

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held at 6:30 PM on **Tuesday, May 21, 2024**, in Council Chambers, 55 South Fifth Street, Lewisburg. Present: Council President Heayn; Council Vice President Bilenky Trahan, Councilmembers Armbruster, Comas, Pearson, Powers, Stamm, Grobes, Secretary Wendt, Mayor Alvarez, Community Development Grant Manager Berkey, and Solicitor Lyons. Also present: Ellen Ruby, Taylor Lightman, Brice Wilder, Angie Hunselman, Lynne Ragusea, Jim Clark, Gary Scholl Jr., Dora Kreitzer, Steve Walter, Martha Barrick, Kevin Gardner, Dalton Shearer, and Lauryn Longacre.

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Heayn called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilmember Bilenky Trahan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to approve the April 16, 2024, Regular meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilmember Bilenky Trahan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Powers to approve HARB items a through c as submitted and recommended by HARB per their minutes dated May 14, 2024. Motion was unanimously approved.

- a. **“Cycle Up Café” / 429 Market Street / Sign** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)
- b. **Joseph Scapellato / 138 South Fifth Street / Gutters** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)
- c. **Union-Snyder Agency on Aging / 116 North Second Street / Gutters** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)

Councilmember Bilenky Trahan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pearson to approve Lewisburg Borough to request that Union County, on behalf of Lewisburg Borough, submit an application in the amount of \$107,446.00 to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for the FFY 2024 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement funding for the proposed project of the installation of Sidewalks at the Lewisburg Borough owned Community Garden Property on North Water Street. There was lots of discussion. Councilmember Heayn was opposed. Motion was approved.

Councilmember Bilenky Trahan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Powers to approve the FFY 2021 Community Development Block Grant Subrecipient Agreement between Lewisburg Borough and Union County associated with the Limestone Run Flood Resiliency Project. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Bilenky Trahan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Powers to approve the FFY 2022 Community Development Block Grant Subrecipient Agreement between Lewisburg Borough and Union County associated with the Limestone Run Flood Resiliency Project. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Bilenky Trahan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Powers to reject the bid from Mark Cromley Excavating as not compliant with project bid documents and accept lowest compliant bid from Dave Gutelius Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$37,125.00 for earth moving services associated with the CDBG funded Limestone Run Flood Resiliency Project. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Bilenky Trahan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Powers to approve Engineering Change Order 1 from PennCore Consulting, LLC in the amount of \$5,060.00 for the Piers Art Project. (Change Order reflects additional engineering expenses associated with changes to the stormwater pipe crossing at the railroad tracks.) Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Bilenky Trahan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Powers to approve Change Order 1 from Big Rock Paving, LLC reducing the

ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
April 16, 2024

PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS
HARB

Cyle Up Café

J. Scapellato

Union-Snyder Agency on Aging

DCED for FFY 2024 Community Dev Block Grant Entitlement funding for Sidewalks at Comm Garden Property at N Water Street

FFY 2021 Comm Dev Block Grant Subrecipient Agreement for Limestone Run Flood Resiliency

FFY 2022 Comm Dev Block Grant Subrecipient Agreement for Limestone Run Flood Resiliency

Award Gutelius Excavating, Inc. Limestone Run Flood Resiliency Project

Approve Engineering Change Order 1 from PennCore Consulting, LLC

Approve Change Order 1 from Big Rock Paving, LLC

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project construction costs in the amount of \$1,072.47 for changes in stormwater management pipe size due to utility conflicts. Motion was unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: Buffalo Valley Regional Police (BVRPD) Chief Yost submitted a monthly report.

William Cameron Engine Company (WCEC) Chief Blount submitted a monthly report.

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to approve payment of bills from April 14, 2024, through May18, 2024, in the amount of \$489,710.37. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to approve the purchase of a new Refuse Truck for the price of \$267,445.10 via COSTAR contracts from A&H Equipment Company (for the load area) in the amount of \$136,318.10 and Ecks Garage (for the chassis) in the amount of \$131,127.00 with expected delivery in early 2026 to be paid from the Refuse Equipment Depreciation fund. There was lots of discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Current vacancies on Planning Commission term expiration December 31, 2024, Zoning Hearing Board Alternate term expiration December 31, 2026; Zoning Hearing Board Alternate term expiration December 31, 2026; HARB term expiration December 31, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Ellen Ruby, LDP, announced the upcoming events: June 1st SUN PrideFest & Summer Craft Fair; June 4th Press Conference with an exciting announcement; June 26th The Great Race; June 28th Fireworks; June 29th 4th of July Parade; and 1st Wednesday of the Month is Music in the Park.

Gary Scholl Jr., Borough employee, spoke to Council regarding a DUI charge he received on February 2nd and requested the Council consider allowing him to continue his employment with the Borough.

Jim Clark, Lewisburg, spoke in support of retaining Gary Scholl Jr. as a Borough employee.

Taylor Lightman, LN, announced that LN is celebrating 15 years by holding a community event on May 22nd at Soldiers Park from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. He also reported that this Saturday is a litter pick up day; Slow Roll meets every Wednesday; and Green Team meets every Thursday. Lightman also spoke in support of retaining Gary Scholl Jr. as a Borough employee.

Kevin Gardner, Lewisburg, spoke in support of retaining Gary Scholl Jr. as a Borough employee.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR:

Councilmember Bilenky Trahan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Powers to enact Ordinance No. 1080 amending the Social Gathering Ordinance. A discussion was held. Motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS / COMMUNITY UPDATES / PUBLIC NOTICES:

Mayor Alvarez announced that there will be a Juneteenth celebration on June 6, 2024, at Penn College. Alvarez also announced a Proclamation for “National Gun Violence Awareness Day” to be held on June 7, 2024; and a Proclamation for “LGBTQIA+ Pride Month to be held the month of June.

Jamie Grobes encouraged the public to engage as much as possible in order to hear what constituents’ concerns and issues are within the Borough.

Continued – Approval of Change Order 1

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
BVRPD

WCEC

Approval of Bills

Approve purchase of Refuse Truck for \$267,445.10
A&H Equipment \$136,318.10
Ecks Garage \$131,127.00

Vacancies

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ruby

Scholl Jr.

Clark

Lightman

Gardner

BOROUGH SOLICITOR

REPORTS / COMMUNITY UPDATES / PUBLIC NOTICES
Alvarez

Grobes

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Councilmember Comas thanked Mayor Alvarez for the proclamations. He also suggested seeking a grant to pay for the LED lights for the Borough's office building if they were not ordered yet.

Comas

Councilmember Bilenky Trahan announced that May was National Bike Month. She also thanked Borough staff for painting bike sharrows on Borough streets.

Bilenky Trahan

Councilmember Pearson announced that May was International Mental Health Month which goes hand in hand with National Bike Month.

Pearson

WRITTEN REPORTS: Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bilenky Trahan to acknowledge receipt of the monthly Parking Report, Zoning Officer Report, Code Enforcement Officer Report, CK COG April Building Permits, CK COG April Activity Report, and BVRA March Financial Statements. Motion was unanimously approved.

WRITTEN REPORTS

WORK SESSION: There will be a Work Session to be held Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

WORK SESSION

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA:

Lauryn Longacre, The Daily Item, asked for clarification on the Social Gathering Ordinance amendment. She also asked what the main issue was with regards to purchasing the new Refuse truck.

MEDIA QUESTIONS
Longacre

Council President Heayn called for an executive session to discuss personnel matters at 8:03PM. Council returned at 9:06PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business, Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy D. Wendt
Borough Secretary