

May 16, 2018

The Business Meeting of Lansdale Borough Council was held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 in the Council Chambers, 1 Vine Street, Lansdale, PA and called to order at 7:01 pm by Council President Denton Burnell.

ROLL CALL:

- (X) Councilman Angelichio
- (X) President Burnell
- (X) Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton
- (X) Councilman DiGregorio – arrived at 7:14pm
- (X) Vice President Fuller
- (X) Councilman Hansen
- (X) Councilman Malagari
- (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, not present
WWTP Superintendent, Dan Shinskie

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:

Bruce Schwartz – 59 Oak Drive
John Darab – Spruce Street

Agenda Item #5 – President's Comments

None

Agenda Item #6 – Presentations

Business of the month – Bent Metal Customs by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton.

- Bent Metal Customs is located at 545 West 3rd Street, almost directly under the water tower and is owned by Justin Benner.
- They have numerous cars all in different parts of repair all organized into sections for metal work, electrical work, the paint shop, and then finally the last step of the process where they clean and put the finishing touches on the vehicle before it gets delivered to the client. Essentially everything is done in house, except for interiors.
- They specialize in the Pro-Tour Style and full restoration. Their work has been featured in numerous magazines: Street Trucks, Chevy High Performance and Diesel World. They have clients all up and down the east Coast including as far away as Michigan and Florida. They travel to many car shows all over the country including the prestigious Sema car show in Las Vegas, which draws more than 60,000 domestic and international car buyers. They are also members of the Sema Automotive Restoration Market Organization and Sema's Hot Road Industry Alliance.
- Now you can really find out if you are truly a car person after reading their long list of services:
 - Show Quality Frame-Off and Up Restorations

- Custom Metal Fabrication
- Chop Tops
- Frenching and Shaving
- Sectioning
- Channelling
- Custom Bodywork
- Custom Exhaust Work
- Fiberglass and Plastic Repair
- Media Blasting
- Powdercoating
- On their website they mention they work on “All makes and all models – if it’s got wheels, we will work on it”: Street Rod, Hot Rods, Rat Rods, Resto Rods, Customs, Classics, Lead Sleds,
- The average build takes a year with some projects taking 3 years +.
- Justin started Bent Metal Customs in Hatfield in 2002 in a 5,000 sq. ft facility. They moved 3 years ago to Lansdale to their current 19,000 sq ft. shop and employ 10 full time staff.
- Bent Metal Customs is the main sponsor for the 2018 “The Car Show Must Go On” car show which is coming up next month.

Agenda Item #7 – Public Hearing

A public hearing was held regarding a Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance. A court reporter recorded the hearing which began at 7:07pm and ended at 7:21pm.

Councilman Hansen presented Motion #1 and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt the attached Ordinance 1909 amending Article XXXV of the Zoning Ordinance related to communication towers, satellite dishes and antennas to establish provisions governing the siting, design, permitting, maintenance and use of wireless communication facilities and satellite dishes.

Mr. Schwartz of 59 Oak Drive – Is this ordinance just for commercial systems or does it apply to personal homes regarding satellite dishes?

Mr. Ernst – There is a section in the borough code for personal satellite dishes which talks about the size of a dish, setbacks, how high, roof lines, etc.

Mr. Schwartz – Did the requirements significantly change?

Mr. Ernst – They are very similar to what we have now.

Mr. Darab of Spruce Street – Is a permit required?

Mr. Ernst – Yes.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved 8:0.

Presentations continued: Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) by Andy Krauss

- To clarify a UAS is a drone and because of the size of this drone it is registered with the FAA. During flight it has to stay under 400 feet and cannot be flown near an airport.
- We have a GIS Dashboard for the drone that can be found in the Electric department folder in Dropbox for Council and staff to review.

- We have used the drone to find a bad spot on an electric line that we otherwise would not have been able to find until the line literally broke.
- The drone cost \$2,000 and we used our workmen's comp grant from DVIT to pay for it.
- The drone holds an iPad mini that has a 4K camera which takes video and still pictures.
- We started using this in February and we have been using it to document current projects such as the Madison Lot Development and Andale Green.

Councilman DiGregorio – Is there anyway to do thermal testing with this technology?

Mr. Krauss – Yes there is but we would have to change the drone and then pay a cost of \$2,000 per year for thermal testing.

Councilman Malagari – Can you gage how close you are to something while flying the drone?

Mr. Krauss – The pictures you just saw were from 20 feet away from the electrical line. The drone will stop itself before it would hit anything.

Mr. Ernst – We wanted to show you this technology so you can see how it works for us.

Councilman Hansen – Since the battery life is only 20 minutes will it fly home before it dies?

Mr. Krauss – When there is 5 minutes of battery life left it will automatically fly home.

Mayor Herbert – How long does it take to charge the battery?

Mr. Krauss – About an hour to an hour and fifteen minutes.

Mr. Ernst – This is a weather resistant drone.

Mr. Krauss – It would be unstable to fly in high winds and bad weather.

Councilman Angelichio – You could likely use this with the police department as well.

Mr. Krauss – We have a list of things that we can use it for. Tracy will use it during Founders Day. Thank you to Council for your forward thinking which allows us to purchase and use technology like this.

Vice President Fuller – Do we get enough fly time with just two batteries?

Mr. Krauss – For what we use it for yes.

Vice President Fuller – What would be the difference if we upgrade to the next one up.

Mr. Krauss – The thermal camera would be a big thing to add.

Councilman Hansen – Go after another grant to get the money to upgrade.

Agenda Item #8 – Petitions

None

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

None

President Burnell – An Executive Session is needed to discuss a personnel matter. There may be action taken. The session started at 7:49 and ended at 8:06.

Agenda Item #10 – Action Items

Councilman Work presented Motion #2A and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council of the Borough of Lansdale grant a conditional offer of employment with the Lansdale Police Department to James McVeigh. The term "Conditional Offer of Employment" as used herein is as used and/or defined in the Borough of Lansdale Civil Service Regulations.

Chief Trail – The hiring the new officers is to replace the three retirements that we had in 2017.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved 8:0.

Councilman Work presented Motion #2B and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council of the Borough of Lansdale grant a conditional offer of employment with the Lansdale Police Department to Christian Gregory. The term "Conditional Offer of Employment" as used herein is as used and/or defined in the Borough of Lansdale Civil Service Regulations.

Motion seconded by Councilman DiGregorio and unanimously approved 8:0.

Councilman Work presented Motion #2B and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council of the Borough of Lansdale grant a conditional offer of employment with the Lansdale Police Department to Corey Pfister. The term "Conditional Offer of Employment" as used herein is as used and/or defined in the Borough of Lansdale Civil Service Regulations.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved 8:0.

Councilman Angelichio presented Motion A and read as follows:

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

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved 8:0.

Councilman Angelichio 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 Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved 8:0.

Councilman Angelichio presented Motion C and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve the following meeting minutes:

Work Session: April 4, 2018
Business Meeting: April 18, 2018

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved 8:0.

Councilman Angelichio presented Motion D and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Resolution 18-16 approving the commitment of funds for the purpose of post employee benefits other than pensions (OPEB).

Councilman Hansen – Who does this cover?

Mr. Ramey – This is only for the police officers.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved 8:0.

Councilman Hansen presented Motion E and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Resolution 18-14 granting preliminary/final minor subdivision plan approval for the subdivision tract of land located at 807 W. Fourth Street.

Motion seconded by Councilman Angelichio and unanimously approved 8:0.

Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton presented Motion F and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt the attached Ordinance 1912 amending the Borough Code to add two (2) new tiers to the Economic Development Incentives and accompanying criteria to qualify for reduced land development and building permit fees and reduced electric rates.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved 8:0.

Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton presented Motion G and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt the attached Ordinance 1913 amending the Borough Code to increase the number of community members of the Economic Development Committee from four (4) to six (6) members, and to provide that the community members shall be appointed bi-annually by Borough Council through the Appointments Committee process.

Councilman Angelichio – Are there a problem with four members?

President Burnell – This is really to reorganize to include some Communication Commission members as we are dissolving that commission.

Motion seconded by Councilman DiGregorio and unanimously approved 8:0.

Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton presented Motion H and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Resolution 18-17 approving the application of the North Penn YMCA for Economic Incentives.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved 8:0.

Councilman DiGregorio presented Motion I and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Resolution 18-18 to establish fees for wireline attachment to poles owned and maintained by the Lansdale Borough Electric Utility.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved 8:0.

Vice President Fuller presented Motion J and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Resolution 18-19 recognizing that the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission provides sound and integrated land use and transportation planning and coordination of planning at all levels of government.

Motion seconded by Councilman Malagari and unanimously approved 8:0.

Vice President Fuller presented Motion K and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the Borough Manager to purchase through the Costars State Purchasing Program two (2) 2018 Ford F250 pick-up trucks with snow plows for a total amount of \$70,262.50 per the recommendation of the Fleet Management Department.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved 8:0.

Councilman Work presented Motion L and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the use of Memorial Park from 10:00am to 12 noon and the closing of the various streets in the borough (on file in the police department) for the annual VFW Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 28, 2018 from 8:00am to 10:00am per the recommendation of the Special Events Committee and the Public Safety Committee.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved 8:0.

Councilman Work presented Motion M and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the closing of West Main Street from Broad Street to Cannon Avenue and various other Borough roads (on file in the police department) from 3:00pm to 11:00pm on Saturday, June 16, 2018 for the Car Show Must Go On car show sponsored by Discover Lansdale per recommendation of the Special Events Committee and the Public Safety Committee.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved 8:0.

Councilman Work presented Motion N and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the 9th Annual Lansdale Beer Tasting Festival on Saturday, June 23, 2018 from 12:00pm to 5:00pm to take place at Cannoneers Football Field located off of West Fifth Street per the recommendation of the Special Events Committee and the Public Safety Committee.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Councilman Work presented Motion O and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the closing of West Main Street from Valley Forge Road to Broad Street and other appropriate Borough streets (on file at the police department) on Saturday September 8, 2018 from 5:00pm to 11:00pm (1:00-5:00pm is set up time) for the 23rd Annual Lansdale Bike Night with a rain date of Sunday, September 9, 2018 from 12:00-5:00pm sponsored by the Blue Comets Motorcycle Club per the recommendation of the Special Events Committee and the Public Safety Committee.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved 8:0.

Councilman Malagari presented Motion P and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the Borough Manager to purchase through the Pennsylvania Costars Purchasing Program a Godwin CD150 Diesel Pumpset in the amount of \$33,285.40 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved 8:0.

Item #11 – Information Items

Mayor's Report: Mayor Herbert

1. Has attended many meetings related to the Car Show Must Go on which is June 16.
2. On April 21 he attended the International Spring Festival and was a part of the opening ceremony.
3. Attended First Friday and dressed as Luke Skywalker. He performed a wedding ceremony that evening and another wedding that weekend.
4. He commentated the little league game on Saturday May 5.
5. He attended the PA Hero Walk on May 12. There were about 150 participants.
6. On May 12 the Forum on Racism was held in Council Chambers since the library community room was not large enough to accommodate the 50 people who attended. Lansdale is seen as a leader in participating in a forum of this nature.
7. His office hours on Saturday are cancelled as he will be out of town.

Solicitor's Report: Sean Kilkenny

1. Drafted the wireless facilities telecommunication ordinance that was passed this evening.
2. At the request of staff his office conducted legal research regarding vacant properties in the borough.
3. Researched ordinances related to chickens in boroughs as well as bee keeping in boroughs.
4. Continue to work with staff regarding the codification of the borough code.
5. Drafted the resolution for the OPEB for tonight's meeting.
6. Drafted the other ordinances for this evening's meeting related to the Economic Incentive and the Economic Development Committee reorganization.

Borough Manager's Report: John Ernst

1. The Electric Department received the North Montco Technical Career Center Partnership Award for their participation and apprenticeship with the tech school.
2. There are several businesses that have made the second round of DVRPC's Classic Towns survey. Please vote the best of in Lansdale until May 22.
3. Happy Birthday to Andy Krauss. Today is his birthday.

Comments for the good of Council:

Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton – The Code Civics 101 class will be held on June 7 on Borough Hall.

Councilman Angelichio – He was a panel member for the Forum on Racism. He encourages everyone to attend the next meeting.

Vice President Fuller – The next First Friday theme is Back to the 80's on June 1 and Lansdale Day is on June 2. Discover Lansdale's business directory is now out in local business for you to pick up. Plans are under way for Founders Day and Mr. Kilkenny's office is our first sponsor in. The Lifetime Achievement Award committee met and have decided that a person

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can be nominated five years after their death. The guidelines are the same that a person must have contributed at least 25 years of service to the community. You can nominate someone of the Discover Lansdale website, the borough website or emailing me directly. We are also looking in to finding a location for a permanent award plaque.

President Burnell – We are still accepting resumes for Ward 1 vacancy until May 31.

Agenda Item #12 – Old Business

None

Agenda Item #13 New Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.