

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held at 6:30 PM on **Tuesday, June 18, 2024**, in Council Chambers, 55 South Fifth Street, Lewisburg. Present: Council President Heayn; Councilmembers Armbruster, Comas, Pearson, Powers, Stamm, Grobes, Manager Lowthert, Secretary Wendt, Mayor Alvarez, Community Development Grant Manager Berkey, and Solicitor Lyons. Also present: Ian Snyder, Becky Perez, Lauryn Longacre, Dora Kreitzer, Justin Strawser, Martha Barrick, Taylor Lightman, Kevin Gardner, and Mike Molesevich.

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Heayn called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Stamm to approve the May 21, 2024, Regular meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

COUNCIL PRESENTATION: Rebecca Perez and Ian Snyder presented information regarding the Strategic Plan and Services currently provided by The Public Library. They plan to attend Council's Work Session on July 9th to discuss further.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY AGENDA ITEM: Kevin Gardner asked for an explanation of Item J Change Order of \$25,000. Council President Heayn replied that it will be addressed in detail by the Borough Manager.

PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Comas to approve HARB items a and b as submitted and recommended by HARB per their minutes dated June 11, 2024. Motion was unanimously approved.

- a. **Matt Kole / 185 South Front Street / Fence** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)
- b. **"Mystical Light Chakra Boutique" / 204 Market Street / Signs** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pearson to approve the Request for Proposal for the Safe Streets for All Grant, and approve the release of the RFP to interested firms. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to approve the engineering proposal from Larson Design Group in the amount of \$7,500.00 to evaluate three Borough owned buildings on North Fifth Street to determine if they are capable of supporting rooftop photovoltaic systems. There was some discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pearson to approve a request from Lewisburg Neighborhood to close a portion of St. Anthony Street for the Fall River Road Holiday 2024 on October 6, 2024 (rain date October 20, 2024) and permission to submit the required letter to PennDOT. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pearson to approve the purchase of outdoor chairs not to exceed \$2,500 for the Kidsburg and Nature Play areas of Hufnagle Park. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to approve the release of the financial commitment from U.S. Supply for their completed land development activity. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Stamm to approve Change Order 2 from Big Rock Paving, LLC in the amount of \$9,080.19 associated with the South Fourth Street/St. George Street Project. There was some discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
May 21, 2024

COUNCIL PRESENTATION
The Public Library

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM
Gardner – Item J

PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS
HARB

Kole

Mystical Light Chakra Boutique

RFP for Safe Streets for All Grant

Engineering proposal from Larson Design Group

LN – Fall River Road Holiday 2024

Purchase of outdoor chairs

Release of financial commitment from U.S. Supply

Change Order 2 from Big Rock Paving, LLC

June 18, 2024

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Grobes to approve an Event Permit for Bucknell University’s Street Festival to be held on Friday, August 23, 2024, from 9:30 pm – 11:30 pm. Please note that amplified music will be played during the Event which will violate Section 360-31E of the Borough’s Zoning Ordinance and conflicts with the conditions of the Event Permit Application. (Information from the applicant – sound system will be placed between 7th Street House and 7th Street Café on the Walker Street side. Speakers playing music will be directed east and south on Walker Street and not playing directly towards Borough houses. Another speaker playing line dancing music will be placed in front of the Vedder Hall Circle). Motion was unanimously approved.

Bucknell University’s Street Festival Event Permit

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to accept the low bid from Thunder Ridge Tree Service in the amount of \$6,950.00 for the 2024 Street Tree Removal Project contingent upon approval by the Lewisburg Borough Shade Tree Commission. Motion was unanimously approved.

Award Thunder Ridge Tree Service 2024 Street Tree Removal Project

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: Councilmember Grobes reported that the June Administrative and Public Safety Committee meeting was cancelled.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Buffalo Valley Regional Police (BVRPD) Chief Yost submitted a monthly report.

BVRPD

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

WCEC

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Powers to approve payment of bills from May 19, 2024, through June 15, 2024, in the amount of \$474,071.50. Motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Bills

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

Vacancies

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

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Martha Barrick thanked Council for the addition of the Loading/Unloading Zone on North Sixth Street.

Barrick – Loading/Unloading Zone

Mike Molesevich asked when the crosswalks will be painted on Market Street. Borough Manager Lowthert stated that Market Street is a PennDOT highway but will follow up with PennDOT.

Molesevich – painted crosswalks on Market Street

BOROUGH MANAGER:

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Borough Manager Lowthert addressed the safety concern of the heating unit in the Borough Foreman’s office.

A lengthy discussion was held pertaining to Item J on today’s Agenda. Lowthert noted that a directional bore under the railroad tracks for installation of a stormwater pipe as part of the project will be completed this weekend at a cost of an additional \$13,500.00.

Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to approve Change Order 3 from Dave Gutelius Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$11,100 to mill and overlay a portion of Cherry Alley, excluding railroad tracks and new ramps, to meet the goals of the Piers Art project contingent upon the money availability to pay for it. Motion was unanimously approved.

Change Order 3 from Dave Gutelius Excavating, Inc. for \$11,100

REPORTS / COMMUNITY UPDATES / PUBLIC NOTICES:

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Alvarez

Mayor Kendy Alvarez announced that Juneteenth will be celebrated tomorrow from 4:00pm – 8:00pm in Hufnagle Park. Also, earlier this month Lewisburg Downtown Partnership received its designation as a designated Main Street by DCED and the PA Downtown Center.

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REPORTS (continued)

Councilmember Grobes announced that the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department is currently seeking a new Police Chief.

WRITTEN REPORTS: Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Stamm to acknowledge receipt of the monthly Parking Report, Zoning Officer Report, Code Enforcement Officer Report, CK COG May Building Permits, and CK COG May Activity Report. Motion was unanimously approved.

WORK SESSION: There will be a Work Session to be held Tuesday, July 9, 2024.

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA:

Justin Strawser, The Daily Item, asked for the meaning of directional boring.

Council President Heayn called for an executive session to discuss legal matters at 7:58PM. Council returned at 8:15PM.

There being no further business, Councilmember Comas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pearson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy D. Wendt
Borough Secretary

REPORTS (Con't)
Grobles

**WRITTEN
REPORTS**

WORK SESSION

**MEDIA
QUESTIONS**

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

ADJOURNMENT