

April 18, 2018

The Business Meeting of Lansdale Borough Council was held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 in the Council Chambers, 1 Vine Street, Lansdale, PA and called to order at 7:03 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 Herbert

Borough Representatives:

Borough Manager, John Ernst
Finance Dir, John Ramey
Police Chief, Mike Trail
Parks & Rec. Director, Carl Saldutti
Electric Superintendent, Andy Krauss
Public Works, Rick DeLong
WWTP Superintendent, not present

Borough Solicitor, Sean Kilkenny
Borough Engineer, Chris Fazio
Library Director, Tom Meyer
IT/GIS Coordinator, Bryan Poster
Cust. Svc Mgr., Pat Chapman
HR Director, Nancy Shaw

Residents:

None

Agenda Item #5 – President’s Comments

None

Agenda Item #6 – Presentations

Business of the month – Clemens Cleaners by President Burnell.

- Clemens Cleaners stretches back to 1963 and a coin operated laundry that Paul and Kathryn Clemens opened in the Hillcrest Shopping Center. Through continued hard work, that initial effort expanded to full service dry-cleaning, first at one location, then several more, and ultimately the decision was made to diversify into uniform rental. Clemens Uniform opened its doors in 1986 in the rear of Clemens Cleaners on Main Street in Lansdale.
- Clemens Uniform Rental moved to a new facility on Fifth Street in 1988. Linen service and direct purchase uniforms were added at this time. After four further expansions at the Fifth Street location, Clemens began to offer embroidery, silk screening and even first aid supply service, all in addition to the excellent uniform supply service that Clemens is known for – a service which by itself employs 50 people right here in Lansdale. All of these services are still offered today, managed by two of Paul and Kathryn’s children. Janet oversees the dry-cleaning and financial departments and Randy is the general manager of the uniform, linen and first aid businesses.
- The scope and professionalism of the service that Clemens offers is on full display daily in the newly upgraded location. Their expansive warehouse, which might seem at first to be an overwhelming jumble of rails and tracks and industrial scale machinery, is in

reality, a finely tuned and complex system, where each component of the cleaning process leads naturally and inexorably to the next.

- Perhaps not surprisingly, modern technology plays a key role in the efficiency and quality of the service that Clemens provides. Specifically, Clemens makes extensive use of Radio-frequency identification (or RFID) tags in the cleaning process. For those who are unaware, RFID technology uses electromagnetic fields to automatically identify and track small tags attached to objects. For Clemens, these are passive tags sewn into each and every uniform that they rent.
- This technology allows Clemens employees to quickly identify the presence of specific individual articles of clothing in a batch of hundreds of unsorted items via one comprehensive scan. Further, as these individual items travel in bulk through each phase of the cleaning process, RFID technology ultimately allows them to be easily sorted into the set of items they belong with. The power of the RFID technology lies in the simplicity of its use, and Clemens has truly harnessed it to its fullest, allowing them to process over 20,000 lbs. of items per day, and yet still ensure that a specific uniform shirt and pants end up together, on the proper truck, destined for the proper company and employee without delay.
- As they have grown, Clemens continues to look for acquisitions or alliances which will strengthen their service ability. An example of this is their membership in the CSC Network. CSC, the largest alliance of independent uniform and linen rental companies, allows Clemens unequalled buying power and the ability to serve national accounts.

Randy Clemens – Thank you Lansdale for helping us rebuild after the fire a couple of years ago. Staff, from the Code Department to WWTP, to the Manager Jake, at the time, and NPWA assisted them every step of the way to help keep their business here in Lansdale. They can now add 25% more capacity in their new building as the business grows. Thank you again.

Recognition of Fire Police – Chief Mike Trail

- He would like to recognize the importance of the Fire Police who assist the Police Department during emergencies and special events in the Borough. Tonight, we recognize three people who go above and beyond, and they are: Francis Croak, Glenna Litchsky and Jason Platt.

Swearing in of Lieutenant Ryan Devlin – Chief Mike Trail

- Lt. Devlin was sworn in by Mayor Herbert who was accompanied by his wife Gina. He has been with the LPD for twenty-two years and was promoted to Sergeant in 2011. He was born and raised in Lansdale.
- **Lt. Devlin** – Thank you to Council and the Civil Service Commission. He has dedicated himself to the LPD and the Borough. He pledges to push the agenda to where we want it to be pushed. Thank you to my Lansdale family (officers) for working together as we do every day.

Agenda Item #7 – Public Hearing

A public hearing was held regarding an amendment to the Borough's Subdivision and Land Planning Ordinance also known as the SALDO. A court reporter recorded the hearing which began at 7:23pm and ended at 7:27pm.

Councilman Hansen presented Motion #1 and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt the attached Ordinance 1908 amending the Borough Code to provide for regulations governing subdivision and land development in Lansdale Borough.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved 9:0.

Agenda Item #8 – Petitions

None

Agenda Item #9 – Residents to be heard on any item

None

President Burnell – Council will need to meet in a brief Executive Session to discuss the police contract and a matter of potential litigation. There will be at least one action item coming out of this session.

The session began at 7:29pm and Council resumed the meeting at 7:48pm

Agenda Item #10 – Action Items

Councilman Van Dame presented Motion #1 and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council accept and authorize the Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough of Lansdale and the Lansdale Borough Police Association for the period from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2021 and authorize the Council President to execute the same.

President Burnell – This MOU allows us to move forward to approve the police contract.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved 9:0.

Councilman Van Dame presented Motion A and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of March, which shows the expenditures listed on the attachment.

Motion seconded by Council Woman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved 9:0.

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.

Councilman Angelichio – Under copier equipment there is a lease payment of \$1,255.47 per month? How many copiers and is it more cost effective to purchase this equipment?

Mr. Poster – That is the cost for six copiers.

Councilman Angelichio – What is the cost that we are paying to NPWA for sewer billing? Are we realizing the projected savings?

Mr. Ramey – We pay NPWA a specific amount per bill for general cost of mailing and administrative work. We are definitely coming out on top with this.

Mr. Ramey – In regard to the copier, the lease that payment also includes supplies, maintenance and toner. When a copier stops working the technician comes out to fix it at no cost to the Borough.

Councilman DiGregorio – Will the Borough get reimbursed for RVE's invoices from Andale Green project?

Mr. Ernst – Yes, that is part of the developers escrow so we will get reimbursed.

Councilman DiGregorio – Are Pennoni costs part of the Liberty Bell Trail grant?

Mr. Ernst – No, the grant does not cover engineering costs. I can get the number to Council on how much has been paid by Pennoni to date for the trail.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved 9:0.

Councilman Van Dame presented Motion C and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve the following meeting minutes:

Work Session: March 14, 2018
Business Meeting: March 28, 2018

Motion seconded by Councilman Angelichio and unanimously approved 9:0.

Councilman Van Dame presented Motion D and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the Borough Solicitor to prepare and the Borough Manager to advertise an ordinance, amending Ordinance 1800, which amended the codified ordinance of the Borough of Lansdale Part 2, to create Chapter 123, to adjust the various criteria that a business must meet to qualify for the Economic Development Incentives.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved 9:0.

Councilman Van Dame presented Motion E 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 24 of the Borough Code relating to the Economic Development Committee revising the Committee's composition and appointments.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved 9:0.

Councilman DiGregorio presented Motion F and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council reject all bids received for the Purchase of 34,500-4, 160 Volt 7500 KVA Primary Unit Substation per the recommendation of Utility Engineers PC, engineering consultants for this project, and hereby authorize the rebidding of this project.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.

Councilman DiGregorio presented Motion G and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt the pole attachment agreement as drafted by the Solicitor as the official pole attachment agreement for the Borough of Lansdale.

Councilman Angelichio – This would generate revenue for the Borough and is it a significant revenue source.

Mr. Krauss – Most likely a fee schedule will be presented to Council in which we can charge companies to attach to Borough owned utility poles.

Councilman Angelichio – Residents shouldn't have to pay for other companies to make money off of our poles.

Mr. Krauss – Exactly, the residents shouldn't be footing the bill when the Electric Department does work for private companies, so we can accommodate their facilities on our poles.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved 9:0.

Councilman Work presented Motion H and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve the BAPS Charity Walk on Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 9:30am to 12:00pm per the recommendation of the Special Events Committee and the Public Safety Committee. The walk will begin and end at ACME located at 1150 Welsh Road. Walkers are permitted to walk on the sidewalks only.

Motion seconded by Councilman DiGregorio and unanimously approved 9:0.

Councilman Work presented Motion I and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the closure of various borough streets in the downtown area (on file at the police department) for First Friday events hosted by Discover Lansdale the first Friday of each month beginning May 4, 2018 through December 7, 2018 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Additionally, authorize the use of Railroad Plaza as a staging area from 6:00pm to 10:00pm, per the recommendation of the Special Events Committee and the Public Safety Committee.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved 9:0.

Councilman Malagari presented Motion J and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt Ordinance 1911 approving an intergovernmental agreement with the North Penn Water Authority for public work to be bid and performed on W. Third Street between Valley Forge Road and N. Cannon Avenue and providing for cost-sharing for the project.

Motion seconded Councilman Angelichio and unanimously approved 9:0.

Councilman Malagari presented Motion K and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the Borough Manager to purchase through the Pennsylvania Costars Purchasing Program a Cues Model SPRII Transporter for Large Pipe Inspections in the amount of \$31,250.00 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion seconded by Councilman Angelichio and unanimously approved 9:0.

Councilman Malagari presented Motion L and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Resolution 18-15 to temporarily display banners that will portray Lansdale Borough Veterans "Hometown Heroes" from approximately May 1, 2018 through November 12, 2018.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Item #11 – Information Items

Mayor's Report: Mayor Herbert

1. Attended a prayer vigil against gun violence at Lansdale United Methodist Church March 30; about 20 people attended.
2. Performed a brief wedding ceremony on March 31 in Borough Hall.
3. Attended the forum on racism at the library hosted by Anwar Mohammed of the Black Reserve Book Store on April 6. The next gathering is on May 12 in Council Chambers.
4. Threw out the first pitch for North Penn Little League's opening day on April 14.
5. Attended the Blue Comets banquet on April 14. Their motorcycle club started in Lansdale many years ago before the club moved to Skippack.
6. Reminder that he has office hours on Tuesdays from 9:00 to 5:00 and Saturdays from 9:00 to 12:00.

Solicitor's Report: Sean Kilkenny

1. Prepared the advertisement for the SALDO public hearing tonight.
2. Reviewed the pole attachment agreement.
3. Working on the EDC ordinance for reorganization of the committee and the electric incentives.
4. Assisted with several Right to Know requests.
5. Working with Dan Cohen on the Borough's Wireless Telecommunications Facilities ordinance for an upcoming public hearing.
6. Reviewed the intergovernmental agreement with NPWA.

Borough Manager's Report: John Ernst

1. The Fairmount Fire Company's Under the Lights Car Show will be cancelled this year for several reasons. One of the reasons is due to construction on Madison Street.
2. Today is National Lineman Appreciation Day. We have ten linemen in our electric department who we want to recognize and thank for all they provide the Borough.
3. Several Department Heads have been taking classes in the DVIT/Penn State Leadership Certificate Program.
4. A public meeting was held on April 9 in Council Chambers about the upcoming road projects for White's Road, N. Line Street and W. Third Street.
5. He has started a Manager's Blog with the assistance of Tracy Flynn.

Comments for the good of Council:

Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton – The Fairmount Fire Company movie night is April 20 at 7:00pm.

Councilman Angelichio – There was a great turn out for opening day for little league. Earth Day is approaching so try and remember if you see trash on the ground, pick it up and throw it away.

Councilman Hansen – He went to the 9/11 Memorial in New York City. He didn't think it would affect him as much as it did. It is such a moving place to see.

Vice President Fuller – The International Spring Festival is on Saturday, April 21 at North Penn High School. The new Discover Lansdale magazine will be out in a couple of weeks at First Friday; the theme is diversity and the history of immigration in Lansdale.

Councilman DiGregorio – Lansdale Catholic and North Penn High Schools will compete in the world championship robotics tournament next week in Missouri.

Council Van Dame – He has taken a full-time position with the Borough’s Code Enforcement Department so he will be resigning from his position on Council effective Sunday, April 22. It has been an honor to be on Council and he will miss serving as a Councilman. Thank you to my wife and kids, council colleagues and Borough staff for your support.

President Burnell – Jason came on Council when he was needed and he has a great respect for him.

Vice President Fuller – She is happy for Jason but also sad that he is leaving Council. Your total commitment to the Borough and its residents is second to none. You will be missed.

Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton – Thank you for your guidance and advice. The best of luck in your new position.

Councilman Hansen – Jason we didn’t always get along, but we always respected each other’s opinion and that says a lot about a person.

Councilman Malagari – Thank you for your service to the Borough as a councilman. Best of luck in your new position.

Councilman Angelichio – The best of luck to you. The skills that you have acquired over the years will help you do a great job for the Borough.

Mayor Herbert – You are uniquely qualified for this job and you took the initiative and time to get the qualifications you needed for this position before you applied for the job.

Mr. Ernst – He is thrilled to have Jason on our team as an employee. This position opened up because of Scott Leatherman’s retirement. The position was advertised internally first and when no one applied, it was then opened to the public and advertised in trade organizations, the Montgomery County Consortium and Borough website. We interviewed several of those who submitted a resume and Jason was our leading candidate. He took the classes to get certified so that he would be qualified for the position.

Agenda Item #12 – Old Business

Councilman Angelichio – He had given Mr. Ernst several sample ordinances regarding anti-discrimination in the Borough which was put in Dropbox for Council to review. Let’s get this moving forward.

Agenda Item #13 New Business

President Burnell – We will publish how someone, who has lived in Ward 1 for at least the last 12 months, can submit their letter of interest and resume to fill the vacant seat on Borough Council.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.