

February 28, 2014

The Special Meeting of the Lehighon Borough Council was held in the Municipal Building on Friday, February 28, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President Grant Hunsicker. Members in attendance were: Helen Torok, John Kreitz, Darryl and Scott Rehrig. .

Officials in attendance were: Borough Manager Nicole Beckett, Borough Secretary Brenda Koons, Mayor Tom Mase and Police Chief Brian Biechy.

Absent: Joe Flickinger and Bessie Bauchspies.

Pledge of Allegiance

New Business

Motion to transfer \$150,000 from Light & Power to General Fund as per the 2014 budget

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

Discussion/Action on Power Purchase Adjustment Cost and related transmission charges

The PPC adjustment is at 3.747 due to higher than normal transmission and wheeling charges created by an increase in power outages from the subzero temperatures we are having. AMP is giving its customers the option to finance their bills due to this increase.

We have 3 options for our residents: pass on the entire 3.747 adjustment to customers at one time, spread out the 3.747 over 3-6 months or split the adjustment between the borough and residents. It is council's decision.

Our electric engineer recommends spreading the 3.747 over 3 months which will increase the monthly PPC by 1/3 a month and they will help with working out the adjustment figure.

Councilors Rehrig/Kreitz made the motions to spread over 3 months and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Motion to hire Gabe Szozda as full time patrol officer as per the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement and Lehighon Borough Civil Service Rules and Regulations

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

Motion to pay Chief of Police an additional \$2,000 to serve as evidence custodian (\$.96 per hour additional)

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

Councilor Rehrig asked Nicole where Bike Nite was going to be held this year. She said she talked with Frank and Ty and let them know the Lower Park was to be redone this year and offered them other alternatives. She then found out the park project was rescheduled and told Frank on February 20<sup>th</sup> it could now be used but he had already made arrangements to have it at the Franklin fire company due to the Lower Park and McCall Bridge projects.

Paul Mriss of the Lehigh Fire Company said he also talked to Frank who told him they moved the event for other reasons. He is concerned because since the Carbon County Fair, this is the best 1 day event they have to raise money for the police and fire department.

Mr. Mriss is also concerned because the event is still being advertised as "Lehigh Bike Nite" although it's not being held in the borough and is being sponsored by LDIC who was started to benefit downtown Lehigh. Mr. Mriss also said there have been no meetings since October 2012. Some fire company members went to the meeting and nothing was said about moving the event.

Mr. Ed Finney said he can't run it anymore. He said you need an organization to take it over. Last year's event was better than the year before. He doesn't feel the bridge project is an issue.

Mr. Finney thinks selling beer is the real issue but he isn't sure. If that is the case then why not try working with the VFW? Holding the event at Franklin in a field will not work if it rains.

Mr. Finney said the 1<sup>st</sup> event was done under the Lion's Club charter for insurance reasons. LDIC is only two people and only one of the two is a business person. He said the borough, to protect itself needs to not let "Lehigh Bike Nite" go out of the borough. He believes 15 years ago it was trademarked. He is willing to help this year and knows the wives and girlfriends of the firefighters are willing to help also. He also asked where Ty Poole fit into this and Nicole said he is working with Frank again like last year.

Mr. Finney went on to say all the services the borough gave to the event and wonders if Franklin is doing the same. If not, it will cost a lot of money to pay for what the borough donated.

Councilor Arner suggested calling a meeting of all those interested in volunteering to help, the vendors, Frank and Ty to find a way to keep it in the borough.

Councilors Torok/Rehrig made the motions to not let Bike Nite be taken out of the borough and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

#### Adjournment

Councilors Arner/Rehrig made the motions to adjourn at 11 a.m. and all were in favor.

Brenda L. Koons  
Borough Secretary