

**BOROUGH OF LANSDALE
ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2019**

Members Present:

Denton Burnell	Borough Council President
Carrie Hawkins-Charlton	Borough Council Member
Leon Angelichio	Committee Chairman
Garry Herbert	Mayor
John Ernst	Borough Manager
John Ramey	Finance Director
Brian McGowan	Assistant Finance Director
Chris Kunkel	Project Manager
Nancy Shaw	Human Resource Director
Pat Chapman	Customer Svc Manager/ Open Records
Mr. Richard Buttacavoli	President of Montgomery County LGBT Business Council

Mr. Burnell called the meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee to order at 7:01pm.

1. Action of Minutes Previous Meetings

Motion Mr. Burnell, second Mr. Angelichio to approve the minutes of February 6, 2019 Administration and Finance Committee Meeting. Motion carries 2-0.

2. Financial Reports Year to Date

Mr. Ramey- Tonight, we are only talking about 1 month to prior year. Revenues are up .74% or \$128k. EIT collection is up \$23k from prior year and the reason is the timing of payments. Apartment licenses are up \$76k from the prior year which is also timing. From the implementation of Energov and licensing going out late in the prior year, we are also down same difference in amount from prior period.

Expenses are comparable and everything looking normal and nothing stepping out. Everything overall seems to have gone up a little and 110% overall.

Cable revenue franchise fees which is compensation for use of right of way. It is not a tax and the Cable & Communication Act of 1984 says the max is 5% and for 2018 we are at \$294k. We currently have contracts with Verizon and Comcast which expire in 2021 and 2023.

Mr. Angelichio- One of the things that I have asked John and John, municipalities are always loggerhead in looking at things that effect revenue collections outside of taxes. What about the trash trucks and damage they do in the Borough. This is a very informal conversation and we are talking about impact fees.

Mr. Ernst- I reached out to a dozen to a dozen and a half municipalities for a potential impact fee for trash and they say great idea and let me know. Others said good idea and let me know, but to proceed with caution. Nobody local has done it.

Mr. Angelichio- These impact fees exist outside of PA and we lean on the taxpayer when they don't get back what they are paying for. At this point, we may need us 3 to go forward to Council.

Ms. Hawkins-Charlton- I would all be for revenue, but this would be passing off to the residents. I think we need to look at #'s and see what it generates and see how much road does this get us.

Mr. Angelichio- You pay the real impact what is costs for the company to come in. You pay fuel costs and environmental impact. Mascaro pays an impact fee when they go to the weigh station. If I give a price to do a new furnace, this would include costs for permit, material and insurance. So what is the impact fee and how do you do it? How does it pay us back and how much road?

I think these questions fall into engineers and legal attorneys. Nobody has right to go forward to John and we need to go forward to Council. This would then see if we want to proceed to have the attorneys to look at.

Ms. Hawkins-Charlton- We need to look at impact fees and see what road we get and how it could effect.

Mr. Angelichio- I would question that we need the \$100k in liquid fuels and how much do we get for that.

Mr. Kunkel- It is \$12/lineal foot for microsurfacing. \$150-250 per lineal foot for mill & overlay and \$400-600 per lineal foot for full road replacement.

Mr. Angelichio- Frequency comes in and also what about trash trucks vs a fuel truck. We need to talk to Sean.

Mr. Ernst- We need to have the questions answered.

Mr. Burnell- These are legit questions to solve a problem. Those trucks outweigh and do geometrically more damage. How do we weigh that? We didn't go that way and all your rates go up.

Mr. Angelichio- How do we generate revenue? We are not a free market and are limited in what we can do to generate. At some point, you have reached all your efficiencies and the costs still go up. This does not mean the suggestions will go to something. We need the blessing of full Council to move forward here. Taking this to Council for getting legal will cost money. We are looking for input here from you.

Mr. Ernst- We can put together any type of report to create which shows solicitor hours, but not to cost us more in putting together. I don't want us to be looking at a list and then to have someone going thru each individual line. Then you start having committee chairs ask more questions and then want more detail and this is what we don't want.

Mr. Angelichio- It is the start and stop of vehicles and not the weight. It is the force with the weight and I don't want to get into that. I don't want to do more research until we can ask and make sure it is something legal we can approach. A lot of questions and we should start here.

Mr. Burnell- I am fine with investigating but unsure, but we should time box the solicitor on it.

Mr. Angelichio- I imagine that we are not the 1st person to ask the question. We are special but we can't be the 1st person to ask.

Mr. Herbert- In conversation with Leon, let's say it is legal and we do it. There is the possibility of the trash company passing it on. All of our residents pay to fix our roads and they pay nothing and do the least damage. We need to have them pay and very likely they will pass it on. In regards to single hauler, people still have the right to negotiate and it goes back to the residents to negotiate with a new trash hauler.

3. Committee Business Items

4. Old Business

4. New Business

A. LGBT exhibit

Mr. Richard Buttacavoli(President of Montgomery County LGBT Business Council)- I am a resident of Lansdale as of late June after living in North Wales for 14 years. I am excited to be in Lansdale and thank you and it's great to see everyone. For the past year, I have been working with the LGBT and it is the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. World Pride for the 1st time will be in New York in 2019. 2019 is a very big year and want to thank for nondiscriminatory in Lansdale and this is an exhibit. There are banners 7 1/2ft high and 1st banner is 3ft wide and introductory banner and the 2nd is 7 ½ft high and 2ft wide. There are 6 different banners in PA and the last one in Montgomery County.

There is an exhibit which is touring which is efforts. With lack of legislation, activists have been working more than 5 decades for rights one issue at a time. This exhibit debuts in 2019. The opening is in March and the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots in 1969. This exhibit shows the struggle and seeking protections and history. 4 copies will be traveling in PA and one is at the Capital. There is a website and no cost to display exhibit and shipping is covered. Admin support is being provided and this exhibit is made possible thru donations. I have been asked to display this exhibit in Montgomery County. We are going to display at Montco Community College at the art barn. It will start there and stay for a week. We do it for a week and move it thru several other venues for exposure. I have to speak to John and would like to do here on Founders Day. I love living in Lansdale for the larger LGBT community. The LGBT business council is doing competency seminars at the library. This Council is doing for people to understand the culture and proper pronouns. It is private and we are renting out the room.

Mr. Burnell- Where are you proposing it, here at Borough Hall?

Mr. Buttacavoli - Yes, right here.

Mr. Angelichio- I am a long standing supporter to work w/Founders Day committee to work together and coordinate this.

When this is presented, are you going to staff someone and be able to answer questions? It would be nice if it was.

Mr. Buttacavoli- I thought it would be a great idea to bring in Tues or Wed prior and an opening reception before and after and get a sponsor to pay for food or refreshments and could get someone to.

Mr. Angelichio- I would recommend that Rick come in and talk to Council as a whole.

Mr. Burnell- When we finish up tonight, it is usually a ghost town. It maybe better to come to the next business meeting or the April one.

Mr. Buttacavoli- This would be an additional thing to Founder's Day. We really appreciate it and I love living in Lansdale because of the protections. Over the past 2 years, the LGBT community has been targeted. I feel safe in this town.

Mr. Angelichio- This is not an individual effort, but a group effort.

Mr. Buttacavoli- Leon, you did a lot of legwork here in the conversations we had.

Mr. Ernst- How much space do you need for each panel?

Mr. Buttacavoli We are looking at stand on feet and original proposal came thru there was an iPad is attached. The iPad has a battery and I think the blueprint is 300sq feet.

Mr. Ernst- We got a whole hallway and we need to talk about who is setting up and taking down.

Rick- I was wondering who would order. Montco Council will put it up and take it down.

Mr. Angelichio- Really, I would like discussion today shifted from tolerance to inclusion which is normalcy. Tolerance is something that annoys you and you deal with. We want inclusion.

3. Public comment

Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

