

March 15, 2017

The Business Meeting of Lansdale Borough Council was held on Wednesday, March 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 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, not present
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:

Jean Fritz – 531 Pennbook Avenue
Richard Strahm – 600 Columbia Avenue
Rose Chapman – 316 W. Mt. Vernon Street
Eric Geiger – 656 Hemlock Street
Chris Pescatore – 467 Williamson Court
Alan Silfies – Edgewood Avenue
Harold Schoonover – 341 E. Sixth Street
Paul Cutajar – 504 E. Fifth Street
Meadow Winters – 501 Crestview Road

Agenda Item #5 – President's Comments

None

Agenda Item #6 – Presentations:

Business of the Month – Nino's Pizza presented by Bruce Schwarz

- Nino's Pizza has been in business for over 50 years.
- They are located 721 E. Main Street across from the Hillcrest Shopping Center and next to Gebbie's Service Center.
- Nino's was the go to place to get lunch or dinner when he worked at The Reporter.
- Nino Maltese is the typical American dream success story. Nino came from Sicily to make his living and fortune. He learned his craft in Venezuela before immigrating to the United States in the 1950's.

- Nino opened his first shop in 1966 on E. Second Street. Nino's was the first pizza parlor in Lansdale.
- Mr. Maltese had opened several locations in the surrounding area such as North Wales, Norristown, Chalfont, Salford, Conshohocken and even in New Jersey. He had fourteen shops at one point but has since scaled back to only the E. Main Street location.
- The pizza shop is largely run by Nino's son Philip and daughter Margaret along with long-term employees and other family members.
- Nino's offers a large selection of food besides pizza such as pasta, cheesesteaks, salads and calzones. Nino still comes in every morning to taste the sauce, open up the ovens to make sure everything is just the way he likes it.
- He and his wife Josephine have been married for 61 years and Nino will turn 84 in August.
- Onlyinyourstate.com came up with the ultimate pizza bucket list for Pennsylvania and Nino's was named one of the eleven on the list and the only one in this area.

President Burnell – Council met in Executive Session before this meeting to discuss a matter of personnel. There will be no action at tonight's meeting.

Agenda Item #7 – Petitions

Chris Pescatore – submitting an amended petition from November with additional signatures and we hope you will take this into consideration as well.

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

Ms. Jean Fritz of 531 Pennbrook Avenue – She is assisting in promotion of the PA Hometown Hero Walk and if anyone wants to sign up and order your t-shirt for the walk she will take your information and money and will also deliver your t-shirt to you. You must pre-register by April 22 in order to get a t-shirt. No shirts will be available the day of the event Saturday, May 13th.

Mr. Richard Strahm of 600 Columbia Avenue – He is here as a local realtor regarding the location of the skate park in Fourth Street Park. He is for this location. He thinks it will be a great asset to the Borough. Last week he sent Council and some members of staff a letter regarding real estate around the park. He has heard that people in the vicinity of the park are worried about property values. In 2011, the Borough of Ambler opened their skate park in an existing park in their Borough surrounded by older twins and rowhomes and newer townhouses amazingly similar to the Fourth Street Park area. He did some research on the median sales of houses near the park and in the Borough. Before the park was built the houses within one tenth of a mile were less than the Borough as a whole. After the park opened the near the park reached the median price in the Borough and then surpassed the median price in the Borough the last three years. The houses around the skate park appreciated at a faster level than the rest of the Borough. He can't promise that this will happen in Lansdale, but it can happen and it has in another Borough very similar to Lansdale. His stepson skated around the Borough when he was a teenager because there was nowhere else to skate and now he is an adult and chose to buy a home in the Borough. Some of his stepson's friends who grew up in the Borough and skated on the streets of the Borough also chose to stay here in as adults because they love this town. They would have been considered that element as skaters but now are all fine, upstanding citizens.

Ms. Rose Chapman of 316 W. Mt. Vernon St. – She comes to the meetings and speaks when necessary about issues in the Borough. Council was elected by the people of the Borough and when we speak at the meetings do you listen? Maybe you do but do you really take into consideration what we say? A majority of the people in the vicinity of Fourth Street Park do not want the skate park there but you are now saying it will go there. Do any of you live near there? You don't and nor do I. It just amazes her how you listen and act. Not about the 3rd & Walnut

apartments. Few of you live in that neighborhood. How would you like to have a six-story apartment building next to your house? She certainly wouldn't. Months ago, Mr. Burnell said the project had a long way to go. The parking for that unit is 1.2 cars per unit? How is that possible? These residents may take the train but will need a car on the weekends. Fix the things that need fixing such as crumbling sidewalks and streets. Look at some of the buildings that need paint for indoor furniture on front porches. Is that what you want new people to see in Lansdale? Maybe if more people came to the meetings regularly and not just when they have an issue Council would listen.

Mr. Eric Geiger of 656 Hemlock St. – He lives very close to the proposed location for the skate park. He is a police officer in the area and would like to bring that experience to this tonight. For a municipality to even think of adding a skate park to the town should be applauded. For those that live near the park who think that adding a skate park will bring an element into your neighborhood that is not good and not true. Kids congregate at the park now and adding a skate park shouldn't be an issue whether it be noise or a certain kind of element. With interaction from the Lansdale Police Department and the kids using the park the kids will understand that they need to be respectful and take care of the park and that there will be rules to follow. Kids don't have a place to go now and skate and it isn't right to tell those kids you don't want them around. Hiding a skate park in a "corner" tells them that and it will attract the element people don't want there. He urges Council to vote for the Fourth Street location.

Mr. Chris Pescatore of 467 Williamson Ct. – His question is for the gentleman who did the study. What year did you use as your prior skate park year?

Mr. Strahm – 2009.

Mr. Pescatore – The townhomes were built in 2010 and the skate park was built 2011. Was it the townhomes or the skate park that brought the homes in that area up to the median value?

Mr. Strahm – He only looked at resale not new property sales. The townhomes were not included in his research.

Mr. Pescatore – Wouldn't the townhomes also have a positive effect in bringing up the value of the older homes?

Mr. Strahm – We should all hope that the homes in Williamson Square are bringing up the value of the other homes.

Mr. Alan Silfies of Edgewood Ave – In regard to real estate let's remember that the Ambler Skate Park is five blocks from the train station and is three blocks from their sewer plant and is not really in the center of town. It has never been an issue if Lansdale should have a skate park. It is about the location of the skate park. Council had already approved the fact that there would be a skate park. When the stakes were put in the skate park area February 27th the residents stated at the March 1 meeting that it exceeded their worst fears for the physical size of the skate park. It appears that we are going to spend a half of million dollars to build an observation deck looking into the Fourth Street Pool and those that are using the pool can be watched from the top of the skate park deck which is a negative. "Let our choices reflect our history as our history will one day reflect our choices". That is the quote above the doors coming into this room. Some of the things that have happened in Lansdale are wonderful and some things have been questionable and right now the skate park is questionable as far as the location. The Parks & Rec Committee said they would look at sites again but all they did was re-look at the same four sites and did not consider any others.

Mr. Harold Schoonover of 341 E. Sixth St. – He is not opposed to having a skate park in the Borough. He had asked at the last meeting that the Committee address their concerns in writing. They had verbally told us but have not committed that to writing. I would feel better about this if the motion in the packet tonight would include something to address those concerns such as hours of operation, lighting, landscaping, noise reduction, supervision and how close the skate park will be to a residence. He would ask that Council vote it down and send back to Committee to address in writing the resident's concerns before going ahead.

Mr. Paul Cutajar of 504 E. Fifth St. – He has spoken to a number of Council and Carl and thank you for being forthcoming with information. Like Mr. Silfies said, this is not about having a skate park but the location. He believes that Fourth Street is not the appropriate choice. He reviewed the rankings and he thinks that it would be prudent to go back and look at all 20 parks in the Borough again. In looking at just the top four, Fourth Street is not necessarily the top location. The Ninth Street location is just a minute walk from the 9th Street Train Station. The walk from Lansdale Train Station to Fourth Street Park is fifteen minutes. The grading of the sites for some things may not necessarily be true either for various reasons. A little disturbing to him is the grading for expansion potential at Fourth Street Park and that tells him that there is the potential to make the skate park bigger and take away more green space in the park. Again, he asks for Council to send it back to the committee to look at those grades again. There are better parks for this skate park.

Ms. Meadow Winters of 501 Crestview Rd. – She and her cousins have gone to the Fourth Street Park since they were babies. She thinks this park is a great idea for a skate park because there is a variety of things to do there for people and a majority of kids go there from all over the place. People think that a skate park only brings trouble and drugs and that is not true. It is a place for kids to go to think, relieve stress and anxiety and be with their friends because you just don't want to hang out at home. You don't want the police coming up to you all the time to make you leave because you are hanging out where you shouldn't. A skate park would be a place for kids to go and hang out instead of making bad choices and do things we shouldn't do. We will take care of the skate park because it would be our place to hang out. We won't disappoint you. I say yes to a skate park and so do all the kids here. Those saying now are thinking about homes and not the deeper picture of what it means for kids.

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 February, 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:

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Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Councilman Van Dame presented Motion D and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve the Borough Solicitor to prepare and the Borough Manager to advertise an ordinance amending Chapter 27 of the Lansdale Borough Code relating to the Police Pension Plan to specify the membership of the Police Pension Board of Trustees.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.

Councilman Van Dame presented Motion E and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the Borough Manager, or his designee, to attend an upcoming Montgomery County Commissioner's meeting regarding the sale of a property located at 311 N. Broad Street.

Councilman Malagari – What is currently at this property?

Mr. Ziegler – It is a vacant property but it was a non-profit agency that has since closed down.

Councilman Malagari – I understand that there are some liens against this property from the Borough and the County?

Mr. Ziegler – That is correct. The County had given the non-profit organizations funds to purchase the building and the County is willing to forgo reclaiming any money from them for the sale of the building so that the Borough can reclaim money from the electric liens. The mortgage is looking to get their money back too. This motion states that the Borough is in support of the County's position.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Councilman Hansen presented Motion F and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Resolution 17-09 to amend the Borough's Schedule of Fees and Charges for the year 2017 to establish a fee of \$65 for all fence permits.

Councilman Hansen – The cost to put up an eight foot fence was nearly double of the cost for a six foot fence which is outrageous so this would make the fee the same for both sizes. An eight foot fence does not require the Borough to put in any more work than the shorter fence.

Motion seconded by Councilman Van Dame and unanimously approved.

Vice President Fuller presented Motion G and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the use of White's Road Park for the Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 16, 2017 from 6:30am to 8:30am by St. John's United Church of Christ subject to the Borough's receipt and approval of the required Certificate of Insurance.

Motion seconded by Councilman Van Dame and unanimously approved.

Vice President Fuller presented Motion H and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council award the contract for the Memorial Park Weaver Field Grandstand Renovation Project Base Bid and Alternates #2 through #6, should the alternates be needed and selected by the Borough, to McCarthy Concrete & Masonry, the lowest responsible bidder per the recommendation of Remington, Vernick, & Beach, engineering consultants for this project.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.

Vice President Fuller presented Motion I and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council award the contract for the Andale Green section of the Liberty Bell Trail to Grace Industries, the lowest responsible bidder per the recommendation of Pennoni Associates engineering consultants for this project. This project is being funded by a Regional Trails Grant Program administered by DVRPC and Mouton Builders as well as the Borough's Capital Reserves Fund.

Councilman DiGregorio – Is that map still on the Borough website so the residents can look at it and know what we are talking about?

President Burnell – Yes, it is.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.

Vice President Fuller presented Motion J and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve, based on the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee, the Fourth Street Park as the location for the proposed skate park. This project will be partially funded by the Pennsylvania State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources through their Community Conservation Partnership Program.

Councilman DiGregorio – Can you tell the residents what other parks were considered for the skate park?

Vice President Fuller – The Committee was given criteria and four parks to rank. Mr. Saldutti can explain how we got to the four parks.

Mr. Saldutti – The skate park was originally part of the Madison Lot project. The criteria was the following: approximately 10,000 square feet for construction of a skate park, location not in a far corner of the Borough or tucked away somewhere and positive visibility and safety. Some of our parks are not large enough to accommodate a skate park so that is how we got to the four ranked parks. The four sites are: Hancock Street Park, Wissahickon Park, Fourth Street Park and 9th Street which is not a park but is part of the Borough's municipal complex. The criteria was based on extensive research done by his department. Fourth Street ranked the highest both times the four parks were ranked. Fourth Street is easily accessible, not just by train, but by bus too.

Councilman DiGregorio – The area that was staked in Fourth Street is that where the skate park will go?

Mr. Saldutti – We tried to put something out there that represented the PowerPoint presentation we had shown. We think that is the likely location. Once the design team comes in we will then know the exact location.

Councilman DiGregorio – The other side of the stakes, toward the other side of the park, will all remain green space?

Mr. Saldutti – Yes, that green space would remain. The area that is staked right now is about 8,800 square feet. We have spoken with other communities to see what works and what doesn't work such as security lighting. There will be a curfew and rules as to when the skate park will be open. Some communities had to make changes to their rules and regulations after seeing usage of their skate park.

Councilman Work – The motion said it is being funded through DCNR; how much is that and how much will the total skate park cost?

Vice President Fuller – The grant is for \$220,000 and that is to be determined based on design. There is \$300,000 in the capital fund for this project which could be used to match the grant.

Councilman Work – We the public are funding this project 100% because grant money is public money and Equus is not paying any of it.

Vice President Fuller – That has not been determined yet. She will "fight" to get some funding from Equus that was originally promised for this project as they reconfigured their design which forced the Borough to find a new location. She still thinks that they owe us.

Councilman Work – If we are going to pay for this then I think that we need to put it in a location to make a real improvement to an area in Lansdale. That was the original intent of this project. That under developed area where the Beerfest used to be held needed improvement. He recommends that this should go back to committee to reconsider that location especially since the idea of the skate park for the kids was to make that area a better place for the Borough as a whole.

Vice President Fuller – We did have another location selected by Schweiker Park which would be a joint venture with Lansdale and Hatfield but then it got moved to that grassy area. She does not think it is possible to be able to look at that land again as an option.

Councilman Work – He isn't saying that land specifically because he doesn't think that area is possible either. He doesn't think it is common sense to put a 10,000 foot concrete park in the middle of an existing park. The original idea was to develop and improve an area that needed improvements.

Vice President Fuller – A skate park has been wanted in Lansdale for years and when she got on Council she continued to work on getting a skate park and she feels that it will be an improvement to an existing park and the park will be best utilized there.

Mayor Szekely – Asked those who support the park to raise their hands. If the skate park was at 9th Street would you refuse to go there? *Comments from the audience were made were not recorded.* Will putting the skate park at 9th Street be more of an inconvenience to the users of the park or will putting it at Fourth Street be more of an inconvenience to those who live near Fourth Street Park?

Vice President Fuller – The skate park shouldn't be considered an inconvenience at all. People say if you lived near there well, I live the closest to that park and if I were right there I would feel the same way. She sees it as a necessity and an amenity for the 16,000 plus people who live here.

Mayor Szekely – Having a skate park is not an inconvenience but as one of the designers said, if you have an out of the park skate park than they would go no matter where it was.

Councilman Van Dame – He agrees that if you have an out of the park skate park people will go no matter where it is. It has become an emotional issue for both sides. He researched beyond the four parks he was asked to rank and it made it clear to him that Fourth Street was the best location. There is a lot of space at the Fourth Street Park and we can add an amenity to this park.

Councilman Hansen – The last few weeks he has received many emails and phone calls about the location of the skate park. He did not receive anything negative about having a skate park or those who want to use, it only the location. He heard that the users of the skate park would “police” it themselves but Police Officers need to police it. We are always using Ambler’s skate park as a model and their park was built at the edge of the Borough near the Wastewater Treatment Plant. We have an area in Fourth Street Park that is open area for t-ball, tennis, etc. Over 100 people signed a petition not to construct the skate park in Fourth Street Park. Back in 2009 Council had a motion to put a cell tower in an open area near Frederick Road and he thought that tower would be a good thing but it was never built. He was elected to listen to the residents and they submitted a petition with eighty signatures opposing the tower. They were not opposed to communications, just the tower. An alternative solution was found and the tower was not put there. We have an alternative location at 9th Street near the treatment plant and it would improve that area immensely. There is not a lot of parking at 9th Street but there isn’t at Fourth Street either but at 9th Street there is the opportunity to add more parking and there isn’t at Fourth Street. **He moves to amend the motion to read to move the construction of the skate park at the 9th Street location. Councilman Work seconded the motion.**

President Burnell – Do we have any comments or questions about the amended motion?

Vice President Fuller – It is interesting that you bring up parking because you received a letter from Representative Godshall that you circulated to Council regarding parking issues in that area during baseball season and the neighbors in Wedgewood have parking issues. That kind of negates that parking is better at 9th Street.

Councilman Hansen – He did bring that issue up and Representative Godshall thought that it was an issue that should be handled by the Borough and not him. I agreed with him so I brought it forward. He believes we can find parking in that area and improve the parking there. We can make parking better for those who use the ball fields and those using the skate park can park too. It is a rough area to look at.

Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton – She is responding to a comment that Councilman Hansen made that they are not listening to the residents. She has been quietly listening for the last 6 months at many meetings. She has read the comments online and on the Mayor’s blog and to quote him “This is an idea that came from the top down”. Have you seen all the skaters at the meeting on Monday and tonight? They may not have skin in the game right now but many of us were born and raised in Lansdale and have decided to stay and raise our children here and now we are the one who pay taxes here. She has read the petitions wanted to comment on a few points in the petition such as: it is too residential of an area. In her opinion because kids can safely walk and ride their bikes. That is not the case for 9th Street. Noise pollution and visual pollution were an issue. This was a concern for her but the materials used to create this park can make a difference. We all work together we can make this project what we want it to be. Carl has been Director of Parks & Recreation for over 40 years and when he makes a recommendation I listen because he has done his job well for so many years and he knows the parks. I also value the Chief’s opinion and he thinks that Fourth Street is the best location. Crime is an issue that was brought up but with more patrols, security cameras and lighting that

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may not be an issue because there will be many “eyes” on the park, One email she received about the skate park from a resident of Lansdale since 1996 who said that those residents chose to live next to an active park and now want to limit the activities at that park are being short sided and contrary to the best interest of all the residents of Lansdale. They may want to protect their little bit of nature and keep it for themselves but this resident thought that was a selfish attitude particularly since there is a need to get young people outside and have a safe place for them to go. Having a one stop place for all age groups is important. She has a mother would not want her child to travel from her home to 9th Street. She doesn't think it is a safe area because there are not a lot of residents at 9th Street.

Councilman Van Dame – He looked at the 9th Street location quite a bit. Sometimes there is plenty of parking there and at other times parking is hard to come by. We as a Borough may need to use that property for something else like when we had the temporary Borough Hall there. There may be something in the future that we will need that property and it is not a park. It is part of our municipal complex. He is surprised that you would propose an amendment without reaching out to the residents that live in that area since you are such a proponent for talking to the residents in the area and listening to their opinions.

Councilman Malagari –The 9th Street location was my first choice because it put the skate park next to the parking lot...until he got the letter from Representative Godshall's office about parking in that area. We have heard about the parking problems in that area. If we were to put the skate park next to the current parking lot, then that would prevent us from adding additional parking in that area at all. The North Penn Business Park is private property and we can't bank on them letting us put a parking lot on their property. If we put the skate park behind the baseball fields then people have to walk through the entire baseball complex to get there and then it is back in a corner which is not safe. I don't see 9th Street as clearly as others even though I originally thought it would be the correct place to go.

Councilman DiGregorio – Can we get the Chief up here and get his opinion?

Chief McDyre – I look at a location strictly for security reasons and Fourth Street is the best location because it can be seen from all four sides.

Roll Call Vote to amend Motion J:

Mary Fuller – no
Steven Malagari – no
Jason Van Dame – no
Tom Work – yes
Rich DiGregorio, Jr. – no
Jack Hansen – yes
Leon Angelichio – absent
Denton Burnell – no
Carrie Hawkins Charlton – no

Motion fails 2-6.

Councilman Hansen – We are having a discussion about where parking will be. Where are we going to put all the cars at Fourth Street?

Vice President Fuller – Parks & Recreation statistics show thirty percent usage in the height of summer on average and there is additional street parking as well. That has the best parking potential out of all the sites yet.

Councilman Van Dame – Not a lot of the users are driving age yet.

Councilman Hansen – If we are going to put all those cars there, are we going to have to put them someplace or parents are going to have to drop their kids off? Where are we going to put all these cars? We will have more cars if we have a skate park.

Vice President Fuller – She thinks there is ample parking and there will be more cars but there are other ways to get there by train, bus, walking, etc. and it is the safest place to walk to.

Councilman Hansen – If we are looking at visibility that it should go to Hancock because there are way more cars driving past there.

Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton – Not just cars driving by but those who live there, walking their dogs, using the pool, etc.

Councilman Malagari - I grew up on Fifth Street and was a skate boarder myself and did so until I was eighteen and got a car. I would have loved to have an amenity like a skate park in Fourth Street Park because that was where I spent my free time. He and his friends would skate downtown and they would always be chased away. The only place I feel comfortable with a skate park is in Fourth Street. He looked at it from the emotional and practical standpoint and he has heard both sides, but Fourth Street is his choice and he would like to see where the best place is within Fourth Street and we should look into adding other amenities like a walking path.

Vice President Fuller – It is not always easy to stick with what you think is right and she believes in this project and she has listened and respected everyone's opinion. She is looking at the Borough as a whole and what would be best for all Borough residents.

Roll Call Vote for Motion J:

Mary Fuller – yes

Steven Malagari – yes

Jason Van Dame – yes

Tom Work – no

Rich DiGregorio – yes

Jack Hansen – no

Leon Angelichio – absent

Denton Burnell – yes

Carrie Hawkins Charlton - yes

Motion seconded by Councilman Van Dame and approved 6-2 with Councilman Hansen and Councilman Work voting no.

Vice President Fuller – She wants to let the neighbors know that the Committee would like to work with them in regard to the planning as well as with the skating community.

Councilman Work presented Motion K and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the Manna on Main Street Annual 5K race on Saturday, April 1, 2017 from approximately 7:00am to 10:00am with road closures (route on file at the Police Department) subject to the Borough's receipt and approval of required Certificate of Insurance as specified in the Special Events ordinance.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Councilman Work presented Motion L and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council support and assist as may be needed, the Lansdale Farmers' Market to be held on Saturdays from 7:30am to 2:00pm from May through November 2016 at Pennedale Middle School located at 400 Penn Street subject to the Borough's receipt and approval of required Certificate of Insurance as specified in the Special Events ordinance.

Motion seconded by Councilman DiGregorio and unanimously approved.

Councilman Work presented Motion M and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve the Borough Solicitor to prepare and the Borough Manager to advertise an ordinance amending the Borough's Commercial Vehicle Code.

Councilman Hansen – This is not to hurt homeowners who have large personal vehicles, but for vehicles like trailers, RV's etc. that are parked on our little streets overnight.

Motion seconded by Councilman Van Dame and unanimously approved.

Councilman Malagari presented Motion N and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the Borough Manager to enter into the permanent utility easement with Lansdale Hospital so that work can be performed on the sanitary sewer force main and sewage pumping station which are located on Lansdale Hospital property in Hatfield Township.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Councilman Malagari presented Motion O and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Resolution 17-10 to temporarily display banners that will portray both the International Spring Festival logo and various countries flags from approximately March 26, 2017 through April 24, 2017 on streetscape light poles along portions of West Main Street from Richardson Avenue to Broad Street.

President Burnell – This is something that we did last year but it didn't make it on the Public Works Committee due to time constraints.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.

Item #10 – Information Items

Mayor's Report: Mayor Szekely

1. On February 18th he attended a practice session of the Lansdale Catholic Robotics Club.
2. Swore in the Borough's newest part-time police officer, John Albany, on February 17 and swore in our new parking attendant Victor Albreaata.
3. On February 16th he attended the Community Listening Forum at North Penn Commons.
4. Read to York Avenue's 2nd grade class on March 2nd in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday.
5. He attended and had his head shaved for the St. Baldrick's Society fundraiser last week.
6. Manna's 5K race is on Saturday, April 1st to Strike Out Hunger.
7. Is OpenGov up and running on the Borough's website? **President Burnell** – Yes.

Solicitor's Report: Sean Kilkenny

1. Worked on the Lansdale Hospital Utility Easement.
2. Will be working on easements with staff for the Stony Creek Park project.
3. Revising the Police Pension Board ordinance regarding board members and investment policies.

4. Have been answering many questions from the bidders for single trash hauler.
5. Working with staff on 32 E. Blaine Street.
6. Drafted a revised resolution for the amended fee schedule for fence permits.

Borough Manager's Report: Jake Ziegler

1. Reminder that the next public review of the Equus project will be Monday, March 20th at the Planning Commission meeting.
2. Trash bids are due this Friday, March 17th. Once received they will be reviewed by the solicitor and engineer.

Comments for the good of Council:

Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton – The Fairmount Fire Company will have their next kid's movie night Friday, April 21st. The movie is "Finding Dory." The movie starts at 7:00pm.

Vice President Fuller – Discover Lansdale is working on its next business directory and if you have a business or know of a business to add please let us know.

Agenda Item #11 – Old Business

None

Agenda Item #12 New Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

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