

September 1, 2022

The special meeting of Lehighton Borough Council was held in the municipal building on Thursday, September 1, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6 PM by Pres. Grant Hunsicker. Members in attendance were: Donnie Rehrig, Lisa Perry, Ryan Saunders, Borough Manager Steve Travers, Borough Secretary Brenda Kreitz, Officer-in-Charge Gabe Szozda and Mayor Clark Ritter. Absent: Autumn Abelovsky, Joe Flickinger and Darryl Arner.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve the Civil Service List

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

Motion to hire new police officer(s)

Councilor Saunders made the motion to hire the 2 part-time officers on the list but also wanted to hire the 3rd officer. The Borough Manager said if the 3rd officer is hired the 2022 budget could sustain it as the overtime funds could be used to pay that salary. Next year would be a different story but still recommended hiring 3 officers.

Officer-in-Charge Szozda said that Officer Svetik is in the DROP Program with 19 months to go and will be using his accumulated time off during those 19 months. Ryan said he doesn't want to short change the officers. President Hunsicker was ok with the hiring as long as there is no overtime for any officer. Ryan didn't see the need for any overtime if the 3 officers were hired. The first two would fill the positions already vacant and the third would fill in shifts when Officer Svetik starts using his time up.

Councilor Perry said we will need to fill the Corporal and Sergeant positions at some point and Ryan agreed.

Councilors Saunders/Rehrig made the motions to hire all 3 officers on the list and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Motion to hire Anne Scott as crossing guard pending preemployment process

Councilors Saunders/Rehrig made the motions to hire pending completion of the preemployment process and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Councilors Saunders/Perry made the motions to adjourn the meeting at 6:15pm and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Brenda L. Kreitz
Borough Secretary