

February 6, 2019

The Work Session of Lansdale Borough Council was held on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at Lansdale Municipal Complex, One Vine Street, Lansdale, PA and called to order at 9:08 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 Henning
- (X) Councilman Work
- (X) Mayor Herbert

Borough Representatives:

Borough Manager, not present

Finance Director, John Ramey

Police Chief, Mike Trail

Parks & Rec., not present

Electric Superintendent, not present

Public Works, Rick DeLong

WWTP Superintendent, Dan Shinskie

Borough Solicitor, not present

Borough Engineer, Chris Fazio

Library Director, not present

IT/GIS Coordinator, Bryan Poster

Cust. Svc. Manager, Pat Chapman

HR Director, not present

Project Manager, Chris Kunkel

Residents

None

Agenda Item #5 – Committee Reports

Administration and Finance Committee – Councilman Angelichio

1. Reviewed the financial reports through 12/31/18. There are items that will need to be factored into the 2018 numbers before a final report can be given. Revenue was higher than expected due to a one time \$200.00 real estate tax transfer. We are \$54,000 under budget in real estate taxes because of properties that have been liened. Expenses are great and thanks to Chief Trail for keeping LPD's overtime so low.
2. Motions to appear before Council at the next Business Meeting:
 - Approve the 2019 FX Browne recycling contract.
 - Resolution re: The Borough as an equal rights opportunity employer.
3. Discussed the Hometown Hero Banners. This item will be discussed during Public Works report.
4. Equus would like to have a temporary sign erected on Borough property near the Santa House to direct people where to go to lease an apartment. They are requesting the sign be allowed for twelve months.
5. Reviewed upcoming payments.

Vice President Fuller – The Santa House won't be removed for the sign correct?

Councilman Angelichio – No, the Santa House stays.

Code Enforcement Committee – Councilman Hansen

1. Mr. John Knott and Mr. Naber of Equus Capital Partners are requesting to place a temporary sign at the corner of W. Main Street and Madison Street. Discussion this evening addressed the location of the temporary sign for leasing purposes and how Equus is partnering with other businesses to promote Lansdale business. The committee members commented how a sign was in existence prior and how there is no opposition to the signage proposed at this location.
2. Motions to appear before Council at the next Business Meeting:
 - Prepare and advertise an ordinance to regulate mobile food vendors in the borough.
 - A motion was made to prepare and advertise the hearing. There are no parking requirements in this district. The congregation is approximately fifteen families and eight of which live within walking distance. Worship takes place on the weekend.
3. Reviewed an updated version of the proposed Ordinance to Adopt the 2015 International Fire Code and Commercial Fire/Safety Inspections. Discussions will continue with the goal of moving this forward to council in June.
4. For the month of January, 81 Permits were processed. The department responded to 42 complaints and attended one court case resulting in a guilty verdict and fines assessed. Building permits have been issued for the last phase of Andale Green and the North Penn Mosque annex, located on W. Fifth Street. The Modern Male Barber School has been issued permits and is under construction on W Main St.
5. New businesses - 100 W. Main St - Occupancy Permit issued for State Representative Steve Malagari; 100 W. Main St- Permits have been applied for, a tenant fit out occupying 5,000 square feet; Madison Lot, working with Ur Brewery for a permit application submission
6. 43 W. Third St.- The applicant presented to the Planning Commission and will be returning with more information and details regarding their application for a Conditional Use Hearing.
7. 512 Green St- Sketch plan for review prior to submission of a Subdivision Plan. The applicant proposes a three-lot subdivision, maintain the existing dwelling and creating two single family twin homes. The site is unique in that there is an abandoned SO-foot-wide street.
8. Mr. John Chirico has been nominated and appointed to the Design Review Board vacancy.

Economic Development Committee – Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton

1. An application was received for a façade improvement grant for 320 Madison Street.
2. The committee continues talks regarding the Hometown Press map.
3. Discussing different ways to promote businesses in the Borough.
4. Discussed business incentives such as cable channel advertisement.

Electric Committee – Councilman DiGregorio

1. The HVAC contractor completed the installation of the new 2000-gallon double wall tank at the Electric Services Building as the first step in the replacement of the HVAC system in the shop.

2. Motions to appear before Council at the next Business Meeting:
 - Purchase a 2018 Ram 3500 dump truck under the Costars State Purchasing Program in the amount of \$46,303.00 for the Electric Department.
 - The Borough is receiving 100% funding in the form of a rebate voucher for five (5) EV chargers. This voucher will pay for the equipment and installation in the amount of \$43,265.00.
3. Solar Project Update – RVE has finished the site plans and staff has worked through the approval process to use Costars pricing for the material. We are looking to start installation this summer/fall.
4. EV Grant Update – The Borough was awarded \$22,500 towards the purchase of three electric vehicles. Mr. Krauss is working on finding a Costars dealer that is willing to do the paperwork involved to receive \$7,500 as a federal tax credit and, in turn, discount the price for the Borough even further.
5. Peak shaving during the polar vortex saved the Borough three mega watts of electric use.

Councilman Hansen – Will the charging stations handle one or two cars at a time?

Councilman DiGregorio – Two cars. The station will be located between two parking spaces.

Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton – The electric peak shaving by residents was a great idea.

Library Committee – Vice President Fuller

1. No report. The committee did not meet.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Vice President Fuller

1. Motion to appear before Council at the next Business Meeting:
 - Approve the use of White's Road Park for St. John's Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 21, 2019.
 - Proposal to re-engineer skate park project by RVE. We need to rebid to help the project have a more economical outcome. There could be five major changes to make the project fit into our budget. They are also looking to fundraise outside of the grant money and Borough funds for this project.
2. Winter programs are under way and signups have begun for the spring/summer programs as well as signups for pool memberships.
3. Submissions are being accepted for the Festival of the Arts.
4. The start of Bitty Ballet was pushed back a week due to weather.
5. Currently taking reservations for the Pysanky Workshop on March 30 from 8:30am to 12:30pm or 1:00 to 5:00pm.
6. This year's Bike Safety Program will be on Saturday, May 4 from 9:00 to 11:00am with the Police Department once again working with the kids.
7. All key seasonal staff will be coming back this summer. There will also be the need for some new hires.

8. Interviews for a new director are currently happening and the applicants have been narrowed down to 8 people.
9. A meeting was held with the user group of Schweiker Park softball fields regarding tournaments and parking issues. Tournaments will be reduced to 8-12 not 16-20 and only on three fields.

President Burnell – Has the additional parking lot been opened?

Vice President Fuller – Yes.

Public Safety Committee – Councilman Work

1. Pennoni will be working with PennDOT to get approval to move the stop bar back on Vine Street so that busses can make the turn from S. Broad Street onto Vine Street without driving on the curb which has already been replaced once.
2. Motions to appear before Council at the next Business Meeting:
 - Prepare and advertise an ordinance to update the parking on Madison Street since the road construction completion.
 - Approve the 2019 season of the Lansdale Farmers' Market.
 - Approve the annual Manna on Main Street 5K race.
 - Approve the 42nd Annual Lansdale Day.
3. The 2019 LPD report on daily activity was presented to the committee.
4. Discussed creating a safety zone at 200 N. Broad Street near Rita's Water Ice as there are many accidents at Board & 2nd Street. They are thinking of adding bollards so vehicles cannot drive up on the safety zone to get past traffic.
5. Discussed parking at the train stations and permit parking for the surrounding residential areas. Discussions will need to continue.
6. The PA Hero Walk has been cancelled by the organizer.

Public Works Committee – Councilman Work

1. Motions to be passed by Council at the next Business Meeting:
 - Payment request in the amount of 175,544.95 for work completed on the 2017 CDBG E. 3rd Street Phase 1 road project.
 - Payment request in the amount of \$517,738.90 for work completed on the N. Line Street Rehabilitation project.
 - Payment request in the amount of \$324,717.00 for work completed on the Mill & Overlay project, excluding work done on S. Cannon Avenue.
 - Change order to remove Hancock Street from the Mill & Overlay project.
 - Change order from the White's Road Rehab project to go toward road work to be done at Seventh Street and N. Broad Street.
 - Prepare and advertise bid specifications for the following projects in 2019: Mill & Overlay, Microsurfacing and N. Cannon Rehabilitation project.
 - Resolution to approve the display of banners on the Wood/Vine Street connector and parts of Broad St. for Penn Suburban Chamber banner program.

- Resolution to approve the Hometown Hero banners throughout the Borough, not to exceed 500 banners displayed.
 - Payment requested in the amount of \$37,089.79 for work completed on the Ridge Street Pump Station project.
2. White's Road Rehabilitation - Most of work for this project is complete and line painting will be completed within the next few weeks, weather permitting.
 3. W. Third Street Rehabilitation - The utility work has been completed on this project. The residents along 3rd St. have until the end of June 2019 to get any curb and sidewalk work done prior to final paving.
 4. East Main Streetscape - A design meeting was held with Borough staff and Pennoni Assoc. to discuss the upcoming project. There is a proposed start date of late spring 2020.
 5. Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership - There was a presentation at January's meeting on the Draft Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) and there is a subcommittee working on the final report.
 6. White's Road Sewer Line Rehabilitation - The lining contractor has been changed to a subcontractor, and they are due to start mobilizing to the site very soon.
 7. We have purchased around 700 tons of salt so far this season which is about average.
 8. We received an Environmental Stewardship and Watershed Protection (Growing Greener) Grant Award of \$71,000 for the Whites Road Park Stream Restoration Project. This will be used for the design of the Stream Restoration Project.
 9. We recorded 68.36 inches of rain at the WWTP and processed 1.3 billion gallons of water through the plant which is the most ever. Thanks to the Peak Flow Upgrade Project that was completed a few years ago, we did not have any overflows. All flow was processed through the plant and received full treatment. Thank you to this committee and Council for authorizing this project to be completed. The upgrade has improved the operation of the plant during these wet weather conditions and has helped the environment by reducing the overflows.

Agenda Item #6 – Announcements

Councilwoman Hawkins – The next Civics 101 class will be the Legislative class on February 12 at 7:00pm.

Councilman Breish – The Fairmount Fire Company banquet is this weekend which gives them the opportunity to reflect on their year in 2018. Hope you all can make it.

Councilman Hansen – Today is day three of Restaurant Week. It has been well received so far.

Mayor Herbert – He will be out of town this weekend so Saturday office hours are cancelled.

Agenda Item #7 – Public Comment

None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03pm