Annual tree trimming around electric lines has started and crews are getting to them as they can.

Library Committee –Vice President Fuller

1. Next meeting is June 6th.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Vice President Fuller

1. Motions to appear before Council at the next business meeting:
 - Approve proposal from Remington, Vernick & Beach for engineering and construction management services for the restoration of the grandstands at Weaver Field.
2. Summer programs have begun such as concerts in the park, movies in the park, etc.
3. White's Road pool opened this past weekend and 4th Street pool is getting ready to be open soon.
4. Liberty Bell Trail update – Jim Moulton of Moulton Builders will sign the agreement with the Borough to start the grant and get the trail built.
5. Skate Park – several skaters and parents attended the committee meeting to give their input about what they would like to see in a skate park and where they would like to see it located. They also stated that they do not

want to see the skate park in the Wedgewood neighborhood. It will be good to have both.

Public Safety Committee – Councilman Work

1. Discussed 9-1-1 usage and how it should be used in non-emergency situations if someone needs the police or other emergency personnel to show up. Montgomery County Public Safety Command Unit will be at Lansdale Day to educate the public.

Councilman Van Dame – So that means people should call 9-1-1 for everything instead of directly calling the police station.

Sgt. Kromdyk – Calls can be made to the police station for regular business items, but if an officer is needed for anything call 9-1-1.

Public Works Committee – Councilman Malagari

1. Motions to appear before Council at the next business meeting:
 - Final payment in the amount of \$27,405 for the 9th Street Off-Site Improvements.
 - Advertisement of bid specifications for the 2106 Road and Utility Improvement Project, Crestview Road.
 - Payment in the amount of \$212,252.09 for the WWTP Capacity Upgrade Project.
 - Change order in the amount of \$32,000 for the WWTP Capacity Upgrade Project.
 - Approval to replace the WWTP Sludge Truck not to exceed \$220,000.
 - Prepare and advertise the Derstine Avenue sewer pipe replacement project for about \$130,000.
 - Prepare and advertise patch paving in the Borough in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.
2. Perkiomen Avenue is almost ready to pave. Most resident sidewalks are completed. The contractor will also pave Mitchell Avenue between W. Mt. Vernon Street and York Avenue. The church still needs to get their sidewalks repaired/replaced.
3. North Penn Water Authority is relining their water pipe on E. Main Street. The contractor will put plate covers flush with the road while they are working. The project should be done the third week in June.
4. AKRF will make a presentation on June 15th at the business meeting regarding the Borough's MS4/TMDL plan. The entire draft document is on the website for anyone who would like to read it.
5. SEPTA hopes that the parking garage will be ready for use in October 2016.
6. A sanitary sewer line has to be replaced under North Broad Street. Work will need to be completed prior to PennDOT paving North Broad Street.
7. Staff is working on an inter-governmental agreement with other municipalities for the Wissahickon Creek TMDL for a two-year study at a cost of about \$6,000.
8. A draft permit for the WWTP DEP permit has been received.

Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton – When will Perkiomen Avenue be paved?

Mr. Ziegler – In July.

Councilman DiGregorio – There are sections of Norway Drive and Gettysburg Drive that need to be fixed as well as Byberry and Main Streets. Will all areas of the Borough be looked at for patch paving?

Councilman Malagari – If we do more than \$100,000 in patch paving then it will cost us at least thirty-five percent more due to prevailing wage.

Councilman Van Dame – We are trying to keep it at \$100,000 and will work with the winning contractor to make sure we are being as efficient as possible and not to have equipment moved all over the Borough which will help keep costs down.

Councilman Malagari – GIS is working on mapping and grading what roads are a priority as well as identifying roads that haven't been paved in years.

Agenda Item #6 – Announcements

Councilman Hansen – Remember that Lansdale Day is this upcoming Saturday, June 4th. Even though the Memorial Day parade was cancelled due to weather, hundreds came out for the service at Penndale Middle School.

Councilman DiGregorio – When walking through the Borough with his wife he has noticed many people stopping to admire the Hometown Hero Banners.

Vice President Fuller – First Friday is this Friday, June 3rd. We are hoping for nice weather and no rain. There were hundreds of people who participated in the PA Hero Walk this past weekend. Lifetime Achievement Award application is on both Discover Lansdale and the Borough's website.

Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton – The Fairmount Fire Company's Under the Lights Car Show is on June 18th. They are looking for more vendors for the event.

Agenda Item #7 – Public Comment

Ms. Scheuring – Wanted to thank the Public Works Department for hanging up the Hometown Hero Banners.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08pm