

May 23, 2011

The Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Lehighon Borough Council was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, May 23, 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 and Scott Rehrig.

Officials in attendance were: Solicitor James Nanovic, Borough Engineer Bruce Steigerwalt, Officer-in-Charge Sgt. Joe Lawrence, Fire Chief Gary Frable, Secretary Brenda Koons, and Treasurer Nicole Beckett. Absent: Mayor Donald Rehrig

Pledge of Allegiance

Hearing of Person's Present

Mr. Rodney Snyder of 145 Millway was here to complain again.

Dale Traupman of LDIC read a letter from Todd Zimmerman regarding the "Civic Challenge" in the park and the \$1,500 raised toward fireworks for Bike Nite and that the tee shirts will be available for sale next week. The letter also asked permission to hold the firework event in the same place as last year at Baer Memorial Park at 9 p.m. when the Bike Nite event is over. Insurance for the fireworks will be provided by Zambelli's after LDIC signs the contract.

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

Approval of Minutes

Special Meeting of December 6, 2010

Regular Scheduled Meeting of December 20, 2010

Regular Scheduled Meeting of January 24, 2011

Special Meeting of February 23, 2011

Special Meeting of May 9, 2011

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

New Business

Motion to approve SS Peter & Paul School's annual block party August 5-7 and approval of their requests

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

Motion to approve Fire Police doing traffic control for the 2011 PA State Firefighters Parade & Convention in Lake Harmony on Saturday, September 24, 2011

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

Motion to approve the Canal Commission's request to sign agreement with the D&L Corridor for repair to the towpath damaged in the 2011 April flooding

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

Motion to release excess state aid in the amount of \$3,325 plus \$122.10 interest to the Auditor General

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

Motion to buy spare pump for Mahoning Street Pump Station at a cost of \$6,400

Councilors Rehrig/Arner made the motions to purchase and all were in favor.

Motion to allow Ragnar Relay Race to pass through the Borough via the bypass

There are a group of about 15 runners at a time with a car following them and another one ahead of them to pick them up. This is done all over the country and has been going on for many years. There is a large packet downstairs that President Hunsicker said was not necessary to copy. Council discussed this matter and decided to have Officer Lawrence get a copy of the packet to look over and the email address of the contact person to see if there would be any issues. If there are none found the race can go on. Councilors Rehrig/Traupman made the motions to allow and all were in favor.

Motion to place ad in the PA State Fireman's Convention Book for \$55

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

Motion to hire Tyler Svetik as part time laborer for public works department

Councilors Rehrig/Arner made the motions to hire for the months of June, July and August only and all were in favor.

Motion to proceed with formal application for USDA Community Facilities Loan Program for Fire Station Construction Project

Councilors Rehrig/Arner made the motions to proceed and all were in favor.

Motion to pay CCMA \$52,148.99 to replace rotoshears and channel monsters at the Raw Wastewater Pump Station

Councilors Rehrig/Arner made the motions to pay CCMA and all were in favor.

Motion to approve Lessee Resolution R-006-2011 authorizing the execution and delivery of the 2011 International Hook Lift/Construction Dump Truck

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

Motion to award Stedman Avenue Reconstruction Project and the 8th Street/Eastside Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation Project to?

The Borough Engineer said this would go to Doli Construction Corporation in the amount of \$317,452. This information was not prepared in time for the packets to go out.

Councilor Rehrig/Traupman made the motions to award and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

The Stedman reconstruction and the 8th Street milling and overlay would go to Livengood Excavators in the amount of \$143,625.96.

Councilors Rehrig/Traupman made the motions to award and all were in favor.

Motion to award Road Materials Contract

Lehigh Asphalt would get the 9.5mm for pick up/delevery at a cost of \$644.36 and 25mm for pick up/delivery at a cost of \$561.86. Hanson Aggregates would get the cold patch for pick up/delivery at a cost of \$886.97.

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

Motion to approve the change to the bid specs prepared by the Borough Engineer

This change is to include 2 handicapped ramps in the project.

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

Motion to advertise for Police Chief

This advertisement would be an in house posting.

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

Discussion and action on Liability/Workers Compensation Insurance

Council felt the finance committee and Nicole should decide who the best is.

Councilors Rehrig/Ebbert made the motions to go with the committee/Nicole's decision and all were in favor.

Unfinished Business

None

Official's Reports

Borough Engineer

Bruce said the bids we received were excellent with 4 on the sewer and 6 on the street. He is still waiting for the Highway Occupancy Permit from PennDOT and a signed license agreement to bore under Mahoning Street. It has been submitted to the school district for signature.

The curbing work was to start today on Stedman by the contractor who was hired by most of the residents. Due to the weather that was not possible but hopefully it will start soon. After that we will hold off on the street work until the sewer contractor gets Stedman out of the way. Then the other contractor can move in there and reconstruct the street. We will

get the contracts together and the documentation and all the shop drawings from the successful bidder on the sewer work and get that started.

President Hunsicker asked about the bridge out at Baer Memorial. Bruce has talked to John Davis a little bit and must contact the bridge department of PennDOT to determine it is maintenance or construction. Bruce hasn't had time to do that yet. He has to draft a letter to see who they wish to handle it so he can get the documents together to put it out for bid if necessary.

Bruce is also working with Lonny on doing some mapping he needs and they are working on his drainage problem as well.

Officer in Charge

A. Motion to hire Gabriel Szozda as part time officer (to include training hours)

B. Motion to hire Joel Gulla as part time patrol officer (to include training hours)

Officer Lawrence said two part time officers resigned how were not able to give the department very many hours because of their full time jobs. They have interviewed a few applicants and came up with Gabriel Szozda and Joel Gulla. Both are excellent officer and will compliment them nicely. They have already started training them before the vacation rush kicks in so this would be an official request to put them on.

Councilors Rehrig/Ebbert made the motions to hire the two as part timers and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

The 2011 Crown Vic should be here in the next few weeks. He was requesting to get a used VASCAR unit to get some speed timing in that vehicle. He called David Heiser and they have 4 refurbished ones at a cost of \$400 a unit. \$250 for the unit, \$150 for the module and \$110 for installation and \$510 would be the total cost. They are not getting the cars marked where we are buying them at as originally planned. They will be done as a donation from Tyrone Blocker. He will do both cars and save the department \$800. Hopefully one should be marked this week.

Councilor Rehrig asked how many units they have now and was told 3.

Councilors Rehrig/Bauchspies made the motions to buy the used VASCAR unit and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Things are progressing nicely with the station and they should be moved in the first week of June.

The overtime slips are due to the fact that they were down officers. One full time officer is deployed and one part time officer has been deployed to Africa for two months and another officer on medical leave for 21/2 weeks. Then there were the overdose deaths that required intensive investigations and added to the overtime.

The Buckle Up program will be starting up again today. They received a \$1,000 grant for seatbelt safety and aggressive driving on the roadway. They will be using that from now until the beginning of June and start setting up traffic enforcement zones with unmarked cars with VASCAR units

in them. They will be running speed and giving other violations to our chase cars within a particular targeted roadway. They will be mobile so they will move roadway to roadway. He is working on a speed display sign for different roads. There is a 2-week time span where we would be able to use it. It was the property of the state and they turned it over to West Penn Township. It's housed there. They are waiting for the agreement to be signed. So you will be able to see how fast you are going.

Mayor

Absent

Fire Chief

Gary asked for permission to use the upstairs here for the Strategic Planning Meeting on June 25, 2011 and council is invited. They can use it they just need to tell Kim to open doors.

President of Council

He read a letter from the Wildlands Conservancy request for sending a letter of support.

Councilors Traupman/Rehrig made the motions to send a letter of support and all were in favor.

Solicitor

Nothing

Treasurer

A resolution will need to be done for the Debit/Credit card program in June to move forward with it but we will be starting small.

Our audit will be coming up the first two weeks in June and we have received our first CDBG allocation.

Committee Reports

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

Streets, Buildings & Codes – Dale Chairman, Bessie Co-Chair – Nothing to report.

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 -- 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/Ebbert made the motions to approve the accounts payable and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

President Hunsicker wanted to appoint two people to negotiate with all of AFSCME and he would like Councilors Arner/Bird to do it. They both agreed.

Adjournment

Motion to go in to Executive Session for Personnel Reasons

Councilors Rehrig/Arner made the motions to go into executive session at 8:27.

Motion to go back into Public Session

Councilors Ebbert/Traupman made the motions to go back into regular session at 8:37.

Action on Any Items Necessary as a Result of Executive Session

Councilors Ebbert/Rehrig made the motions to ask Megan and Randy first if they say no then to advertise for a janitor at the police station for 10 hours a week and all were in favor.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Councilors Rehrig/Bauchspies made the motions to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. and all were in favor.

Brenda L. Koons
Borough Secretary