

October 19, 2016

The Business Meeting of Lansdale Borough Council was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 in the Council Chambers, 1 Vine Street, Lansdale, PA and called to order at 7:03 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
- ( ) Councilman Malagari – out of town
- (X) Councilman VanDame
- (X) Councilman Work
- (X) Mayor Szekely

Borough Representatives:

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

Borough Solicitor, Sean Kilkenny  
Borough Engineer, Christopher Fazio  
Lieutenant Alex Kromdyk  
Library Director, Tom Meyer  
IT/GIS Coordinator, Bryan Poster  
Cust. Svc/Records Mgr., Pat Chapman

Residents:

None

Agenda Item #5 – President's Comments

None

Agenda Item #6 – Presentations:

**Business of the Month** –Walton Oil presented by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton

1. Clyde S. Walton is a fourth-generation family owned business that started in 1921 and has grown tremendously since that time.
2. They currently employ forty-nine employees, have nine oil delivery trucks and nineteen service/installations vans. They serve customers in Montgomery and Bucks Counties.
3. Some of the services they offer are: heating oil, propane and diesel fuel delivery; service agreements, payment plans & price protection plans; preventative maintenance; 24-hour emergency service; new equipment installation which includes oil, gas, heat pump, geothermal, air conditioning, indoor air quality, oil tanks, water heaters and humidifiers; plumbing repairs and duct cleaning.
4. Clyde Snyder Walton started the business in 1921 as a gas station and car dealership at the corner of Hancock Road and Broad Street where the business currently stands.
5. Eventually the car dealership was phased out and the Clyde operated the gas station and service station. He looked for an opportunity to make more money so he began delivering oil with his first delivery truck. His son Raymond joined his business in 1940 delivering oil with his second delivery truck.

6. In 1958 Clyde retired and sold the business to his son Raymond and his wife Pauline. Ray increased the delivery truck fleet and formalized installation and repair services. He hired his first serviceman, Richard Stricker.
7. In 1972 they began installing and servicing central air conditioning units and Ray's son Terry joined the business in 1976.
8. 1986 Ray and Pauline retired and sold the business to their son Terry and his wife Diane. They remodeled and expanded the office as they were running out of room for additional employees that were needed to handle all their customers.
9. In 2012 Terry and Diane retired and sold the business to two of their sons, Scott and Chris who are running the business today.
10. Walton's is very involved in community service and they have donated 20,000 gallons of oil for those in need as well as participate in Community Reading Day each year and participate in St. Baldrick's Day every year.

**Scott Walton** – Thank you from him and his family for this honor. They have great customers and employees.

**Lansdale Historical Society (LHS)** – Clarence Kinsey, President

1. The Borough contributes to LHS \$27,500 plus utilities, operating supplies, landscaping, grass cutting, repairs and maintenance of the homestead and research center. Some years they do not have maintenance items to be completed.
2. The \$27,500 is all for the salaries of the President \$15,000 and Vice President/Assistant Administrator \$12,500. They put in about 35 to 40+ hours a week.
3. Utilities and repairs are paid directly to the vendors by the Borough. This arrangement was set up in 1970 and has remained in place since then.

**Councilman Hansen** – The Borough pays supplies, utilities, etc.?

**Mr. Kinsey** – Yes. The Society does not see any of that money. The Borough pays those bills directly to the vendor.

**Councilman Hansen** – The \$27,500 is a direct payment to the Society?

**Mr. Kinsey** – Yes.

**Mayor Szekely** – The presentations the Historical Society does are much appreciated in the community and are very well attended. You cannot put a price on the services they supply to the community.

**Mr. Kinsey** – We are so appreciative of the financial assistance and the Borough staff that we work with are incredibly helpful and supportive.

**Councilman Hansen** – Are the presentations you do funded by the Society or the Borough?

**Mr. Kinsey** – They Society funds them through donations.

**Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton** – Your Facebook posts are invaluable to the community.

**Dick Shearer** – We get about 2,700 hits a day on their Facebook page. It links the younger people to our history. There are many people who grew up here but moved to other states that check the Facebook page and comment on the things they remember. A lot of them are on the west coast because they are "liking" the page at 3:00am.

**Vice President Fuller** – Thank you to the Society for everything that they do. If not for them there would be no one to preserve our history.

Agenda Item #7 – Petitions

None

Agenda Item #8 – Residents to be heard on any item

None

Agenda Item #9 – Action Items

**Councilman Van Dame** presented Motion A and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of September, which shows the expenditures listed on the attachment.

*Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Van Dame** presented Motion B and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve the bills \$1,000.00 and over as per the attachment.

*Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Van Dame** presented Motion C and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve the following meeting minutes:

Work Session: September 7, 2016  
Business Meeting: September 21, 2016

*Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Angelichio** presented Motion D and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Resolution 16-28 grant preliminary and final land development plan approval for the development of a tract of land located at 20 North Cannon Avenue (Penn Square).

**Councilman Hansen** – Was the variance for on the height of the building approved?

**Mr. Ernst** – Yes. The Zoning Hearing Board approved it.

*Motion seconded by Councilman Work and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman DiGregorio** presented Motion E and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council award the contract for the supply of Item #1 -145,000-volt circuit breaker to PEPCO and award the contract for Item #2 - 34,500-volt circuit breaker and Item #3 - 34,500 voltage regulators to GENERY, the lowest responsible bidder per the recommendation of Utility Engineers PC consulting engineers for this project.

**Councilman Hansen** – Where will these be used?

**Councilman DiGregorio** – The main substation.

*Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman DiGregorio** presented Motion F and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Resolution 16-29 authorizing the Borough Manager to enter into the financing lease agreement with the Pennsylvania Economic Development Authority and to proceed with the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's Street Light Procurement Program.

*Motion seconded by Councilman Angelichio and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Work** presented Motion G and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve the closing of Main Street from Valley Forge Road to Church Road and other appropriate streets (on file at the Police Department) for the 66th Annual Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday, November 19, 2016 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm subject to the Borough's receipt and approval of required Certificate of Insurance.

*Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Work** presented Motion H and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the Borough Solicitor to prepare and the Borough Manager to advertise an ordinance authorizing the institution of an application process and guidelines for Special Events held within the Borough of Lansdale.

**Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton** – Will this apply to the events that are already planned this year or will it start next year?

**Councilman Work** – It will go in effect January 2017.

*Motion seconded by Councilman Angelichio and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Work** presented Motion I and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Ordinance 1892 amending the Code of Ordinances of Lansdale Borough to add a "No Parking at Any Time" zone on the west side of North Mitchell Avenue from a point 51 feet north of the northern curb line of West Main Street to a point 106 feet north of the northern curb line of West Main Street.

**Councilman Hansen** – Only two parking spaces will be removed from the street. It is a narrow street and this will help traffic.

*Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Work** presented Motion J and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Resolution 16-30 to apply for the PA Small Water and Sewer Program grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

*Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.*

Item #10 – Information Items

**Mayor's Report: Mayor Szekely**

1. Attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at North Penn Commons on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. He received criticism for his push for a donation from the Borough. There have not been any contributions from other municipalities but there have been many individual donations of those who do not live in Lansdale such as Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation of Maryland, Health Spark of Hatfield, PBD Machines of Warminster, Sayeed and Brigida Alfsmal of Franconia, The Clemens Foundation of Hatfield, Al Rotelle of Maple Glen, etc. Significant investment was made from those outside the Borough.
2. Attended the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Oktoberfest and ran in the Firkin 5K. This was the first 5K that he has run in.

**Solicitor's Report: Sean Kilkenny**

1. Attended a meeting regarding the Ridge Street pump station at Abington/Lansdale Hospital.
2. Drafted the resolution for land development at Penn Square.
3. Continues to work with Pat Chapman on codification of the Borough Code book.
4. Drafted and revised financial security agreements for 123 S. Chestnut Street project.
5. Reviewing the lease with the County for 421 W. Main Street.

**Borough Manager's Report: Jake Ziegler**

1. No specific report. Everything is going well and working on the 2017 budget.

**Comments for the good of Council:**

**Vice President Fuller** – The first Firkin 5K race was a success. Thank you to the Variety Club and the Library for their help. Some upcoming events are:

- October 22 – yard sale at the library from 8:00-11:00am.
- October 27 – public meeting in Council Chambers at 7:00pm regarding the skate park.
- November 12 – Trivia Night at Park Place Diner. You can purchase tickets for trivia at the library or the night of. Like last year you order dinner from the menu and Park Place will donate a portion of the proceeds to the library and you pay a small fee to play trivia.
- November 14 – Discover Lansdale will open the Freight House from 6:30-7:00pm. Following that, in Council Chambers they will have a presentation of some ideas as to what to do with the Freight House as well as hear feedback from the public on what they would like to see done with the building.
- November 4 – Zombie Walk starts at 6:30pm in Century Plaza.

Agenda Item #11 – Old Business

None

Agenda Item #12 New Business

None

**President Burnell** – An Executive Session will be held after this meeting related to a former employee and ongoing litigation. There will not be any action tonight.

*Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.*