

October 5, 2020

The regular meeting of Lehighon Borough Council was held in the municipal building on Monday, October 5, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by President Grant Hunsicker. Members in attendance were: Councilors Lisa Perry, Donnie Rehrig, Joe Flickinger, and Ryan Saunders.

Officials in attendance were: Interim Borough Manager Kim Rubin, Borough Secretary Brenda Kreitz, Solicitor James Nanovic and Mayor Clark Ritter. Absent: Councilors Darryl Arner and Autumn Abelovsky.

Pledge of Allegiance

Hearing of Persons Present

None.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of September 14, 2020

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

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on request from Tim Snyder of TNT Auto Repairs to close South 7th Street from Iron to Alum Streets as part of his open house October 17, 2020 for a Car Show/Cruise

Mr. Snyder was present at the meeting to answer questions. He asked if the alley behind his lot should be closed during the event. He did not think of it when he submitted his request. He will not need Fire Police. Council agreed it was wise to close off the alley. He also requested "No Parking" signs on South 7th Street from 6am to 5pm the day of the event.

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

Motion to approve the Holiday Decorating Contest - awards to include 6 commercial credits of \$100 and 10 residential credits of \$25 (Commercial Contest to be administered by MSSC and Council to judge residential the week of December 21st)

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

Motion to approve Reclassification of Ren Wentz to Lineman I effective November 9, 2020

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

Motion to approve Payment Request #8 in the amount of \$30,002.76 and Change Order #2 for the Lehighon Area Memorial Library Project

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

Motion to approve Resolution R26-2020 for State Aid

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

Ratification of Resolution R25-2020 requesting DCED Multimodal Fund Grant in the amount of \$573, 245 to create safe pedestrian connections and calm motorist traffic along the Waterfront

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

Discussion on Weissport resident seeking to trap on Borough Property

Councilors Flickinger/Rehrig made the motions to deny the request and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Motion to appoint Harold Henry to the Zoning Hearing Board

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

Motion to advertise for bids for Fire Station #1 roof replacement

Councilor Saunders/Perry made the motions to advertise and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Unfinished Business

Discussion on Leighton Fire Department Training Tower request

Councilor Perry said the finance committee met to look over the request and based on the budget for this year the funds are not there. We just can't afford it this year and next year doesn't look good either. We just bought a ladder truck taking a lot of the funds away.

Councilor Saunders said he is disappointed and would have liked to be able to invest in a training center within the borough but it is what it is.

CDBG Update

Kim said Bruce changed the scope of the work along Iron Street and resubmitted to the county. It will be rebid and the new bids will be opened on November 5, 2020.

Officials' Reports

Borough Manager

Nothing

Borough Engineer

Nothing.

Police

Nothing.

Mayor

Clark said Matt Arner will be heading the Crime Watch. We are going to try and expand from South 2nd Street throughout the borough.

Fire Chief

Nothing.

Light & Power Superintendent

Nothing.

Public Works

Nothing.

Recreation Director

Nothing.

Solicitor

Motion to adopt the Fireworks Ordinance

Councilors Saunders/Flickinger made the motions to adopt the ordinance and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Treasurer

Request for \$200,000 transfer as needed

Councilors Perry/Flickinger made the motions to approve the transfer as needed and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Committee Reports

Finance & Administration – Lisa had nothing.

Economic Development, Buildings & Code – Joe had nothing.

Police, Fire & Safety – Ryan had nothing. Joe said last month was National Preparedness month and he want to thank Lehighon Fire Department, Ambulance and Police Department for all they do. The ambulance offers free CPR to residents during these public events. The police just did a car seat check and the fire department does fire and water safety programs. Yesterday started National Forest Fire Prevention Week.

Light & Power Committee – Absent.

Sewer Committee – Donnie had nothing.

Streets, Public Works & Recreation – Darryl had nothing. Ryan said he had several conversations with the Public Works Superintendent about the pavilion to see if the mural can be moved. Kris has not gotten back to him yet but said Kris felt it could be moved to make the pavilion more visible. Ryan also said Kris had some other ideas regarding the table i.e. shorten them to make it more of a deterrent.

Library Board – Absent.

Parks & Recreation – Absent

School Board – Absent

Canal Commission – Ryan had nothing.

Acceptance of Officials Report

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

Approval of Accounts Payable

Councilors Rehrig/Perry made the motions to approve the accounts payable plus \$72,920.29 additional bills and all were in favor with no questions or objections

Motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel

Councilors Perry/Saunders made the motions to go into Executive Session at 7:19 PM and all were in favor.

Motion to go back into Regular Session

Councilors Saunders/Rehrig made the motions to go back into regular session at 7:31 pm.

Motion on items from Executive Session

Councilors Saunders/Flickinger made the motions to allow Kris Kunkle back to work on Lite Duty three weeks after procedure pending doctor's approval in writing. and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Councilors Perry/Saunders made the motions to advertise for the part-time Public Works position and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Motion to adjourn

Councilors Flickinger/Saunders made the motions to adjourn at 7:33 pm and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Brenda L. Kreitz
Borough Secretary