

January 16, 2019

The Business Meeting of Lansdale Borough Council was held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 in the Council Chambers, 1 Vine Street, Lansdale, PA and called to order at 7:09 pm by Council President, Denton Burnell.

ROLL CALL:

- (X) Councilman Angelichio
- (X) President Burnell
- (X) Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton
- (X) Councilman DiGregorio
- (X) Vice President Fuller
- (X) Councilman Hansen
- (X) Councilman Henning
- (X) Councilman Work
- (X) Mayor Herbert

Borough Representatives:

Borough Manager, John Ernst
Finance Dir, John Ramey
Police Chief, Mike Trail
Parks & Rec. Director, not present
Electric Superintendent, Andy Krauss
Public Works, Rick Delong
WWTP Superintendent, Dan Shinskie

Borough Solicitor, Sean Kilkenny
Borough Engineer, Chris Fazio
Library Director, Tom Meyer
IT/GIS Coordinator, Bryan Poster
Cust. Svc Mgr., Pat Chapman
HR Director, Nancy Shaw
Code Enforcement, Chris Kunkel

Residents:

Agenda Item #5 – President’s Comments

None

Agenda Item #6 – Presentations

Business of the Month – The Oasis Mediterranean Cuisine by Rege McKenzie

- The Oasis is a family restaurant located at 821 W. Main Street operated by Wadia and Micheline Habib.
- They specialize in Mediterranean and Middle Eastern delicacies. They have been at their location since 1985.
- They are open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, closed on Sundays. They are cash only.
- The restaurant is a warm and inviting place which was a single-family home that was converted into a restaurant so it is like going to a friend’s place for dinner.
- Their menu contains authentic Mediterranean dishes such as grape leaves, hummus and Babagannouge.
- They also sell traditional pastries to have with your meal or to take home.

Police Department Recognition – presented by Chief Mike Trail

1. Certificates for Educational Achievements:
 - Detective Nick Oropeza – Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Summa cum Laude from Chestnut Hill College.
 - Lieutenant Ryan Develin and Police Support Services Director, Christine Schreiner – Completion of the FBI’s LEEDA Training Program.

- Officer Daniel Gallagher – Completion of the Pennsylvania State Police Motor Carrier Enforcement School.
2. Iron Officer Award – officers that never called out sick.
 - 2017 – Lt. Ryan Devlin, Det. Joel Greco and Ofc. Scott Keeler
 - 2018 – Ofc. John Albany, Det. Joel Greco, Ofc. Scott Keeler, Ofc. Rich Kruppenbach, Ofc. Jeff Mallozzi and Det. Chad Bruckner
 3. Citations of Merit (Unit Citations)
 - Successful apprehension of a burglar – Ofc. Daniel Gallagher, Ofc. Matthew Erbele, Det. Joe Gary, Det. Joel Greco and Det. Nick Oropeza.
 - Successful apprehension of an armed subject – Ofc. Liam Pystkaty, Ofc. Drew Freed and Det. Nick Oropeza
 - Rescue of Bonnie the cat – Ofc. Steve Owens, Ofc. Corey Pfister and Ofc. Matthew Erbele.
 4. Citations of Merit (Individual Citations)
 - Apprehension of an armed drug dealer – Ofc. Amanda North
 - Management of the LPD integration of the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety's Unified Record Management System – Police Support Services Director, Christine Schreiner
 - Apprehension and conviction of three child predators – Det. Joel Greco
 - Detection of a prison suffering from a medical emergency that ultimately saved their life – Police Support Services – Ashlee Perry
 5. 2018 Officer of the Year – Ofc. Richard Kruppenbach. Officer of the year is voted on by peers in the police department.

Candidate Statements (all speeches can be seen in full on the website or the Borough's TV channel)

1. **BJ Breish** – He has lived in Lansdale since 2002 and in Ward 1 the past 5 years. Your vote tonight is about what is best for the community. I strongly encourage you to nominate and vote for the best person for our community. If that person happens to be me, I am fully confident I can leverage my strengths and abilities to fulfill that role. I am passionate about Lansdale and the greater community. I am a professional servant leader who always leads on the foundation of integrity. I have the ability to recognize my own strengths and weaknesses. He had served for over 10 years as a volunteer fire fighter at Fairmount Fire Company. More recently he has attended and participated as a citizen in many of the council meetings and started the Friends of the Park group. He was named to the Economic Development Committee back in September of 2018. He works for Habitat for Humanity in Bucks County. He is most passionate about providing support for emergency services in our community, protecting the environment in our parks, embracing and raising awareness of the diversity in our town, fostering economic growth in Lansdale and supporting non-profit groups.
2. **Lauren Farmer** – She has lived in Lansdale for 10 years and has seen many positive changes over those ten years. She brings to Council a deep understanding that the growth of the town means we face long term strategic choices that need to be made now. The choices made in the next few years will lay a foundation whether Lansdale's further growth will benefit the community as a whole or whether it will further the growth for just a few people and companies at the expense of many. She wants to be on Council to help secure new revenue streams and manage the existing revenue we have responsibly. Wants to help the less fortunate be a part of the growth and not left behind. She wants to work with all of Council to promote growth within the community.
3. **Tom York** – Lansdale is a special place to him as it is the first place he has truly felt like home. He spent most of his childhood moving and living in Lansdale has made him feel a part of a community. Sees sitting on Council as a unique opportunity to give back to the community that has made him feel so at home. He hopes to contribute new

thoughts, ideas and solutions at a level where they have the most impact. He is a Director of Operations at an IT company. He believes in the power of quality and the importance of service excellence. He believes in transparency and open communication. He hopes to bring a level head and open mind to Council. He believes in the decisions, measures and ordinances that come from Council that should clearly demonstrate a positive impact on residents now and in the future. Lansdale already takes several steps to keep the residents in the know and it is time to bridge the generational gap with further embracing technology when it comes to communicating with residents and delivering targeted services to those who need it. He is encouraged with the way Council has forged the path on diversity in our community and protecting our resident's rights. We all bring a different skill set to the table, but we are all genuine in our passion for Lansdale.

Agenda Item #7 – Petitions

None

Agenda Item #8 – Residents to be heard on any item

None

Agenda Item #9 – Action Items

Councilman Angelichio presented Motion A and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of December, which shows the expenditures listed on the attachment.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Councilman Angelichio presented Motion B and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve the bills \$1,000.00 and over as per the attachment.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.

Councilman Angelichio presented Motion C and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve the following meeting minutes:

Work Session: December 5, 2018

Business Meeting: December 19, 2018

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Councilman Hansen presented Motion D and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the Borough Solicitor to advertise a Conditional Use Hearing for the property located at 301 N. Broad Street, said hearing to be held on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers in the municipal complex located at 1 Vine Street, Lansdale.

Mr. Ernst – This accidentally didn't make it on the committee agenda earlier this month. This application is coming for conditional use before Council to change the use of the building from offices back to a church.

Motion seconded by Councilman DiGregorio and unanimously approved.

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Councilman Hansen presented Motion E and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt the attached Ordinance 1922 amending Chapter 329 of the borough code to allow for a maximum 20-foot driveway apron at the cartway for lots that are at least 70-feet in width.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Vice President Fuller presented Motion F and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to schedule Memorial Park's Weaver Field for the 2019 Spring/Summer/Fall Baseball Season.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.

Councilman Work presented Motion G and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve the 8th Annual Pennsylvania Hometown Hero Walk on Saturday, May 11, 2019 beginning at 10:00am per the recommendation of the Special Events Committee and the Public Safety Committee. The walk will begin and end at Trinity Lutheran Church located at 1000 W. Main Street. Walkers are permitted to be on sidewalks on East and West Main Street with the turn around at Line Street.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Councilman Work presented Motion H and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt the attached Ordinance 1923 amending the borough code to add an additional handicapped parking zone at S. Towamencin Avenue adjacent to 435 Perkiomen Avenue.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.

Councilman Work presented Motion I and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize free parking at the on street meters after 4:00pm from February 4 through February 10, 2019 for Restaurant Week. Regular metered parking hours to resume February 11, 2019.

President Burnell – This action also came out of the most recent Parking Authority meeting for the parking lots. They need our approval for the street parking.

Chief Trail – It would be free parking in the Parking Authority owned lots as well as on street metered parking.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller an unanimously approved.

Councilman Angelichio presented Motion J and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$8,780.00 (addition) for the 2017 CDBG E. Third Street Improvement Project - Phase I per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick, engineering consultants for this project.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.

Councilman Angelichio presented Motion K and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize Payment #1 in the amount of \$721,701.40 to SJM Construction Co. for work completed on the Liquid Fuels W. Third Street Rehabilitation per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick, engineering consultants for this project.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Councilman Angelichio presented Motion L and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve Change Order #2 reflecting the balancing of contract item quantities for the Liquid Fuels Whites Road Rehabilitation per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick, engineering consultants for this project.

Chris Fazio – It is a net zero at the end of the contract, so we cancel out the contract. That is all that it is.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Councilman Angelichio presented Motion M and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize Payment #2 in the amount of \$182,346.20 to Marino Corporation for work completed on the Liquid Fuels Whites Road Rehabilitation per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick Engineers, engineering consultants for this project.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.

Councilman Angelichio presented Motion N and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize Payment #2 in the amount of \$10,748.05 to Marino Corporation for work completed on the Liquid Fuels Microsurfacing Program per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick Engineers, engineering consultants for this project.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Councilman Angelichio presented Motion O and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize Payment #3 in the amount of \$46,091.69 to Marino Corporation for work completed on the Liquid Fuels Microsurfacing Program per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick Engineers, engineering consultants for this project.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.

President Burnell opened the floor for nominations for the open seat on Council.

Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton nominated BJ Breish.

Councilman Work nominated Thomas York.

Councilman Hansen – We can't make a bad choice with the three people who are here and want to be on Council.

Vice President Fuller nominated Lauren Farmer.

Roll Call Vote for BJ Breish:

Mary Fuller – yes
Bill Henning – yes
Rich DiGregorio – no
Jack Hansen – no
Tom Work – no
Leon Angelichio – no
Denton Burnell – yes
Carrie Hawkins Charlton – yes

To break the tie Mayor Herbert – yes

Councilman Angelichio presented Motion P and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council appoint William Breish to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of Borough Councilperson for Ward I pursuant to Resolution 19-01.

Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.

Item #10 – Information Items

Mayor's Report: Mayor Herbert

1. Swore in new police officer, Hazel Bundy, on December 22, 2018.
2. Met with each candidate who was interested in the Council seat over the last few weeks.
3. Last week traveled to CES where he witnessed a glimpse of the future regarding 5G which will bring a fundamental shift to every community in this country.
4. The Borough will be partnering with Waze mobile app to alert the community quicker on road closures and accidents.

Solicitor's Report: Sean Kilkenny

1. Worked on a food truck ordinance with the Code Department. A draft will be available in February for review.
2. Continuing to work on the adoption of the 2015 International Fire code ordinance.
3. Drafted the ordinance regarding the driveway apron that Council approved tonight.
4. Working with Mr. Ernst on an agreement regarding the field usage at Schweiker Park for softball.
5. Drafted the ordinance regarding handicap parking for this evening.
6. Assisting with zoning matters and the upcoming conditional use hearing.

Borough Manager's Report: John Ernst

1. Once again, we have received the GFOA CAFR Award for financial reporting for fiscal year 2017.
2. At the February 20 meeting we will be recognizing Representative Bob Godshall for his work with the Borough.
3. Received rebate funding from DEP for approximately \$43,000 for the purchase of 5 charging stations for electric vehicles.
4. Will be interviewing 8 candidates for the Parks & Rec. Director position in the next few weeks.
5. Borough offices will be opening at 9:00am on January 29 for a borough wide staff meeting.

President Burnell – where will the charging stations go?

Mr. Ernst – The station locations include Borough Hall, Borough Utilities Complex on Ninth Street, Vine Street Parking Lot, Susquehanna Parking Lot and along Madison Street.

Comments for the good of Council:

Mr. Hansen – with the impending storm coming in remember your neighbors. As the snow plows come down your road and your driveway apron gets covered you are responsible for cleaning your apron, not Public Works.

Vice President Fuller – Thank you all the candidates for Ward 1. We couldn't have made a bad choice. Lansdale's first restaurant week is coming soon. Check out those deals starting February 4.

Agenda Item #11 – Old Business

None

Agenda Item #12 New Business

None

President Burnell - Council met in Executive Session earlier this evening regarding two personnel matters and potential litigation; no action this evening.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.