

January 17, 2018

The Business Meeting of Lansdale Borough Council was held on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 in the Council Chambers, 1 Vine Street, Lansdale, PA and called to order at 7:07 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 Herbert

Borough Representatives:

Borough Manager, John Ernst
Finance Dir, John Ramey
Acting Chief, Sgt. Mike Trail
Parks & Rec. Director, Carl Saldutti
Electric Superintendent, Andy Krauss
Public Works, Rick DeLong
WWTP Superintendent, Dan Shinskie

Borough Solicitor, Sean Kilkenny
Borough Engineer, Chris Fazio
Library Director, Tom Meyer
IT/GIS Coordinator, Bryan Poster
Cust. Svc Mgr., Pat Chapman
HR Director, Nancy Shaw

Residents:

Mike Sarnyski – 503 Delaware Avenue

Agenda Item #5 – President's Comments

President Burnell – Council met in an Executive Session earlier this evening and there will not be action taken tonight. Council will meet again in Executive Session following the adjournment of this meeting.

Agenda Item #6 – Presentations

State of the Judiciary presented by District Judge Edward Levine, Esq.

The presentation is attached to the end of the minutes.

- He presides over District Court 38-1-28 which is comprised of Lansdale Borough, Hatfield Township and Towamencin. 2017 was the busiest year and they did it all with a shortage of staff.
- Civil cases have jumped by 50% from the previous years. Traffic violations as well as non-traffic tickets have increased as well, particularly parking tickets.
- Criminal complaints in Lansdale increased by 16.5% but are down 33% since 2012. Hatfield and Towamencin have higher criminal complaints than Lansdale.
- Traffic violations are up 62% but you have more officers on duty.
- Non-traffic violations have increased 72% but that is because tickets are being given. He would like to work with the Parking Authority and LPD to get the timing changed on how long someone has to pay a ticket. He feels the time frame is too short.
- Lansdale is like a little city and is very walkable and he recently moved into the Borough.
- He performed 50 weddings in 2017.

Business of the month – Minuteman Press by Richard Strahm

- Doug DiPasquale is the owner of Minuteman Press since 2006. His original location was in the Hillcrest Shopping Center and he wanted to be on the main drag so he relocated to his current location at 427 W. Main Street in 2010 to a 3,200 square foot store front.
- Lansdale is fresh with business opportunities and that is why he chose to open and keep his business here. A majority of his customers come from a 5-mile radius as well as Borough resident and businesses.
- Doug opened a second location in Eagleville in 2016.
- The staff of 5 in the Lansdale store do it all from digital design to wide format printing to making copies, etc. They can do wedding, party or anniversary invitations as they have a faxing service as well because believe it or not some businesses still do business by fax.
- They offer full graphic design options and have 2 full-time graphic designers to help with all your needs. They can go from design, to print, to promotion for a client.
- Doug serves on the Discover Lansdale Board and was a former Manna on Main Street Board member as well as an Economic Development Committee member.
- **Mr. DiPasquale** – He lives here, works here and loves what is going on in Lansdale. Thank you!

Recognition of Jake Ziegler

Jeff Knueppel, General Manager of SEPTA – He has worked with Jake over 20 years and it has been one of the best working relationships in the business. He considers Jake a friend. There are wonderful collaborations happening between Lansdale and SEPTA. Jake isn't easily excitable but you can tell when he was. When it came to doing what was best for the Borough, maybe not for SEPTA, he looked out for the Borough first and foremost.

Senator Mensch could not be here tonight, but he did send a citation to be read for Jake.

President Burnell – When he came on Council he was Chairman of the Public Works Committee and that is when he got to know and work with Jake. He has a deep admiration and respect for Jake when he was Utilities Director and then Manager. Jake is a genuine person and he thinks the best of everyone.

Mayor Herbert – Presented a proclamation to Jake.

Mr. Saldutti – He has worked with Jake for 39 years. When he was the Utilities Director he really was the defacto Assistant Manager starting when Lee Mangan was here. He is a great person and loves this Borough.

Mr. Shinskie – He appreciates everything that Jake has done for him and the Borough over the years. Together they had accomplished a lot regarding the WWTP.

Mr. DeLong – Jake hired him in 1988 and he has been a mentor to him all these years.

Mr. Krauss – This is an end of an era for the Borough. Jake hired him 17 years ago and he is extended family to him and his family. He is not only my colleague, but my mentor and friend.

Acting Chief Trail – He first really started working closely with Jake when this building was being built. He has the ability to inspire people and bring them into the fold and guide them.

Mr. Ernst – Jake has been a mentor and leader for so many. He is honest and has integrity and genuinely cares about the Borough. He has basically been joined at the hip with Jake the last two years.

Mr. Ziegler – When he first started his job in Public Works 39 years ago he quickly realized it was a privilege to work for the Borough and he has continued to feel that way his entire career. Being the Manager was the greatest honor of his professional career. Thank you to his wife Marianne, his daughters and their families and the staff, who have worked as a Team all these years, and to Councils over the years. It has been a privilege and an honor to work with all of you. For him it has always been about the people of Lansdale and he looks forward to seeing what you all are going to do in the future for Lansdale.

Vice President Fuller – Jake is the most honorable and dedicated person she has ever worked with. You have always had Lansdale at the center of your heart.

Councilman Angelichio – Jake's steadfast dedication, work ethic and knowledge has never been a surprise with him. I am a better person for knowing you. You have always given me solid advice and I appreciate that.

Councilman DiGregorio – Thank you for your service to the Borough. I have learned a lot from you and the knowledge that you have of the Borough. You have always had the time for us Council members.

Councilman Hansen – He first met Jake in 1986 when there was a problem on Knapp Road and you stepped up and masterminded the plan to resolve the problem. You have always been available to us and were always explain everything in great detail and we appreciate that.

Councilman Malagari – It has been a privilege and honor to work with Jake. Thank you for saying yes to being our Manager 2 ½ years ago.

Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton – She has only known you for 2 years but she will treasure that time spent together to better help me understand the workings of the Borough.

Agenda Item #7 – Petitions

None

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

Mr. Sarnyski of 503 Delaware Avenue – His question is directed to Vice President Fuller as to whether the funds for the skate park will come from the Parking Authority?

Vice President Fuller – She is still working on getting them to agree to it. When she has more information she will share it.

Agenda Item #9 – Action Items

Councilman Van Dame presented Motion A and read as follows:

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

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller 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.

Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton – She wanted more information regarding payment 5 of 20 for Mr. Mangan's life insurance.

President Burnell – That was negotiated term of his severance package.

Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton – Is that binding Council to certain future severance contracts?

Mr. Kilkenny – He was not the solicitor at the time and he will have to get back to Council on that.

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:

Special Meeting: December 6, 2017
Work Session: December 6, 2017
Business Meeting: December 20, 2017

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.

Councilman Van Dame presented Motion D and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize payment #1 in the amount of \$34,032.60 to The Tulio Group for work completed on the 421 W. Main Street Fire Escape and Ramp project per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick Engineers, engineering consultants for this project. This project is being funded through the capital reserves fund.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved 9:0.

Councilman Van Dame presented Motion E and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the Borough Manager to enter into the Montco 2040 Program Implementation Grant Agreement between the County of Montgomery and the Borough of Lansdale for the Whites Road Park Streambank Improvements Project and authorize the Borough Manager to execute any and all documents pertaining to the grant.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved 9:0.

Vice President Fuller presented Motion F and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize payment #5 (final) in the amount of \$5,943.38 to McCarthy Masonry & Concrete, Inc. for work completed on the Lansdale Memorial Park Grandstand Project per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick Engineers, engineering consultants for this project. Also included, per the contract requirements, a two (2) year maintenance bond. This project was funded through the Capital Reserves Fund.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved 9:0.

Councilman Malagari presented Motion G and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council award the contract for the Whites Road Sanitary Sewer Lining Project (Base Bid) in the amount of \$242,335.00 to AM Liner, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick, engineering consultants for this project.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved 9:0.

Item #11 – Information Items

Mayor's Report: Mayor Herbert

1. On November 30, 2017 he attended a Cub Scout meeting and talked about how the Borough staff works together along with the elected official to get things done in the Borough and how important service is to one another.
2. He attended the North Penn Mosque winter clothes donation event on January 13th.
3. He attended the Asian Culture Room opening on January 18th.
4. He will host office hours in his office in Borough Hall every Tuesday from 9:00 to 5:00. He will also have hours every Saturday from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

Solicitor's Report: Sean Kilkenny

1. Worked on the accessory unit dwelling ordinance amendment.
2. Worked on the wireless telecommunication ordinance.
3. Assisted with several Right to Know requests.
4. Advised and attended the Special Meeting of Council on December 31, 2017.

Borough Manager's Report: Jake Ziegler

1. Thank you to staff and Council for coming out to Jake's retirement lunch that staff had for Jake.
2. He will be re-introducing himself to each department at individual department meetings over the next month.
3. Staff is starting to gather information and creating a five year Pavement Management Plan. This will be presented to Council soon. This is another initiative that Jake started before he retired.

Comments for the good of Council:

Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton – Civics 101 will be held on February 8th at Borough Hall to discuss legislation.

Vice President Fuller – Trinity Lutheran Church has a Code Blue Shelter for men and they are always in need of volunteers to man the shelter so if anyone is interested, please contact the church. Discover Lansdale will hold a volunteer fair in the lobby of Borough Hall on March 12 at 6:30pm. On Monday January 22 there will be a public meeting regarding the skate park here in Council Chambers to unveil the landscape design plans.

Agenda Item #12 – Old Business

None

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Agenda Item #13 New Business
None

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.