

January 24, 2011

The Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Lehighon Borough Council was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, January 24, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Grant Hunsicker. Members in attendance were: Dale Traupman, Bessie Bauchspies, Melissa Ebbert, John Bird, Darryl Arner, Scott Rehrig and Grant Hunsicker, Jr. Councilors: Noah Tkach.

Officials in attendance were: Solicitor James Nanovic, Mayor Donald Rehrig, Officer-in-Charge Sgt. Joe Lawrence, Fire Chief Jack Kuller, Secretary Brenda Koons, and Treasurer Nicole Beckett. Absent: Brianna Oswald

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC HEARING – Amendment to Zoning Ordinance RE: Wind Turbines Visitors

LeAnn Muffley of 60 Willow Street was present on behalf of Bike Nite. Louise Stofik and Albert Balliet were also present representing Bike Nite. Ms. Muffley read a letter to Council. She said this year's profit was \$9,125.44 with \$1,000 of that going to the Borough for allowing the event to be held and \$4,062.72 going to the fire department and the Police department each. Ms. Muffley said unlike previous years she would not be asking for permission to hold the event next year as she will be unable to chair the event due to other priorities in her life.

Ms. Muffley also presented a check to the police department from their unused funds from 2008 & 2009.

Mr. Rodney Snyder of 145 Millway was here to complain about the stop sign again.

Mr. & Mrs. Manglionico of Mountain Karate Academy in the Annex Building were next to address council about a situation that occurred with Mr. Ed Conarty at that building. On December 23 at about 11 a.m. Mrs. Manglionico received a phone call from Mr. Conarty inquiring about the karate school and if they pay their rent, telling her they are behind in their rent, which Mrs. Manglionico said is not true and he said the karate school owes the borough \$3,300 from last year which is also not true. The karate school has a good reputation in town and does not want it tarnished by a resident who is stating incorrect information. She does not know who else Mr. Conarty is telling this to but would like it brought to council's attention.

Mr. Ed Conarty of 235 Coal Street was next to address Council and the Manglionico's. He said he got those figures from the borough. According to the borough records of October the karate school was behind the figure Mr. Conarty quoted by the records given to him. Mr. Conarty came here last month and questioned the council on that and no one responded to him. The Manglionico's said that is not so and they can prove it with their cancelled checks.

The Mayor said we can't allow residents to call people who are renting our business up there and basically harassing our citizens. We can't allow that. Something has to be done. Mr. Conarty said to the mayor that he came here and asked council to explain. The Mayor said he knows that and told Mr. Conarty that he can't be calling people who are renting from the borough and telling them that they owe money. Mr. Conarty said he called them to make them aware of council's report. The Mayor said it is not Mr. Conarty's job to do that. Mr. Conarty said as a citizen and taxpayer subsidizing that building yes it is his job.

Approval of Minutes

No minutes were submitted.

New Business

Motion to award bucket truck bid to Hunter Keystone Peterbilt, LP in the amount of \$152,615

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

Motion to approve the Police Civil Service Commission to attend a training seminar in March at a cost of \$100 per commission member (2 commission members and Sgt. Lawrence)

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

Motion to advertise Ordinance 593-2011 amending Ordinance 589-2010 relating to wind turbine section of Zoning Ordinance

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

Councilor Rehrig asked Sgt. Lawrence to please escort Mr. Conarty outside the building as he was disrupting the meeting and arguing with Mr. & Mrs. Manglionico.

Motion to approve computer purchase for Police Department from CDW-G (Co-Stars vendor) at a cost of \$7,815.71 (grant money)

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

Motion to re-appoint Mr. Quinn as Zoning Officer for the month of February

Councilors Rehrig/Bauchspies made the motions to re-appoint and all were in favor.

Motion to keep System Design Engineers as our Sewer Enforcement Officers

Councilors Ebbert/Arner made the motions to keep them and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Motion to adopt the DROP Ordinance No. 592 -2011

Councilors Ebbert/Traupman made the motions to adopt and all were in favor.

Motion to adopt Resolution R-001-2011 RE: salaries for recreational employees

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

Motion to adopt Resolution R-002-2011 RE: RACP funding for the new fire station

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

Motion to approve purchase of new laptop for police department (this is a replacement for one that crashed) Grant money will be used

Councilor Rehrig/Traupman made the motions to approve and all were in favor.

Unfinished Business

None

Official's Reports

Borough Engineer

Not present.

Officer in Charge

The paint is peeling from two of the police cars. There was a recall but they missed it and Sgt. Lawrence contacted Ford who said they will make good on the problem although it will not be under the recall. They are awaiting the cost estimate right now for car 1 and then will have car 2 taken care of.

Councilors Rehrig/Ebbert made the motions to have the cars fixed at the Sgt. Lawrence's discretion and all were in favor.

Mayor

He thinks a thank you letter should be written to the Bike Nite Committee for all the hard work they've done over the years and their dedication to the borough.

Fire Chief

Jack just wanted to thank council and the girls for all their hard work and help with helping them move forward with the new station. He feels they are moving along at a reasonable pace.

Jack asked the Solicitor if he is in contact with the social club to get the agreement finished. The Solicitor said yes but wasn't sure which agreement he was referring to. Jack said he believes there are two. One is the lease and the other is the agreement of property transfer. Solicitor Nanovic said he thinks there will be a special meeting regarding the first of those two. Jack again thanked everyone very much.

President of Council

He said if anyone wants to go to the convention in April they should let the Treasurer know.

Solicitor

He had one item for executive session regarding Packerton Yards. The other item is regarding the Property Maintenance Board that needs to

reorganize and there are some members that should not be on that board because they are employed by the borough

Treasurer

She had nothing other than if council has questions on the bills submitted for approval. There were no questions.

Committee Reports

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

Streets, Buildings & Codes – Dale Chairman, Bessie Co-Chair, Noah, member – He had asked the Solicitor to look at and reviewing our outdoor wood burner ordinance to see if any changes need to be made. The Solicitor said there are amendments to be made. The Solicitor said it deals with changing the setback requirements.

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

Light & Power Committee – John 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 – Melissa Chairwoman, Dale Co-Chair, Brianna, member – Nothing to report.

Acceptance of Officials’ Reports

Councilors Rehrig/Ebbert 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/Ebbert made the motions to go into executive session at 8:10.

Motion to go back into Public Session

Councilors Rehrig/Arner made the motions to go back into regular session at 9:02.

Action on Any Items Necessary as a Result of Executive Session

The Mayor discussed the parking ordinance pertaining to service type vans where the business has no off street parking for these vehicles. Some accommodations need to be given for these businesses and this was brought to our attention by Andreas Plumbing who falls under this ordinance and has no off street parking available.

President Hunsicker had Lonny give him specifications for Annex gym lighting. Both will be costly and subject to damage. Also, the ceiling may have to be taken down if no grounding exists above the ceiling. This won’t be known until the project starts.

President Hunsicker said he also asked Lonny to get prices for lighting the police station sign. You can’t see the lettering on the building at night.

Councilors Rehrig/Bauchspies made the motions to accept Richard Everett's letter of retirement and all were in favor. Council asked that a plaque or something be purchased for all his years of service.

Councilors Ebbert/Rehrig made the motions to approve 60 hours of Heart and Lung for Matt Bender and all were in favor.

Councilors Rehrig/Arner made the motions to pay Lonny 17.5 hours at the 2010 rate and he can carry over 40 hours into 2011 and all were in favor.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Councilors Rehrig/Arner made the motions to adjourn at 9:26 p.m. and all were in favor.

Brenda L. Koons  
Borough Secretary