

February 15, 2017

The Business Meeting of Lansdale Borough Council was held on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 in the Council Chambers, 1 Vine Street, Lansdale, PA and called to order at 7:03 pm by Council President Denton Burnell.

ROLL CALL:

- () Councilman Angelichio – absent due to work obligation
- (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 Dir, John Ramey
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, Chris Fazio
Police Chief, Robert McDyre
Library Director, Tom Meyer
IT/GIS Coordinator, Bryan Poster
Cust. Svc/Records Mgr., Pat Chapman
HR Director, Nancy Shaw

Residents:

Rose Chapman – 316 W. Mt. Vernon Street
Rita Reubens – 327 W. Fourth Street
John Darab – 613 Spruce Street
Michelle Santangelo – 22 W. Fifth Street

Agenda Item #5 – President's Comments

None

Agenda Item #6 – Presentations:

Swearing in of Police Officers presented by Chief McDyre: Richard Kruppenbach and Amanda North.

- Officer Kruppenbach earned a Bachelor's Degree from Penn State. He briefly worked in IT before changing his career to law enforcement.
- Officer North earned a Bachelor's Degree from Gwynedd Mercy University in Criminal Justice and has been working as a part-time police officer with the department.

Officer of the Year Award presented by Chief McDyre – Officer Joe Gary

- This recipient of this award is chosen by all of the officers in the department.
- This is the third year for this award.
- Officer Gary served four years in the Marine Corps and received a Purple Heart after suffering a combat injury in Fallujah, Iraq.
- He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Temple University.

- Officer Gary joined the Police Department in March 2015. Since that time his personal motivation, excellent teamwork and professionalism were instrumental in his colleagues selecting him as Officer of the Year.

Proclamation to Lansdale Warehouse's Paul Delp presented by Mayor Szekely

Mr. Delp – The company was started by his dad and brothers in 1958 that was originally called Lansdale Transportation. They manage inventory for their customers. Two of their facilities are rail served. That is one of the things that make them unique is they load and unload product on rail cars for some of their customers. Thirty years ago the freight rail was going out of business but in recent years it is picking up again. The boxcars you see sitting on the tracks each holds four truckloads of material so if you can take four trucks off the highway and transport by rail that is always a good thing.

- Paul has provided quality storage services to Lansdale Borough and the surrounding community as a member of the PennSuburban Chamber of Commerce since October 1987.
- Paul's community service extends beyond his business with involvement with the Kiwanis Club, North Penn United Way, the Boys & Girls Club and North Penn Commons.
- Paul and his associates demonstrate cooperative spirit by serving as a "temporary North Pole" through the donation of storage space for the much loved Lansdale Santa House.
- Paul shows respect for our Lansdale heroes by transporting and storing the Hometown Hero Banners that line Borough streets throughout the year.
- Paul and Lansdale Warehouse illustrate the importance and value of partnerships between government and the business community by combining strengths and resources of both public and private sectors.

GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) Award presented by Jake Ziegler, Borough Manager

- This award is presented to the Finance Department for fiscal year 2015.
- This award is the highest form of recognition that can be received for governmental accounting.

Agenda Item #7 – Petitions

None

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

Ms. Rose Chapman of 316 W. Mt. Vernon St. – There are curb and sidewalks in the west ward that are in disrepair. Her neighbor, who is in his 90's, walks in the street because some of the sidewalks are in bad shape. You have permits for everything else going on in the Borough. The streets and sidewalks are in such disrepair.

Ms. Rita Reubens of 327 W. Fourth Street – She wanted to thank the police for their quick response when she had a family medical emergency. She is still against the skate park in the Fourth Street Park. (very difficult to hear the recording)

Mr. John Darab of 613 Spruce Street – There is a payment to the Wissahickon Clear Water Partnership. What is the Borough contributing to this group, advice? (very difficult to hear the recording)

Mr. Ziegler – The Borough is part of a group to clean up the Wissahickon Creek. The William Penn Foundation contributed \$1.5 million toward the cost of a study, this is specifically for the TMDL in the stream. We, along with other municipalities, are working to reduce sediment through the entire stream.

Mr. Darab – What is the timeline for this project?

Mr. Ziegler – The study will take two years.

Ms. Michelle Santangelo of 22 E. Fifth Street – She is concerned about parking because of the building project for 22-24 Fairview Avenue. She, as a nearby resident, did not receive any information about this project. She wants to get more information about the project.

Mr. Ernst – Five townhomes will be built on a single lot. Currently a single home sits on the lot. This development has been reviewed by the Planning Commission and the Code Enforcement Committee. The Borough's Planning Code does not require the municipality to notify surrounding residents of the affected property unless there is going to be a zoning or conditional use change which there was not for this project. We do post all of our agendas for our communities. The engineer for this project is here tonight if anyone has specific questions when we get to that agenda item.

Ms. Santangelo – As it is now it is difficult to park especially when the church is in session and now you will be adding five townhomes and the parking will be worse. She is also concerned about how Knapp Elementary School would be able to accommodate more children.

Mr. Ernst – Each unit will have a one car garage as well as a driveway so at least two cars can park on the property. When the Borough has development within the Borough we do provide a development plan to NPSD so they can plan as well.

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 January, 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.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton 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: January 4, 2017
Business Meeting: January 18, 2017

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Councilman Van Dame presented Motion D and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council enter into the attached agreement with F.X. Browne for administration of the curbside recycling program and to authorize the appropriate officials to execute the performance grant documents.

Motion seconded by Councilman DiGregorio and unanimously approved.

Councilman Van Dame presented Motion E and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Resolution 17-03 regarding the Borough of Lansdale Equal Rights and Opportunities policy.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Councilman Van Dame presented Motion F and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Resolution 17-04 authorizing certain Borough officials to sign checks and invest funds on behalf of the Borough of Lansdale.

Motion seconded by Councilman DiGregorio and unanimously approved.

Councilman Van Dame presented Motion G and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt the attached Resolution 17-05 for the disposition of Borough records.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.

Councilman Van Dame presented Motion H and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt the attached Resolution 17-06 authorizing the Lansdale Parking Authority to solicit bids for the Madison Street Widening and Utility Project.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Councilman Van Dame presented Motion I and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the Borough Manager to sign the attached letter and send the signed letter to the Office of the Budget to request a second one (1) year extension on the Advanced Living/North Penn Commons (formerly the PEAK Center) RACP grant.

Motion seconded by Councilman DiGregorio and unanimously approved.

Councilman Van Dame presented Motion J and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the attached settlement payment in the amount of \$230,000 to Verizon for work completed by Verizon to place their utility lines underground for the West Main Street Streetscape project. The Lansdale Parking Authority approved and transferred funds to the Borough in July 2012 for this project and the work was completed in 2012.

Mr. Ziegler – We received a notice from Verizon that they never received this payment. The Parking Authority did give the Borough the money to pay the bill but for some reason the check was never sent by the Borough. Verizon never came back to the Borough to say it wasn't paid and it went to collections so we are settling with Verizon for \$230,000.

Councilman Hansen – Will that affect our budget for this year and was the money that was transferred from the LPA spent on anything else?

Mr. Ziegler – No and no.

Councilman Work – Since the total amount that the LPA transferred to the Borough was \$259,000 will the Borough reimburse the LPA \$29,000?

Mr. Ziegler – We will be discussing this with the LPA.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Councilman Hansen presented Motion K and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council grant a license to Joe Mattero Recycling, Inc., 311 West Seventh Street, Lansdale, to operate at said site for the year 2017 by the order of the Borough of Lansdale.

Motion seconded by Councilman DiGregorio and unanimously approved.

Councilman Hansen presented Motion L and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt the attached Resolution 17-07 granting conditional preliminary and final subdivision and land development approval for the property located at 22-24 Fairview Avenue.

Councilman Van Dame – Throughout the process with the Planning Commission were the neighbors of this property notified or is that not required through that?

Mr. Ernst – No above and beyond steps were taken regarding this development.

Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton – Do the residents have any action that they can take if they oppose this development if we pass this motion?

President Burnell – No, they don't.

Mr. John Anderson, of Cornerstone Engineering, engineer for 22-24 Fairview Ave. development – It is a small strip of land on Fairview Avenue on the northern side of the plans. We are dedicating that land to the Borough. They are not changing the curb line from how it exists now but they are adding driveways.

Councilman Hansen – By building these homes you are adding two parking spaces per unit that are not currently available for the homes there now.

Mr. Anderson – Currently there is a small building on the property that housed four small rental units that do not have off street parking. By building the five townhomes in the place of what is there now we will be adding parking per unit. We would relieve some of the off street parking with this development.

Vice President Fuller – What is the difference of size from what currently is there and the proposed new development?

Mr. Anderson – It is a larger size square footage that what is there today but, it is in comparison to what is being built in the community today.

Councilman DiGregorio – Will each unit have its own utilities and not go through the entire building?

Mr. Anderson – Yes, each unit has its own separate meter connection

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Councilman DiGregorio presented Motion M and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the Borough Manager to enter into the Electric Distribution Facilities Design Agreement with Cooper Acquisitions LP in reference to the Penn Square Development to allow the borough to recoup its cost on both electric labor and infrastructure material needed for this project.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.

Vice President Fuller presented Motion N and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to schedule Memorial Park's Weaver Field for the 2017 Spring/Summer/Fall Baseball Season.

Motion seconded by Councilman Van Dame and unanimously approved.

Vice President Fuller presented Motion O and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt the attached Resolution 17-08 authorizing the submission of a grant application for the 2017 round of the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program to provide funding for the Whites Road Park Playground and Streambank Improvements Project.

Councilman Hansen – We are not changing the stream path?

Mr. Saldutti – We don't anticipate any change to the stream path. We will be stabilizing the stream wall and we could possibly get MS4 credits for this.

Councilman Hansen – The vegetation will not be manicured down to the stream?

Mr. Saldutti – There is always a buffer.

Councilman DiGregorio – The grant is for \$200,000 and the Borough will match it by paying \$40,000? Down by the bridge the wall is temporarily shored up, will that be fixed?

Mr. Saldutti – That part of the wall will be fixed.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawking Charlton and unanimously approved.

Vice President Fuller presented Motion P and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the 8th Annual Lansdale Beer Tasting Festival on Saturday, June 24, 2017 from 12:00pm to 5:00pm to take place at Cannoneers Football Field located off of West Fifth Street subject to the Borough's receipt and approval of the required certificate of insurance. In addition, the organization must obtain from all vendors a Certificate of Insurance for the Borough and the organization. Said general liability insurance should contain a clause listing the Borough as additional insured in an amount specified by the Special Events ordinance.

Councilman Hansen – Does this require a special liquor license?

Vice President Fuller – They get their temporary liquor license usually through a non-profit.

Motion seconded by Councilman DiGregorio and unanimously approved.

Councilman Work presented Motion Q and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the 40th Annual Lansdale Day sponsored by the North Penn Rotary Club on Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 5:30am to 4:30pm (road closures on file at the police dept.) subject to the Borough's receipt and approval of required certificate of insurance. In addition, the Rotary must obtain from all vendors a Certificate of Insurance for the Borough and the Rotary Club. Said general liability insurance should contain a clause listing the Borough as additional insured in an amount specified by the Special Events ordinance.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Councilman Work presented Motion R and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Ordinance 1895 amending chapter 114-5 of the Lansdale Borough code to add an additional location for handicapped parking located at 1032 Poplar Street.

Motion seconded by Councilman Van Dame and unanimously approved.

Councilman Malagari presented Motion S and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve Change Order #1 in the amount of -\$1,885.00 (reduction) for the 2016 Roadway and Utility Rehabilitation Program per the recommendation of Remington, Vernick & Beach, engineering consultants for this project.

Motion seconded by Councilman DiGregorio and unanimously approved.

Councilman Malagari presented Motion T and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize Payment #2 in the amount of \$153,393.98 to SJM Construction Company for work completed on the 2016 Roadway & Utility Rehabilitation Project per the recommendation of Remington, Vernick & Beach, engineering consultants for this project. This project is being funded through the Capital Reserves Fund.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Councilman Malagari presented Motion U and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the Borough Manager to purchase through the Pennsylvania Costars Purchasing Program a Ford F450 Small Bucket Truck for the Public Work Department in the amount of \$76,229.50. This item will be purchased through the Liquid Fuels Fund.

Councilman DiGregorio – This would replace the small bucket truck they currently have?

President Burnell – They will keep the old truck and give it to the Electric Department.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Councilman Malagari presented Motion V and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the Borough Manager to purchase through the Pennsylvania Costars Purchasing Program a 6-Wheel Dump Truck for the Public Work Department in the amount of \$143,450. This item will be purchased through the Liquid Fuels Fund.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.

Item #10 – Information Items

Mayor's Report: Mayor Szekely

1. Tossed up the ceremonial tip-off at Mater Dei Basketball Tournament fundraiser for a teacher there who is battling cancer on February 5th.
2. Met with Jennifer Bernle, the owner of the newly opened Scent & Sip at 323 W. Main Street.
3. Stopped in to Moilatere's Barbershop to see how things were going since Tom (prior owner) retired.
4. There is a listening forum at the North Penn Commons on February 16. They will be talking about what's going on in the community.
5. The PennSuburban Chamber will host a breakfast meeting on February 23rd for businesses in the Borough. This is the first meeting and Pam Kelly of PennSuburban will work with the businesses to possibly start up again a business association. For businesses who are members of the Chamber it will be free and for non-members the cost is \$100 for one year membership.

Solicitor's Report: Sean Kilkenny

1. The settlement for the loan for the LED Street Light project took place February 13th. His office assisted with the settlement.
2. Working on an easement agreement with Lansdale Abington Hospital related to the Ridge Street pump station upgrade.
3. Working with Chief McDyre on the Commercial Vehicle parking ordinance.
4. Assisted with several Right to Know requests.
5. Assisted with the land development for 22-24 Fairview Avenue development.
6. Finalizing agreements for Penn Square development.
7. Reviewing the Borough's telecommunications ordinance as it related to cell towers in the Borough.

Borough Manager's Report: Jake Ziegler

1. Our new HR Director, Nancy Shaw, started this past Monday. She has 23 years - experience and recently worked for the Maryland Port Authority.
2. NPWA expects to finish their project on Cannon Avenue either Monday or Tuesday of next week.
3. A pre-bid meeting for trash haulers was held today with potential bidders. The bidders asked for more time to work on their bids so we extended the due date to March 17, an additional three weeks.

Comments for the good of Council:

Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton – The Historical Society videos of their past presentations will now be shown on the Borough's cable channels for residents to watch. The presentations will be aired Monday through Friday at 7:00pm and Saturday and Sundays at 1:00pm. Comcast channel is 965 and Verizon channel is 30.

Councilman Hansen – The Borough is working on Act 172 for our volunteer fire fighters. The Pennsylvania Legislators are working on this right now to provide municipalities with the best

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information. In the 1970's in PA there were 300,000 EMS and fire fighter volunteers and today we have 60,000. We have to do something to keep and encourage new volunteers.

Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton – She is the wife of a volunteer fire fighter and they are always looking for new members. Because we are a volunteer fire company they help to keep taxes down because they are not paid. She is trying to add the fire company to be a part of an upcoming Civics 101 class.

Councilman Van Dame – He wanted to clarify that from the 2016 budget the Borough had a surplus of \$200,000, not the big number thrown around at the Work Session.

Vice President Fuller – The Parks & Rec. Committee will hold its last public meeting regarding the skate park on Monday, February 27 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers. The Library Committee meeting in March will be moved to March 8. Vegas Night at Variety is coming in March.

Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton – The next Civics 101 class in February 28 at the Police Department.

President Burnell – An Executive Session will be held immediately after this meeting related to potential litigation. Action will not be taken tonight.

Agenda Item #11 – Old Business

None

Agenda Item #12 New Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.