

September 18, 2019

The Business Meeting of Lansdale Borough Council was held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 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
- ( ) Councilman Breish – out due to birth of daughter
- (X) President Burnell
- (X) Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton
- (X) Councilman DiGregorio
- (X) Vice President Fuller
- ( ) Councilman Hansen - sick
- (X) Councilman Henning
- (X) Councilman Work
- (X) Mayor Herbert

Borough Representatives:

Borough Manager, John Ernst  
Finance Dir, John Ramey  
Police Chief, Mike Trail  
Parks & Rec. Director, Karl Lukens  
Electric Superintendent, Andy Krauss  
Public Works Superintendent, Rick DeLong  
WWTP Superintendent, Dan Shinskie

Borough Solicitor, Sean Kilkenny  
Borough Engineer, Chris Fazio  
Library Director, Tom Meyer  
IT/GIS Coordinator, Bryan Poster  
Code Enforcement, Jason Van Dame

Residents:

Nancy Frei – Cypress Street  
John Darab – Spruce Street

Agenda Item #5 – President's Comments

None

Agenda Item #6 – Presentations

**Business of the Month** – The Mitre Box by President Burnell

- The Mitre Box is located at 25 Susquehanna Avenue. This business is multi-generational that has been supporting the custom framing needs of the Lansdale area and beyond for more than 36 years. The Mitre Box, owned and operated by Joseph and Beverly Kicinski, has occupied their current location for the last 18 years
- Initially established in 1955 as the Hollywood Frame Shop by Beverly's grandfather and father, Wilbur Ingham Sr. and Jr. respectively, Bill Ingham Jr. would eventually move the business into his home and call it the Mitre Box.
- A mitre box is a special wood working tool used to guide a hand saw to make precise mitre cuts in a board. Mitre in this case refers to a joint made by beveling each of two parts to be joined, usually at a 45-degree angle, to then form a corner, usually a 90° angle.
- Bill Ingham, Jr. ultimately joined with other picture framers to help form the Professional Picture Framers Association. Established in 1971, the goal of the PPFA was to improve the industry through education and increased awareness of the skills required for custom picture framers.

- Beverly and Joseph bought The Mitre Box from Bill In the early 90's and have carried on the museum quality and craftsmanship that The Mitre Box has been known for. One of Joe and Bev's daughter's, Joslyn, is also currently designing framing choices as well.
- From their website, you will learn that they always thrive on framing the difficult and unusual, while being creative and maintaining museum quality standards. Some of the possibilities include needlework, shadow boxes, flag and medal cases, mirrors, canvas transfers, prints, posters, and more.
- Joe wants people to love his designs that are specific to their project and it is this passion for producing works of art that people display with pride that has sustained the Mitre Box all these years.

**Swearing in of police sergeants** by Chief Trail and Mayor Herbert

- Sergeants that were sworn in this evening are Amanda North, Steven Owens, Daniel Gallagher and Jeffrey Mallozzi.

**Curb My Clutter** presentation by Bob Anderson

- Every year we throw away 97 billion pounds of electronics and 27 billion pounds of clothing.
- CMC (Curb My Clutter) works with the Close Loop Fund who partner with major companies who support post-consumer and recycling.
- CMC is service that a resident can schedule to come and pick up their clothing or electronics on a specific day and time and receive a gift card for their donation if they submit pictures of the donated items ahead of time. Otherwise you can just donate and forgo the gift card by not submitting pictures.
- 85% of clothing goes into landfills. CMC recycles that clothing with their partners instead of letting it go into landfills. Some items are resold, others are donated overseas and the rest is recycled into rags.
- Using CMC allows people to donate when they are cleaning out their closets which usually only happens once or twice a year.
- TVs and microwaves are difficult to recycle so there is a fee to get rid of those items. A TV costs \$35, a microwave costs \$10 and an extra large projection TV costs \$100 to the customer to be recycled.
- If the Borough decided to enter into an agreement with CMC then you would get 10% of the revenue share of what they sell. All that CMC asks is that the borough advertises CMC on their website, social media, newsletters, email blasts, etc.
- CMC has recently entered into an agreement with Montgomery County so even if the borough chooses not to move forward residents can still use CMC.

**Councilman Angelichio** – What percentage of clothing ends of going into landfills after CMC is done with it?

**Mr. Anderson** – 55% gets resold, 30% gets recycled into other things and the remaining goes into landfills.

**Councilman Angelichio** – Are TVs and other materials like that responsibly recycled and disposed of?

**Mr. Anderson** – We use East Stewart and R2 to certify those items.

**Councilman Angelichio** – Could a non-profit use your service for a fundraising event for themselves?

**Mr. Anderson** – We don't support that at this time as we are not set up to collect items at that magnitude at one time.

**Mayor Herbert** – Can refrigerators be picked up?

**Mr. Anderson** – Not yet. We are still trying to figure out dehumidifiers and air conditioners.

**Vice President Fuller** – Is clothing just considered pants and shirts?

**Mr. Anderson** – No, we accept shoes, jewelry, essentially anything you can wear we will take.

**Councilman Henning** – The revenue share to the borough is 10% correct?

**Mr. Anderson** – An example would be if we get \$500 for a ton the Borough would receive \$50. It all depends on community participation but you won't make hundreds of thousands of dollars or anything like that.

**Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton** – What is the average payback?

**Mr. Anderson** – One township in their first year earned \$275.

**Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton** – Where do the donated clothing items go?

**Mr. Anderson** - To a sorting house and usually then sold in markets internationally.

**Councilman Angelichio** – Where is CMC located? Are you using contractor trucks or your own?

**Mr. Anderson** – We are located in Souderton and we have one truck right now. When someone schedules a pick up we ask certain questions and then we pick up based on those questions. Sometimes the next day or maybe a week later. Since it is a scheduled pickup, people are not leaving their stuff out all week.

**Mr. Ernst** – Are you looking for action from Council?

**Mr. Anderson** – We have an agreement and resolution in the handout that Council can approve unless the manager is allowed to just approve the agreement.

#### Agenda Item #7 - Petitions

None

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

**Nancy Frei** of Cypress Street – NPWA contractor dug up the street and never backfilled or covered it overnight. I called to let them know but I shouldn't have to do that. They should automatically be doing that. It is very dangerous to leave a large hole in the street.

**John Darab** of Spruce Street – There is a loose, coiled Verizon wire in the street. He called to tell them but it hasn't been addressed yet. How do we get them to take care of their stuff.

#### Agenda Item #9 – 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 July, 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.

**Councilman DiGregorio** – The seat for the backhoe costs \$5,000?

**Mr. Ernst** – That is the line item description, but it included more than just a physical seat.

**Councilman DiGregorio** – What is the Wisler Pearlstine bill?

**Mr. Ernst** – They are still finishing up some projects that started when they were Borough Solicitor such as the Andale Green Development.

**Councilman DiGregorio** – The RVE bill for Andale was over \$10,000?

**Mr. Ernst** – Those are for inspection fees that get reimbursed to us from the developer.

**Councilman Angelichio** – He understands that it is hard to categorize items such as where boilers are located but could we get a list as to where these items are located in each department.

**Mr. Ernst** – Most items are under warranty that pertains to this building. We can work on a list.

*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: August 7, 2019  
Business Meeting: August 21, 2019

*Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Angelichio** presented Motion D and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council accept and approve the financial requirement and the minimum municipal obligation (MMO) for 2020 for the Borough of Lansdale Non-Uniform Pension Plans. Minimum municipal obligation calculated to be \$595,000.00.

*Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Angelichio** presented Motion E and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council accept and approve the financial requirement and the minimum municipal obligation (MMO) for 2020 for the Borough of Lansdale Police Pension Plan. Minimum municipal obligation calculated to be \$1,263,995.

*Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman DiGregorio** presented Motion F and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize Remington & Vernick Engineers to prepare and advertise bid specifications for the Lansdale Utility Complex Solar Array Project.

**Mr. Ernst** – As we are preparing the bid specifications, we are learning a lot about how to build this solar project. Some capital items should be replaced while we do this project. \$1.5 million is just for the solar panels themselves and the project is \$3.4 million when you add in the economy of scales. We should be replacing certain items that will be tied to this project now rather than waiting a few years. We would save 5%-10% by doing those projects now. They are budgeted items in the capital plan just not for this year.

**Councilman Angelichio** – Which items are you referring to?

**Mr. Ernst** – The switchgear and transformers at the utility complex. They should be updated while we are doing the solar project.

**Mr. Fazio** – We don't want you to waste money by not doing the upgrades when you put the solar in. If these items are done later you will have to undo some work that has already been done and that is very inefficient.

**President Burnell** – How much was the grant for?

**Mr. Ernst** - \$750,000.

**Mr. Krauss** – There are preliminary numbers in Dropbox in the electric committee folder.

*Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Angelichio** presented Motion G and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council award the contract for the rental of snow plowing equipment with operators to P.K. Moyer & Sons, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder.

*Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Angelichio** presented Motion H and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Resolution 19-14 to authorize the Borough of Lansdale to enter into a 5-year agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for winter traffic services.

*Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Angelichio** presented Motion I and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Resolution 19-15 authorizing the submission of an application to PennDOT for a traffic signal flashing beacon approval at Whites Road and Towamencin Avenue and also authorize the Borough Manager to execute and submit the same.

*Motion seconded by Councilman DiGregorio and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Angelichio** presented Motion J and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$29,794.70 (addition) for the North Cannon Avenue Rehabilitation per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick, engineering consultants for this project. This change order reflects placement of a leveling course on North Line Street.

*Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Angelichio** presented Motion K and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve Payment #1 in the amount of \$26,815.23 to Marino Corporation for work completed on the North Cannon Avenue Rehabilitation Project per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick Engineers, engineering consultants for this project.

*Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Angelichio** presented Motion L and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve Payment #2 in the amount of \$132,009.16 to Marino Corporation for work completed on the North Cannon Avenue Rehabilitation Project per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick Engineers, engineering consultants for this project.

*Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Angelichio** presented Motion M and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve Change Order #1 in the amount of -\$81,384.00 (reduction) for the West Third Street Rehabilitation per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick, engineering consultants for this project. This change order reflects balancing of NPWA items.

*Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Angelichio** presented Motion N and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$58,070.00 (addition) for the West Third Street Rehabilitation per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick, engineering consultants for this project. This change order reflects change sanitary service from lining of existing pipe to open cut and replacement of pipe.

*Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Angelichio** presented Motion O and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve Payment #2 in the amount of \$249,703.20 to SJM Construction for work completed on the West Third Street Rehabilitation Project per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick Engineers, engineering consultants for this project.

*Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Angelichio** presented Motion P and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council award the contract for the 2018 CDBG E. Third Street Improvement Project - Phase II which includes the Base Bid and Alternate Bid No. 1, to SJM

Construction Company, Inc. the lowest responsible bidder per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick , engineering consultants for this project. This project is partially funded through the Montgomery County Community Block Grant Program.

*Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Angelichio** presented Motion Q and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve Payment #4 in the amount of \$30,918.87 to Eastern Environmental Contractors, Inc. for work completed on the Influent Pump & Piping Contract per the recommendation of Bursich Associates, engineering consultants for this project.

*Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.*

#### Item #10 – Information Items

##### **Mayor's Report: Mayor Herbert**

1. On August 24th I joined most of Lansdale and the surrounding community to celebrate Founders Day. The event was expertly executed and I would like to thank Discover Lansdale for their hard work for putting together this event every year. Also, congratulations to the Koehler Family for their lifetime achievement award.
2. On August 27th Congressman Fitzpatrick, staff from the borough, staff from USPS and myself held a joint meeting to discuss some of the challenges the borough has been facing over the last several months.
3. On September 7th I attended Bike Night with about 25,000 other people. At Bike Night President Burnell and I officially witnessed the beginning of a new Guinness World Record where two gentlemen began a journey around all 48 contiguous states on small moped scooters.
4. I stopped by IEF Martial Arts here in the borough where I had the chance to meet Grand Master Benny Yang and learn a little about how Kung Fu teachings and how this extremely old art helps people focus their minds and keep their body fit.
5. On my Birthday, September 14th, I helped cut the ribbon at Cruise Night.
6. I visited the Egyptian Festival at St. Mary's and St. Kryillos. This is the second year I attended this fantastic event. If you have never been, next year you should stop by the church and sample some of the great food, which is a mix of Greek and Lebanese, and visit their beautiful chapel.
7. I attended the kick off of Constitution Week in Norristown with The Towamencin Chapter of The Daughters of the American Revolution, The County Commissioners and several other dignitaries. Lansdale presented the DAR with a proclamation declaring this week Constitution Week here in Lansdale.
8. My office hours are Tuesday's 9-5 and Saturday 9- Noon.

##### **Solicitor's Report: Sean Kilkenny**

1. Communications with Borough staff and counsel for Lansdale and related work regarding the assessment settlement and reimbursement of funds for 2019 property taxes. – Approximately 1 hour
2. Communications with Borough staff and follow-up work relating to pending and requested draft ordinances including proposed revisions and corrections. – Approximately 1.8hrs
3. Communications with Borough staff and related follow-up regarding Summers Avenue development and cross electrical access easement. - Approximately 0.5hrs
4. Communications with Borough staff and related work including legal research relating to UCC/ Building Code enforcement. – Approximately 1hr
5. Communications with Borough staff and related legal work and appearance at zoning hearing for North Penn School District Zoning Application relating to electronic signage at Knapp Elementary. – Approximately 3.4hours

6. Communications with Borough staff and related work regarding revisions to alleyway maintenance program draft resolution. – Approximately 0.5hrs
7. Communications with Borough staff and related work relating to Lansdale Human Relations Commission. – Approximately 2.6hours
8. Communications with Borough staff and related work regarding right to know matters. – Approximately 3.0hours
9. Communications with Borough staff and related work related to miscellaneous Borough matters, liens and legal updates. – Approximately 1 hour

**Borough Manager's Report: John Ernst**

1. Rep. Malagari's office informed us that the borough received a \$290,000 grant for the Whites Road Streambank Restoration project.
2. The pedestrian bridge that will go across the Stony Creek Line train tracks along the Liberty Bell Trail (behind the Freight House) will be completed this weekend.
3. Customers can now sign up for electric service online.

**Comments for the good of Council:**

**Mayor Herbert** – the North Penn Mosque is holding their community day on Saturday, September 21. All are welcome to attend.

**Councilman Henning** – This year the Lansdale Business Association's Christmas Tree display will be held in the atrium area of North Penn Commons.

**Vice President Fuller** – Thank you to the bands who stayed and played at the Underground on First Friday despite the bad weather. October's First Friday will feature the chili cook off and the scarecrow contest.

**Agenda Item #11 – Old Business**

None

**Agenda Item #12 New Business**

**Councilman DiGregorio** – The paving that was done on North Wales Road left messes on people's lawns and driveway aprons. Could someone contact the County about having the contractor come back and clean up their mess.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.*