

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council of Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania, was held at 6:30 PM on **Tuesday, August 20, 2024** in Council Chambers, 55 South Fifth Street, Lewisburg. Present: Council President Heayn; Councilmembers Armbruster, Pearson (via telecommunications), Powers, Stamm, Grobes, Manager Lowthert, Secretary Wendt, Mayor Alvarez, Community Development Grant Manager Berkey, and Solicitor Lyons. Also present: Will Presutti, Jake Douglas, Martha Barrick, Kevin Gardner, Lisa Wolfe, Justin Strawser, Dora Kreitzer, Mike Molesevich, and Sabrina Barner.

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Heayn called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY AGENDA ITEM:

Mike Molesevich stated his concerns for the petition for noise exemption. He believes residents do not want to endure any more noise. Mr. Molesevich also stated his concerns regarding regulations of tree lawns and tree wells.

Lisa Wolfe spoke in support of the BVRPD's request to waive fees associated with the National Night Out event that was cancelled due to weather.

PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Stamm to approve HARB items a and b as submitted and recommended by HARB per their minutes dated August 13, 2024. Motion was unanimously approved.

- a. **LPF & LCF Enterprises / 130 North Fourth Street / DEMO Garage** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)
- b. **Laura Payne – “Warhammer” / 26 South Third Street / Sign** (HARB approved and recommends Council approval)

Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to approve signage for Mariah's Garden and Lewisburg Landing as recommended by the Planning and Public Works Committee. 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 Powers to approve payment of bills from July 14, 2024, through August 17, 2024, in the amount of \$622,252.07. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Powers to rescind, effective August 25, 2024, Special Pay of \$100.00 per week for Full-time Employees enacted by Borough Council at their meeting on June 21, 2022. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to appoint Kendy Alvarez as Lewisburg Borough's Voting Delegate and Kathy Wendt as Alternate for the Resolutions Committee Meeting and Annual Business Meetings at the Pennsylvania Municipal League Summit in Scranton October 10 – 13, 2024. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Powers to adopt Resolution 24-08 imposing a service fee of \$3.00 on all parking and refuse charges paid in person by a credit or debit card at the Borough office. Motion was unanimously approved.

ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
July 16, 2024

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM

Molesevich

Wolfe

PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS
HARB

LPF & LCF Enterprises

Payne

Signage approval for Mariah's Garden and Lewisburg Landing

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
BVRPD

WCEC

Approval of Bills

Rescind Special Pay for full-time employees

PML Summit Voting Delegate and Alternate

Resolution 24-08 credit and debit card service fee

August 20, 2024

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Powers to designate Councilmembers Jamie Grobes and David Heayn as the Pennsylvania Municipal League Legislative Liaison for Advocacy Action for Lewisburg Borough. Motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Grobes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Armbruster to waive the fees associated with the BVRPD's National Night Out event in St. Mary Street Park. There was some discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

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

BOROUGH SOLICITOR: Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Stamm to adopt Resolution 24-07 authorizing filing of a Petition with PLCB for a noise exemption from the Liquor Code. Motion was unanimously approved.

There was a discussion regarding the definition of tree lawns and tree wells relating to the Sidewalk Ordinance. This topic was referred back to the Planning and Public Works Committee and Shade Tree Commission for further discussion.

BOROUGH SECRETARY: Borough Secretary Wendt reported that the beginning tomorrow, credit and debit cards will be accepted in the Borough office for parking and refuse payments.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/GRANT MANAGER: Councilmember Powers, seconded by Councilmember Grobes made a motion to approve Change Order 3 from Big Rock Paving, LLC in the amount of \$12,821.01 associated with the South Fourth Street/St. George Street Project. Motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS / COMMUNITY UPDATES / PUBLIC NOTICES: Mayor Alvarez announced that on August 21st, 5:00pm – 6:30 pm the PA Human Relations Commission will be at the Lewisburg's YMCA Miller Center talking about building Pennsylvania's community. Alvarez recognized Bison's Coach John McBride who helped team USA win the bronze in water polo at the Olympics. In addition, there will be some local representation at the Paralympic games coming up.

Councilmembers had a lengthy discussion regarding the procedure of filling the vacancy on the Civil Service Commission.

Councilmember Grobes reported that Bucknell's first year students will be arriving tomorrow. Grobes also reported that a Lewisburg High School graduate went to the Olympics as an alternate in field hockey.

Councilmember Heayn announced that October 21st is the last date to register to vote and October 29th is the last day to apply for mail-in ballots.

Councilmember Pearson thanked the Borough crew for painting in crosswalks on St. Anthony Street.

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

WORK SESSION: There will be a Work Session to be held Tuesday, September 10, 2024.

Appointment of PML Legislative Liaison for Advocacy Action

Fees waived for National Night Out event

Vacancies

BOROUGH SOLICITOR
Resolution 24-07
PLCB Petition

Discussion regarding tree lawns and tree wells

BOROUGH SECRETARY
Credit and Debit Cards

GRANT MANAGER
Change Order 3 from Big Rock Paving, LLC
\$12,821.01

REPORTS / COMMUNITY UPDATES / PUBLIC NOTICES

Alvarez

Discussion regarding vacancy on Civil Service Commission

Grobes

Heayn

Pearson

WRITTEN REPORTS

WORK SESSION

August 20, 2024

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA:

Sabrina Barner, Standard Journal, asked for clarification on the Special Pay being rescinded.

Justin Strawser, The Daily Item, asked how many employees received the Special Pay. Mr. Strawser also asked what fees were associated with the National Night Out.

Council President Heayn called for an executive session to discuss legal matters at 7:43PM. Council returned at 7:53PM.

There being no further business, Councilmember Powers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Stamm to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy D. Wendt
Borough Secretary

**MEDIA
QUESTIONS**

Barner

Strawser

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

ADJOURNMENT