

January 7, 2019

The regular meeting of Lehighon Borough Council was held in the municipal building on Monday, January 7, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Pres. Grant Hunsicker. Members in attendance were: Lisa Perry, Jared McEvoy, Darryl Arner, Autumn Abelovsky and Ryan Saunders. Absent: Councilor Joe Flickinger and Jr. Councilor Addison Howland.

Officials in attendance were: Borough Manager Nicole Beckett, Borough Secretary Brenda Kreitz, Solicitor James Nanovic, Borough Engineer Bruce Steigerwalt, Mayor Clark Ritter, Fire Chief Patrick Mriss, Police Chief Brian Biechy, L&P Superintendent Lonny Armbruster, PW Superintendent Kris Kunkle and P&R Director Tom Evans.

Pledge of Allegiance

HEARING OF PERSONS PRESENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of December 17, 2018

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to adopt Resolution R1-2019 updating the fee schedule for FY 2019

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

Motion to adopt Resolution R2-2019 setting police pension contribution

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

Motion to adopt Resolution R3-2019 designation of depositories

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

Consideration on the submission of 2019 Level 2 Smart Growth Action Grant Application

Councilors Perry/McEvoy made the motions to submit the application and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Motion to approve System Design Engineers as Sewer Enforcement Officer for the borough – no increase in cost from last year

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

Discussion/Action on the Bid Award for the Baer Memorial Park Improvement Project

Councilors Abelovsky/Saunders made the motions to approve the base bid of \$236,862 only and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Designation of Voting Delegate & Alternate for PSAB Conference June 9-12, 2019

Councilors Perry/Saunders made the motions to appoint Grant Hunsicker as the voting delegate and Lisa Perry as the alternate and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Unfinished Business

None.

Officials Reports

Borough Manager

Council received her report for December and January. She spoke to the Treasurer today and will need a motion to approve a \$130,000 transfer from Light & Power as needed. Nicole provided a memo for the Ashtown Bridge Project. There was an issue with the concrete certifications. The fix would be that the general Fund would pay \$30,000 back to Liquid Fuels for that project and then Liquid Fuels would pay the General Fund \$30,000 for payroll. She just needs council's permission to do so.

Borough Engineer

Absent.

Police

Chief Biechy had something for executive session. Brian also said due to the change in meeting dates his department's monthly report will be a month behind.

Mayor

Mayor Ritter said he had an item for executive session.

Fire Chief

Chief Mriss said his department's report will be a month behind as well due to the change in meeting dates.

President of Council

Nothing.

Solicitor

Nothing.

Treasurer

Additional list of bills totaling \$9,796.58.

Committee Reports

Finance and Administration – Darryl Arner, Chair; Lisa Perry, Co-Chair – nothing.

Streets, Buildings and Codes – Joe Flickinger, Chair; Autumn Abelovsky, Co-Chair – nothing.

Police, Fire and Safety – Ryan Saunders, Chair; Jared McEvoy, Co-Chair – nothing.

Light & Power Committee – Lisa Perry, Chair; Joe Flickinger, Co-Chair – nothing.

Sewer Committee – Autumn Abelovsky, Chair; Darryl Arner, Co-Chair – nothing.

Public Works & Recreation – Jared McEvoy, Chair; Ryan Saunders, Co-Chair –nothing.

Acceptance of Officials Reports

Councilors Perry/Saunders 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 Saunders/Abelovsky made the motions to accept the accounts payable plus the additional list of bills and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel and Litigation

Councilors McEvoy/Saunders made the motions to go into executive session at 7:21 and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Motion to go back into Regular Session

Councilors McEvoy/Saunders made the motion to go back in at 9:15 and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Action on Items from Executive Session

Councilors Saunders/Arner made the motions to approve Police Chief Agreement with 4% raise and contribution to health care and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Councilors Saunders/Flickinger made the motions to approve Denise Niehoff's request for vacation buyback and all were in favor with no questions.

Councilors Saunders/Arner made the motions to approve Patti Bissell's request for vacation and sick time buyback and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Councilors Saunders/Flickinger made the motions to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 PM and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Brenda L. Kreitz  
Borough Secretary