

February 1, 2017

The Work Session of Lansdale Borough Council was held on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 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
- (X) Mayor Szekely

Borough Representatives:

Borough Manager, absent
Asst. Finance Director, 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, not present
Borough Engineer, not present
Police Chief, Bob McDyre
Library Director, Tom Meyer
IT/GIS Coordinator, Ross Becker
Cust. Svc/Records Mgr., Pat Chapman

Residents

None

Agenda Item #5 – Committee Reports

Administration and Finance Committee – Councilman Van Dame

1. Reviewing the year-end report and we are under in expenses by \$983,800. We saved in Parks and Rec. which didn't have an expected transfer so that saved money as well as health insurance savings and police wages which brought about \$1.5 million in savings total.
2. Motions to appear before Council at the next business meeting:
 - Resolution to approve check signers for the Borough in 2017.
 - Approve the annual Equal Rights and Opportunity employer resolution.
 - Approve a resolution to properly dispose of Borough records.
 - Approve the contract with F.X. Browne for the administration of recycling in the Borough.
 - Resolution to confirm the Parking Authority putting out a bid for the Madison Street widening project.
3. Single hauler trash bid was advertised on January 23 and 27 and bids are due back February 24th and opened that morning.
4. Staff is looking into possibly changing the Borough's liability insurance carrier if we can get the same coverage at a better price.

5. Reviewing Act 172 which would benefit volunteer fire fighters and emergency medical personnel in the Borough.
6. NPWA sewer billing update – They are still testing the software that would generate the bills. They expect the switch over to happen the end of the first quarter this year.
7. An update regarding the Liberty Bell Trail was given and that was also talked about at Parks & Rec. Which Vice President Fuller will discuss in her report.

Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton – Regarding Act 172, are you waiting for more information?

Councilman Van Dame – We are looking into all the aspects of the Act to make sure that everything that could be done is done correctly and fairly.

Councilman Angelichio – The 2016 expenditures are \$1.5 million less than thought? Were revenues higher than reported?

Councilman Van Dame – Yes. John Ramey could clarify. Last month we said that revenues were \$700,000 more than projected.

Councilman DiGregorio – Is the Madison street widening coming from Parking Authority funds?

Councilman Van Dame – Yes.

Code Enforcement Committee – Councilman Angelichio

1. Discussed a possible point of sale ordinance that would require the homeowner to have their curb and sidewalks and house numbers inspected before the sale of their home. Richard Strahm, a resident and local realtor presented to the committee why this would not be a feasible idea for the seller or the buyer regarding the replacement of curb and sidewalks.
2. Motions to appear before Council at the next business meeting:
 - 22-24 Fairview Avenue preliminary/final subdivision and land development.
 - Annual license renewal for Mattero Recycling.
3. Beginning February 6, the overflow parking for SEPTA riders in the temporary area in the Madison Lot will no longer be available for SEPTA riders. They were notified via flyers on their windshields to use the surface parking in the SEPTA lot. The Police Department will begin enforcement that week.

Communication Commission – Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton

1. Videos of Council meetings are now available on the Borough's website and cable channels.
2. Civics 101 legislative class was held last night. The next class is February 28 at the Police Department and March 28 at District Court. The Montgomery County District Attorney's office heard about our Civics 101 class and would like to participate in future classes.

Economic Development Committee – Councilman Van Dame

1. Carmen Italia and Steven Barth did a presentation on downtown revitalization for commercial and non-commercial properties.
2. The following are new businesses in the Borough – Priscilla’s Pizza, Stenella Antiques, Visiting Angels and PTM Properties, LLC.
3. The Committee continues to discuss whether we should have a business of the year award from the twelve businesses of the month.

Electric Committee – Councilman DiGregorio

1. Andy Krauss and Justin Smith were invited to present the Borough’s GIS system for the Electric Department at the Next GenEra Summit in Florida next week.
2. Parts were replaced and fixed on the main substation.
3. Streetlight Procurement project – The Borough will close on the financials for this project on February 15. The start of the installation of the lights will be in the spring.
4. The fence around the Stony Creek substation needs to be relocated due to the Liberty Bell Trail. A contractor will be hired to move the fence.
5. Andale Green Development – electric was added to two more buildings by the department.
6. Motion to appear before Council at the next business meeting:
 - Approval of the electric facilities agreement for the Penn Square project on Cannon Avenue by WB Homes.
7. The rear yard machine has arrived and the crews will begin using it soon.
8. A request tracker is on the Borough’s website for resident to use when there are street light outages.

Library Committee – Vice President Fuller

1. No report. The committee meeting is on February 6.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Vice President Fuller

1. Motions to appear before Council at the next business meeting:
 - Scheduling of the use of Weaver Field in Memorial Park for the spring/summer/fall 2017 season.
 - LAFS requested to use the football field on 5th Street for the 2017 Beer Tasting Festival. They will need to fill out the special events permit before Council can vote on the event.
 - Approve a resolution to submit the Montco 2040 grant to upgrade the Whites Road Park playground and do some MS4 work along the creek.
2. The committee gave approval to the United Way to use Fourth Street Park for a fundraiser kickball game on May 20.
3. The Pysanky workshop is March 18 at the Parks & Rec. building.
4. Staff is starting to schedule summer programs.
5. A new brochure will be sent to residents regarding pool registrations. A new system will be in place this year.
6. Liberty Bell Trail – The portion of the trail through the Andale Development is out to bid right now and Pennoni and staff will review the bids when they come in. A grant was awarded for the Stony Creek/Pennbrook Parkway portion of the trail in the amount of \$206,000. If we can get the trail

completed from border to border of the Borough that would be a total of 2.25 miles of dedicated trail.

7. A public meeting will be held regarding the skate park in the next couple of weeks.
8. A pre-bid meeting will be held on February 13 regarding the grandstand project at Weaver Field. The bid could be awarded at the March business meeting.
9. A meeting was held with the pool managers to discuss current and possible new pool policies. Both pools will open at 12:00pm and close at 8:00pm seven days a week. People can pay per day to go to the pool and they do not have to be a resident or get a membership as a resident. It will be stressed again to pool patrons that NO outside food can be ordered and delivered to the pool. We have food services at both pools.
10. An organization asked if the Borough's tennis courts can be rented. Staff is reviewing other municipalities policies. The standard seems to be \$10 per hour per court.

Councilman DiGregorio – Are the grandstand bids out yet?

Vice President Fuller – A pre-bid meeting will be held February 13 and the bids are due in the Borough February 20.

Councilman DiGregorio – Were the bands picked yet for the White's Road concerts by the Committee?

Vice President Fuller – Carl picks the bands.

Councilman DiGregorio – Will a discount be given at the pools on Wednesdays like we did last year?

Vice President Fuller – Yes.

Mayor Szekely – Regarding the rentals for the tennis courts will they all be rented at one time?

Mr. Saldutti – We didn't address that yet but other municipalities always have courts available for their residents.

Public Safety Committee – Councilman Work

1. Motions to appear before Council at the next business meeting:
 - Approve a handicapped parking space at 1032 Poplar Street.
 - Approve the 40th Annual Lansdale Day on June 3, 2017.
2. The Farmers' Market will be held in the parking lot of Pennedale Middle School for the 2017 season. They will need to complete the special events application before approval can be made.
3. The Civil Service Commission requested that the Committee approve the extension of the Lieutenant and Sergeant test results for up to one year.
4. Traffic concerns were brought to the attention of the committee by some residents regarding Ninth Street and Shaw Avenue and Squirrel Lane and Main Street.

Public Works Committee – Councilman Malagari

1. Motions to appear before Council at the next business meeting:
 - Change order #1 in the amount of -\$1885.00 for the 2016 Road & Utility project (Crestview Dr.)
 - Payment #2 in the amount of \$153,393.98 for work completed on the 2016 Road & Utility project (Crestview Dr.).
 - Purchase of a F450 small bucket truck and a 6-wheel dump truck for the public works department. These vehicles would be purchased with Liquid Fuel Funds, not Capital funds.
2. Briefly talked about a leaf vacuum truck. Further discussion will be needed.
3. WWTP updates – A meeting for the Clean Water Partnership will be held on February 9th at the Upper Dublin municipal building. This meeting is regarding the alternative TMDL.
 - A grant, Going Greener, was submitted on January 12th.
4. The water main replacement being done on N. Cannon Avenue by North Penn Water Authority began on January 30th.
5. Easement agreements between the Borough and Lansdale Hospital are being reviewed by the Borough's engineer as well as the hospital's engineer. This would be for the Ridge Street Pump Station project.
6. Staff is getting together a list of possible paving projects that would not be consider for CDBG grants or patch paving. More information to come in the upcoming months.
7. At next month's meeting the Committee will discuss the signs on Knapp Road related to crossing at the pedestrian bridge.

Councilman Hansen – What is the estimated completion date for Crestview Road?

Mr. DeLong – Sometime the end of September would be final paving.

Councilman DiGregorio – Was the water main project by NPWA scheduled for this time of year or is it an emergency type of project?

Councilman Malagari – All they know is the contractor said that they were starting this past Monday.

Councilman DiGregorio – Will they then patch pave the road or pave curb to curb when the water mains are completed?

Mr. DeLong – Temporary patches will be done until the road can be fully paved.

Councilman DiGregorio – Thank you for the church and school for putting the N. Cannon Ave road closure on their LED signs.

Agenda Item #6 – Announcements

Mr. Saldutti – The bids for the grandstands are due back February 27.

Agenda Item #7 – Public Comment

None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02pm.