

May 20, 2020

The Business Meeting of Lansdale Borough Council was held on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 online via Zoom Meeting and called to order at 7:02pm by Council President, Denton Burnell.

ROLL CALL:

- (X) Councilman Angelichio
- (X) Councilman Breish
- (X) President Burnell
- (X) Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton
- (X) Councilman DiGregorio
- (X) Vice President Fuller
- (X) Councilman Henning
- (X) Councilwoman Currie Teoh
- (X) Councilman Work
- (X) Mayor Herbert

Borough Representatives:

Borough Manager, John Ernst	Borough Solicitor, Patrick Hitchens
Finance Dir, John Ramey	Borough Engineer, Chris Fazio
Police Chief, Mike Trail	Library Director, Tom Meyer
Parks & Rec. Director, Karl Lukens	IT/GIS Coordinator, Bryan Poster
Electric Superintendent, Andy Krauss	Code Enforcement, Jason Van Dame
Public Works Superintendent, Rick Delong	WWTP Superintendent, Dan Shinskie
Fire Marshal, Rick Lesniak	

Residents:

Carol Zellers – 101 Elm Drive

Agenda Item #5 – President’s Comments

President Burnell – An Executive Session was held on May 18 regarding a personnel matter. This matter is on the agenda tonight for a Council vote.

Agenda Item #6 - Petitions

None

Agenda Item #7 – Residents to be heard on any item

Carol Zellers of 101 Elm Drive – Thank you for the Public Safety committee for moving the Farmers’ Market amended location to Council for tonight. The plan that you will see tonight is a safe plan and has been executed at other farmers’ markets. It will be very different this year, but can still be successful.

Agenda Item #8 – Action Items

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.

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 for the month of April 2020.

Councilman DiGregorio – What is the \$6,000 and \$9,000 for the Pennbrook Station?

Mr. Shinskie – That is the design for the replacement of the generator and switch gear at the Pennbrook Pump Station.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Councilman Angelichio presented Motion C and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve the following meeting minutes:

Work Session: April 8, 2020
Business Meeting: April 22, 2020

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.

Councilman Angelichio 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 Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Councilman Angelichio presented Motion E and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve the employment agreement dated May 20, 2020 with Michael B. Trail outlining the terms of his employment as Police Chief.

Mr. Hitchens – We negotiated with Chief Trail and essentially his contract is the same as his previous with the exception that it is a 4-year contract and is retroactive from January 1, 2020. His longevity pay is set to cap at 10% each year and his salary will be increased 2.5% each year. There is an optional 2-year extension of the existing contract.

Mayor Herbert – Thank you to Council for entertaining this contract for four more years.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Councilman DiGregorio presented Motion F and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Resolution 20-14 granting conditional preliminary land development approval and related lot consolidation for six (6) tracts of land located between 43 W. Third Street and 19 W. Third Street.

Mr. Ernst – This is preliminary approval that came through the code committee in February and the applicant couldn't attend the business meeting in February. Since in-person meetings have not happened since March 4 we don't want to hold them up any longer. This approval is not granting approval for the project, but helps to assist the applicant with financing.

Councilman Breish – The Fire Marshal recommends the proposal be denied as submitted.

Mr. Jason Smeland (applicant's engineer) – We are working through fire code issues with the Fire Marshal and we will have to comply with whatever he needs us to do. This approval will allow us to move further along be able to accommodate what the Fire Marshal needs per code. We have an architectural group that specifically deals with fire code design.

Mr. Hitchens – They have to comply and this kind of letter is typical for a preliminary approval.

Mr. Lesniak – He is comfortable with this approval as he will be working closely with the applicant and his team on a resolution.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton presented Motion G and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve Payment #1 in the amount of \$61,250.00 to Brendan Stanton, Inc., for work completed on the Lansdale Utility Complex Solar Array per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick Engineers, consultants for this project.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Vice President Fuller presented Motion H and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve Payment #1 in the amount of \$22,513.50 to 5th Pocket Skateparks for work completed on the construction of the Lansdale Skatepark per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick Engineers, consultants for this project.

Councilman Angelichio – What is the status of when this project will be finished?

Vice President Fuller – The target opening date is in the summer.

Mr. Fazio – They are two months behind because of COVID-19, but because they are working overtime they may only be end up being one month behind.

Motion seconded by Councilman Henning and unanimously approved.

Vice President Fuller presented Motion I and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize Pennoni to prepare and advertise bid specifications for the Liberty Bell Trail through Stony Creek Park.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Currie Teoh and unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Currie Teoh presented Motion J and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt the attached Ordinance 1937 amending the borough code to add an additional handicapped parking zone at 23 E. Sixth Street.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Currie Teoh presented Motion K and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the attached Lansdale Farmers' Market COVID-19 plan. The Market will be held on Saturdays from 9:00am to 1:00pm from June 6 through November

21, 2020 and will be located in the parking lot at 645 W. 9th Street per the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee.

Motion seconded by Councilman Angelichio and unanimously approved.

Councilman Breish presented Motion L and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council award the contract for the Pennbrook Avenue Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation (Base Bid) to A.J. Jurich, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder per the recommendation of Remington and Vernick Engineers, consultants on this project.

Motion seconded by Councilman Angelichio and unanimously approved.

Item #9 – Information Items

Mayor's Report: Mayor Herbert

1. He continually works with Council and staff during this time.
2. He participated in the rally through town to honor the workers at the long-term care facilities.

Solicitor's Report: Patrick Hitchens

1. Communications with Borough staff and related follow-up work regarding real estate matters – Approximately 1.0 hour
2. Communications with Borough staff and related follow-up work regarding COVID-19 matters including enforcement issues, construction activities and Act 15 – Approximately 14.5 hours
3. Communications with Borough staff and related follow-up work regarding electric department matters – Approximately 2.5 hours
4. Communications with Borough staff and related follow-up work regarding planning commission and draft ordinances matters including bee keeping and handicap parking – Approximately 2.5 hours
5. Communications with Borough staff and related follow-up work on various land development matters including 700 Knapp Rd (Knapp Elementary), 1000 Cannon Ave (North Penn Business Campus) and 431 Church St (Station Square at Pennbrooke) – Approximately 4.3 hours
6. Communications with Borough staff and related follow-up work regarding miscellaneous Borough matters including records management, personnel matters and right-to-know matters – Approximately 2.2 hours

Borough Manager's Report: John Ernst

1. Rick Lesniak and the department heads coordinated the rally for the workers at the long-term care facilities in the Borough.
2. Retreivr (formerly Curb My Clutter) is starting to schedule pick ups for those items that you want to get rid of such as clothing and electronics. From January-March 2020 they collected 326lbs of electronics that are saved from going into a landfill.
3. Tennis courts are open again for safe, socially distanced play. Nets will be removed from every other court to assist with social distancing.
4. This week is National Public Works week.
5. It is also EMS week. Thank you to all those who work on the front lines.
6. Our GIS Team and Rick Lesniak put together a fire safety survey that is on our website.
7. He was a panelist on an interstate webinar between PA and Illinois on who to get back up and running after COVID-19.
8. The Knapp Pedestrian bridge is now open for people to use.

Comments for the good of Council:

Councilman Angelichio – Thank you for checking out the cost of propone that we were paying and getting a lower price. Cannoneers is having a hoagie sale to benefit the employees. Order by May 27 for May 31 pick-up. Please continue to show support for all local businesses.

Mayor Herbert – Happy Memorial Day. On Sunday four families will be doing sidewalk chalk murals through out the Borough. Walk through town to check them out.

Chief Trail – He appreciates the work done on his agreement. Since we can't have the Memorial Day parade and service, the LPD will have a private moment to reflect.

Councilman Breish – Shout out to all those in the community are doing things to make people smile during this trying time. Manna lost the ability to do two of their fundraisers, but they are still serving the community.

Councilwoman Currie Teoh – The food service crew at Manna is doing an amazing job.

Vice President Filler – The library is working on raising funds for students in need of laptops. A small group from the community will be placing flags on veterans' graves in the Lansdale Cemetery. Social distancing will be followed.

Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton – Thank you to Rick and the Public Works crews for getting the Veteran's flags hung in time for Memorial Day.

Agenda Item #10 – Old Business

None

Agenda Item #11 New Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.