

December 15, 2014

The regular meeting of Lehighon Borough Council was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, December 15, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Pres. Grant Hunsicker. Members in attendance were: Helen Torok, Joe Flickinger, John Kreitz, Darryl Arner, Bessie Bauchspies, and Scott Rehrig.

Officials in attendance were: Borough Manager Nicole Beckett, Borough Secretary Brenda Koons, Solicitor James Nanovic, Mayor Tom Mase, Police Chief Brian Biechy and Borough Engineer Bruce Steigerwalt. Absent: Fire Chief Gary Frable.

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC HEARING – 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing – CDBG

David Bodnar and Ryan Richards from the County Planning Office were present to find out what council decided their project would be for 2015. The borough will receive a total of \$92,011. Council decided to do improvements to Stedman Avenue.

HEARING OF PERSONS PRESENT

Carl Teets of 51 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue wanted to know if the revised snow ordinance was put in the paper to make people aware of the changes. Nicole said it was given to the paper and we are waiting for it to run. Carl also wanted to commend the active fire department and the social club for their contributions to the borough and other places in the county. It saves the borough and the taxpayer's money.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meetings of October 27 and November 24, 2014

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to advertise for vacancies on the Planning Commission & Police Civil Service Commission

Councilors Arner/ Kreitz made the motions to advertise and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Motion to approve 2015 Reappointment List with permission

Planning Commission – Lyle Christopher, 1 vacant seat; Shade Tree – Mark & Diane Hoffman, William Scheckler; Civil Service Commission – Paul Mriss, Al Weaver, 1 vacant seat; Water Authority – Gordon Ripkey; Property Maintenance Board – Nathan Andreas and Steve Niehoff.

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

Motion to allow The Officers Down 5K on Sunday, April 12, 2015

Some of the proceeds will benefit the Lehighon Police Department.

Councilors Flickinger/Rehrig made the motions to allow the event provided insurance certificate was given and all was coordinated through Nicole and Brian. All were in favor with no questions or objections.

Motion to approve the 2015 meeting dates

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 620-2014 setting tax levy rate for FY 2015

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

Motion to adopt Resolution R-02102014 setting 2015 rate of contribution to the Police Pension Fund

Councilors Arner/Bauchspies made the motions to adopt and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Motion to approve Marion Swolensky's Minor Subdivision

The Borough Engineer said 160 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street had a building on 6<sup>th</sup> Street and one in the alley. It went to Zoning in October, Planning in December, the County Planning office and all is in order.

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

Motion to award the 2002 Chevrolet Blazer to Ms. Melanie Windhorn in the amount of \$4,000

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

Motion to advertise ordinance for placement of stop signs at 5<sup>th</sup> & Coal Streets

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

Discussion of/Motion to adopt resolution R-022-2014 setting salaries of Non-Uniform Employees for FY 2015

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

Unfinished Business

Motion to adopt Ordinance 618-2014

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

Action on the Police Civil Service Commission Corporal Exam results

Councilors Rehrig/Kreitz made the motions to approve Scott Prebosnyak filling the corporal position for a period of 12 months provided he is a working corporal and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Discussion on the appointment of the Assistant Fire Chief

Councilors Rehrig/Bauchspies made the motions to have Councilor Kreitz and Nicole interview both candidates before making this decision and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Officials Reports

Borough Manager

No report given due to closeness of meetings. Nicole did attend and RACP seminar and would be glad to answer any questions.

Borough Engineer

Nothing.

Police

He was thankful for a very good year. The new SUV is fantastic and KME is installing the cameras on Wednesday.

Mayor

Tommy wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Fire Chief

Absent.

President of Council

Grant wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Solicitor

Nothing

Treasurer

An additional list of bills will need pre-approval so they can be paid before the end of the year as the audit is scheduled for the end of January 2015. Councilors Rehrig/Kreitz made the motions to approve and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Committee Reports

Finance and Administration – Darryl – Chair, Bessie – Co-Chair – nothing.

Streets, Buildings and Codes – Joe – Chair, Darryl – Co-Chair – nothing.

Police, Fire and Safety – Scott –Chair, John – Co-Chair – John congratulated the police force and added a special kudos to Officer Broyles. Scott asked Brian if he was working of the grant for body cameras. Brian said he was and was in the process of getting quotes.

Scott asked Brenda to send a thank you letter to YPC for their help with Santa in the park and ask if they would be interested in doing Bike Nite.

Light & Power Committee – Helen – Chair, Joe – Co-Chair – Helen is not happy with the program and wants to change it in 2015. She is hoping for more open communication from the L&P department.

Sewer Committee – Bessie – Chair, Helen – Co-Chair – Nothing

Public Works & Recreation – John – Chair, Scott – Co-Chair – John said everything is going well.

Acceptance of Officials Reports

Councilors Rehrig/Flickinger made the motions to accept the official's reports as presented and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Acceptance of Accounts Payable

Councilors Arner/Rehrig made the motions to accept the accounts payable as presented including the AMP and other added bills and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel

None required

Motion to go back into Regular Session

Action on items from Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Councilors Rehrig/Flickinger made the motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Brenda L. Koons  
Borough Secretary