

January 17, 2022

The special meeting of Lehighon Borough Council was held in the municipal building on Monday, January 17, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6 PM by Pres. Grant Hunsicker. Members in attendance were: Autumn Abelovsky, Donnie Rehrig, Ryan Saunders and Lisa Perry. Absent: Councilors Joe Flickinger and Darryl Arner.

Officials in attendance were: Borough Manager Nicole Beckett, Borough Secretary Brenda Kreitz and Mayor Clark Ritter.

Pledge of Allegiance

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration on the purchase of 2022 Ford Police SUV in the amount of \$49,387.37 from Rottet Motors, Inc./Kovatch (COSTARS Contract)

Councilors Saunders/Rehrig made the motions to purchase and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Consideration on financing options for the purchase of the 2022 Ford Police SUV

Nicole said we will make a \$12,800 down payment on the vehicle leaving a final balance of \$38,588. Nicole recommended going with 3-year financing from Mauch Chunk Trust at 1.1%. Councilor Perry abstained from voting.

Councilors Saunders/Abelovsky made the motions to approve the 3-year financing with Mauch Chunk Trust at 1.1% interest and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Consideration on the hire of Patricia Angelini as Crossing Guard as recommended by the Police Chief

Councilors Perry/Saunders made the motions to approve the hire and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Motion to ratify all items updated in the COVID19 Action Plan as determined by January 11th meeting of COVID Task Force

Councilors Rehrig/Perry made the motions to ratify the Action Plan and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Motion to approve the SCF Architecture Proposal – Part 1 in the amount of \$4,300 for Part 1 – Borough Hall Roof Analysis and Renovations

Councilors Saunders/Perry made the motions to approve the proposal and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Motion to approve the Keystone Consulting Engineers Proposal in the amount of \$10,000 for proposed repairs to the Borough Hall Roof

Councilors Perry/Saunders made the motions to approve the proposal and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Update on funding from the Blight Remediation Grant for the Demolition of 209 North 1st Street

Nicole said Jim Thorpe Borough Council met last Thursday and they had approved an additional \$18,500 to go towards our project for 209 North 1st Street. You will see our original grant request for \$102,579 and with the additional allocation we have at total grant funding of \$121,079 and our total project cost at this point is \$144,123; if we award bids tonight. The total project match would be \$23,044 as we have already committed \$10,000. There are no additional funds allocated towards this project when it was discussed at budget time so we will need to adjust accordingly throughout the year.

Councilors Saunders/Abelovsky made the motions to approve the additional match of \$12,786 for the project and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Motion to award the Bid from RC Construction Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$122,323 for the Demolition of 209 North 1st Street

Nicole told council that the grant will pay for the total cost of demolition with the Borough paying for engineering fees. There will be liens on the property and hopefully be collected on in the future.

Councilors Abelovsky/Saunders made the motions to award the bid to RC Construction and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Councilors Rehrig/Perry made the motions to adjourn the meeting at 6:10pm and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Brenda L. Kreitz
Borough Secretary