

May 18, 2015

The regular meeting of Lehighon Borough Council was held in the municipal building on Monday, May 18, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Pres. Grant Hunsicker. Members in attendance were: Helen Torok, Joe Flickinger, John Kreitz, Bessie Bauchspies, Darryl Arner and Scott Rehrig.

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

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing – CDBG

Ryan Richards from the county planning office was present to announce the opening of the Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Community Development Block Grant Program. See attached.

#### Guest Speaker – Wayne Nothstein RE: Proposed Training Facility

He wanted to see if there were any questions about the proposed training facilities. He said in 2008 a committee was formed to come up with a solution. They did try to partner with LCCC and KME; both fell through. They looked at Packerton and tried to purchase the property but the cost exceeded the value. The county talked to others like Delta Development to see what to fund. Delta strongly advised doing it all because you can't go back year after year for funding. EMA alone totaled 48 classes, fire department 43 classes proving there is definitely a need for the facility which is the reason they are requesting the letter of support.

Nicole said the letter is to support the RACP grant. She asked where the RACP match will come from and was told the County Fireman's Association and the appraised value of the property (10-12 acres) and in-kind services.

Councilors Rehrig/Kreitz made the motions to send support letters for the RACP grant to benefit all emergency response units and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

#### HEARING OF PERSONS PRESENT

Theresa Chapman of 239 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street was present to ask for council to look at ways to better communicate with residents. She suggested a Facebook page to allow residents easier access to what is going on in the borough. Nicole said it is too much for the borough to monitor and constantly update but there is a borough website.

Ms. Chapman also said there is a speeding problem on South 7<sup>th</sup> Street and she has a 5 year old son and she's afraid for his safety. She asked if there was anything that could be done. Councilor Rehrig told her to talk to the Chief of Police to see what could be done.

Dick Gombert of 257 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street said he know the borough bought a paving machine. He would like to know what happened to it. Nicole said it is being used and a list of alleys to be done has been drawn up.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Motion to approve Snowflake 5K Run/Walk December 12, 2015 in memory of Dylan and Gavin Krum

Councilors Arner/Rehrig made the motions to approve. Under the question Councilor Rehrig asked for the borough to respond accordingly to the letter and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

##### Motion to reinstate list of lifeguards and pool staff (All new lifeguards are required to go through pre-employment processes)

Nicole said Nick Newton should be added to the list for approval. Councilors Rehrig/Arner made the motions to approve the list with the addition and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

##### Motion to approve Option 1 of the Community Leasing Partners for the 2015 Police Interceptor SUV for one year

Nicole said there is \$578 in interest and the vehicle will be paid off in 2016

Councilors Flickinger/Rehrig made the motions to approve Option 1 and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

##### Discussion/Action on project for the 2015 CDBG Pre-Application

Nicole said she will review all the current projects to see if they will fall under CDBG guidelines.

Councilor Rehrig/Flickinger made the motions to approve the application with the borough manager reviewing all current projects and apply based on grant criteria and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

##### Discussion/Approval on the Power Contract Extension as recommended by Utility Engineers, PC

Nicole said the updated prices price for 2018 - 2022 71.07mwh and the 2015 - 2022 annual is 73.51mwh.

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

##### Motion to adopt Resolution R005-2015 power contract extension

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

#### Unfinished Business

##### Discussion/Action on the AutoZone Development Agreement

Council decided to wait until everything was ok and tabled this item and will bring it back in June.

#### Discussion on proposed sidewalk ordinance

President Hunsicker asked under the question if we could sell off all the excess borough property and was told yes if adopted before we sell the properties. Council hasn't decided who will pay to put the sidewalks in. Councilor Arner said this ordinance will be harmful to real estate sales due to the added cost.

#### Officials Reports

##### Borough Manager

Nicole said on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. there will be a meeting with Barry Isett regarding zoning. The AMP conference is June 8<sup>th</sup> and she has been working on the insurance renewals for 2015–2016.

##### Borough Engineer

Bruce said the ABZ Enterprise subdivision met all the required conditions and received the planning commission's approval. Councilors Rehrig/Kreitz made the motions to approve the subdivision and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

##### Police

Chief Biechy would like to hold civil service testing but has been unable to contact them. Bike training is going on right now. Chief Biechy said he is aware of the issue on South 7<sup>th</sup> Street and is trying to resolve it. He thanked council for the SUV.

##### Mayor

Nothing

##### Fire Chief

Chief Mriss asked council for permission to use apparatus fund for apparatus grant. They are looking at a FEMA grant with a 5% match. They will apply for a ladder truck costing approximately \$1 million. All they are asking for is a funding commitment letter at this point. They will refurbish the 2010 truck and try to get 10 more years out of it.

Councilor Rehrig/Bauchspies made the motions to sign commitment letter and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

##### President of Council

He asked for a motion to send Officer Bender to Camp Cadet as done in past years.

Councilors Rehrig/Flickinger made the motions to allow Officer Bender to attend and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

##### Solicitor

Nothing.

##### Treasurer

Additional list of bills totaling \$47,697.17.

##### Committee Reports

Finance and Administration – Nothing.

Streets, Buildings and Codes – Councilor Flickinger reported that the borough manager contracted 12 extra hours were approved for Quality of Life enforcement.

Police, Fire and Safety – nothing.

Light & Power Committee – nothing.

Sewer Committee – nothing.

Public Works & Recreation – nothing.

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 and addition list of bills and all were in favor with no questions were objections.

Motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel

Councilors Rehrig/Arner made the motions to go in at 7:50 p.m.

Motion to go back into Regular Session

Councilors Rehrig/Flickinger made the motions to go back in at 8:04 p.m.

Action on items from Executive Session

Councilors Rehrig/Torok made the motions to hire Johnnie Villanueva as a part-time patrol officer at \$18.08 with full new hire processes.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Councilors Rehrig/Arner made the motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Brenda L. Koons  
Borough Secretary