

February 27, 2012

The Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Lehighon Borough Council was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, February 27, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Grant Hunsicker. Members in attendance were: George Kogut, Bessie Bauchspies, John Kreitz, John Bird, Darryl Arner, Scott Rehrig and Grant Hunsicker.

Officials in attendance were: Borough Manager Nicole Beckett, Solicitor James Nanovic, Mayor Donald Rehrig, Police Chief Neal Ebbert and Treasurer Kira Michalik. Absent: Engineer Bruce Steigerwalt, Fire Chief Gary Frable and Borough Secretary Brenda Koons

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Jimmy Martino from the Carbon County Planning and Development Office was present to receive input and concerns from residents. In 2012 the Borough will receive \$93,000. \$16,740 is for administration, \$76,260 is for the project. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing will be April/May 2012.

Guest Speaker –Commissioner Wayne Nothstein- Informational session on Packerton Yard Project

Not present

Hearing of Persons Present

Phil Carnese of 62 Leslie Lane addressed council regarding Aaron's on 1<sup>st</sup> Street across from Kovatch. Mr. Carnese said they helped the gentleman clean out the flea market and in turn he was given permission to hold bands there. There is no money being made.

The Borough Manager said she is aware that everything did go through zoning and is legit but some of the concerns are that there were under age people leaving alcohol bottles on the street corners and garbage but no other issues.

Mr. Carnese said they do ID and stamp the 21 and older or put a green wrist band on them but drugs and alcohol are not really allowed, drugs especially.

Chief Ebbert said they have noise complaints. Chief Ebbert asked about the alcohol and if they have a license. Mr. Carnese said no they do not but have a BYOB permit.

Approval of Minutes

No minutes were submitted.

New Business

Motion to Reappoint Utility Engineers as the Borough's Electrical Engineers for 2102

Councilors Bauchspies/Kreitz made the motions to reappoint and all were in favor.

Motion to approve holding the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Senior Games April 30 to May 9, 2012 at the Rec Center and Baer Memorial Park

Councilors Arner/Bird made the motions to approve and all were in favor.

Motion to approve Ordinance 601-2012 to amend the Police Pension Fund Ordinance for the removal of Killed-In-Service Benefit

Councilors Kreitz/Bauchspies made the motions to adopt and all were in favor.

Motion to adopt Resolution R003-2012 RE: Utility Reimbursement Agreement with PennDOT for the S.R. 443/209 Bridge Project

The Borough Manager said she is seeking a 50% reimbursement from PennDOT for this project. There is a pole that needs to be relocated before they can begin the project. The resolution is for S.R. 443/902 bridge project, not the S.R. 443/209 Bridge Project as stated on the agenda.

Councilors Kreitz/Bauchspies made the motions to adopt the resolution and all were in favor.

Motion to approve Addendum to the Intermunicipal Agreement Joint Board of Appeals (adding Packer Township to the Appeals Board)

Councilors Arner/Kreitz made the motion to approve and all were in favor.

Motion to approve the agreement with Carbon County for the Local Share Grant administration for Narrow Band Communications Conversion

Councilors Bauchspies/Kreitz made the motions to approve and all were in favor.

Motion to approve LDIC's bench painting project

Councilor Bird wanted more information on what will be painted on the benches. He felt it is not proper flag etiquette to paint depictions of a flag on a bench any more than it is proper to wear the flag on your clothing.

The Borough Manager said she can work out the quirks and bring it back next month. Council said that would be a good idea. Nicole said she will work council's concerns out and bring it back to the table next month.

Motion to approve modification to Lineman 1 Job Description

The Borough Manager said the only changes are with the years of experience to bring it in line with the other positions within the electrical department. The change was from 4 years of minimum training to 6 years of minimum training based off of our current schedule.

Councilors Kreitz/Bauchspies made the motion to approve the modification and all were in favor.

Motion to approve Redevelopment Assistance Capital Project Funds Contract with the Commonwealth of PA

The Borough Manager said council had been provided with a list of the conditions along with some of the details of the grant contract. The solicitor has also had the opportunity to review it and she provided his comments. This is for the grant in the amount of \$1.75 million with a match. All the special conditions that go along with the grant contract are hi-lited. It is a

reimbursable grant. The money must be put upfront before you can get money back.

Councilors Kreitz/Kogut made the motions to approve and all were in favor.

Motion to approve Local Share Program grant contract with the PA Department of Community and Economic Development

The Borough Manager said this is the Local Share Grant in the amount of \$223,650 to be used for construction, infrastructure, site prep and administrative costs. There is no match for this grant. She said there are also conditions that are outlined as well.

Councilors Arner/Bauchspies made the motions to approve and all were in favor.

Unfinished Business

None

Official's Reports

Borough Manager

She told council that they are welcome to come in with their questions regarding the fire station project and she can go into detail. If you need an update or want a full report, please stop in my office and I'll be happy to go over it with you.

President Hunsicker said that Nicole had an excellent report and Councilor Bird agreed.

Nicole said she received a very nice letter from the Lehighon Memorial Library thanking the Borough for their direction and assistance throughout the years.

She had also received a request from Officer Matthew Bender to represent the Lehighon Borough Police Department at the 2012 Camp Cadet and to wear the police department's uniform at the graduation ceremony. The camp runs from July 22-25, 2012.

Councilors Kreitz/Bird made the motions to approve Officer Bender participating in the Camp Cadet Program.

President Hunsicker said he believes Officer Bender gets paid his salary while he is attending the program. He is glad we have someone who is willing to do this.

Borough Engineer

Not present.

Police Chief

Chief Ebbert said the new server came in and everything is up and running. It's great. A new IT guy came in and he saved the borough about \$4,000.

He did meet with the new borough mechanic and they are going to start taking their cruisers to the borough garage for routine maintenance.

Chief Ebbert addressed his next comment to the solicitor regarding problems the police were having with an ordinance. The police secretary brought up the problem with the tents that pop up all over town. One of the ordinances that cover vendors and pushcarts at parades was also being used

for addressing the flower and fireworks tents. This ordinance does not really address everything and may need a new subsection added. He feels it is something that needs to be looked at. Solicitor Nanovic said there is nothing that really addresses those types of tents.

Chief Ebbert said the Public Works Supervisor wants to post no parking from Bridge Street up to Graver Street on the south side where the new stop sign is at the Legion. It is posted from Millway to Graver Street now but agrees it should be done up to Bridge Street. Again, he feels this should be done in the ordinance.

Councilor Bird wanted to give Officer Bender a thank you for taking the time to notice odd doors at his home being open and stopped to be sure everything was okay. Councilor Bird thought that was very observant on Officer Bender's part and wanted to thank him publicly for being so observant.

The Borough Manager was looking at the information from the Civil Service Commission and they state they would like to extend the current list for another year ending until July 31, 2012.

Councilors Rehrig/Bauchspies made the motions to extend and all were in favor.

Mayor

The Crime Prevention kick-off meeting is 6-8 p.m. at the high school in coordination with the Drug Task Force. Byron Schnell is the contact person for the school district, Donnie, Chief Ebbert and the other police chiefs from the surrounding areas are coordinating to try and get the program kick started.

Fire Chief

Nothing

President of Council

Nothing

Solicitor

Nothing

Treasurer

There was an additional bill. It is the deposit for the fencing at Mountain Karate for \$500. The total cost of the fencing is \$1,250.

There is also the cost of the impact printer for the utility office that is part of the new billing for \$366.

Committee Reports

Finance & Administration – Darryl Chairman, George Co-Chair—  
Nothing to report.

Streets, Buildings & Codes – John Kreitz Chairman, Bessie Co-Chair  
– Nothing to report. Mr. Dick Andrews, the former owner of Andrews Truck Repair has started as the new borough mechanic.

Police, Fire & Safety – Scott Chairman and John Bird Co-Chair –  
Nothing to report.

Light & Power Committee – John Bird Chairman, Scott Co-Chair,  
commented on what was in Lonny's report.

Sewer Committee – Bessie Chairwoman, Darryl Co-Chairman –  
Nothing to report

Public Works & Recreation – George Chairman, John Kreitz Co-Chair – Since he is new at this position he wanted to talk with Al Steigerwalt and Tom Evans to find out about their areas and what they do. Al updated him on public works and different things that his department does like street sweeping that will be starting soon.

Mr. Evans updated him on all that goes on at the Rec Center and how well the pool is doing and the additions to the food stand this coming summer.

Councilor Kogut was impressed and was hopeful that the community would soon be getting more involved in some of these programs that are already in place.

Council discussed the endless possibilities of enlarging the Rec Center and of the revenue that could be brought in with a BYOB policy for different adult events. The Borough Manager said she is meeting with DCNR to discuss different grant options and will put these ideas mentioned tonight on the list and see what they feel will be the most easily funded.

Acceptance of Officials' Reports

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

Approval of Accounts Payable

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

Adjournment

Motion to go in to Executive Session for Personnel Reasons

Councilors Rehrig/Bird made the motions to go in at 8:22 pm. For reasons of personnel and all were in favor.

Motion to go back into Public Session

Councilors Bird/Rehrig made the motions to go back into regular session at 9:15 pm. and all were in favor.

Action on Any Items Necessary as a Result of Executive Session

A motion to rescind the motion changing the years for the Lineman 1 job description was made by Councilors Kreitz/Bauchspies to keep as 4 years and all were in favor.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Councilors Rehrig/Arner made the motions to adjourn at 9:22 p.m. and all were in favor.

Brenda L. Koons  
Borough Secretary

