

June 20, 2024

The Business Meeting of Lansdale Borough Council was held on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at Lansdale Municipal Complex, One Vine Street, Lansdale, PA and called to order at 7:00 pm by President, Mary Fuller.

ROLL CALL:

- (X) Councilwoman Bollens – arrived 7:02pm
- (X) Councilman Breish
- (X) Councilman Carroll
- ( ) Councilman DiGregorio – Family matter
- (X) President Fuller
- (X) Councilwoman Oglesby
- (X) Councilwoman Razzak
- (X) Vice President Currie Teoh
- (X) Councilman Yetter
- (X) Mayor Garry Herbert

Borough Representatives:

Borough Manager, not present  
Finance Director, Jim Lathrop  
Police Chief, not present  
Parks & Rec. Dir., Courtney Meehan  
Electric Superintendent, Andy Krauss  
Public Works Director, Troy Spayd

Borough Solicitor, Patrick Hitchens  
Borough Engineer, Chris Fazio  
Fire Marshal, Rick Lesniak  
IT/GIS Dept., Darwin Zehr  
Code Enforcement, Jason Van Dame  
WWTP Superintendent, Greg Rapp

Residents:

None

Agenda Item #5 – President’s Comments

None

Agenda Item #6 - Petitions

None

Agenda Item #7 – Residents to be Heard on Any Item

None

Agenda Item #8 – Action Items

**Councilwoman Oglesby** presented Motion A and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2024 which shows the expenditures listed on the attachment.

*Motion seconded by Councilman Breish and unanimously approved.*

**Councilwoman Oglesby** 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 Razzak and unanimously approved.*

**Councilwoman Oglesby** presented Motion C and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve the following meeting minutes:

Work Session Meeting: May 1, 2024

Business Meeting: May 15, 2024

*Motion seconded by Councilman Breish and unanimously approved.*

**Councilwoman Razzak** presented Motion D and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Resolution 24-14 granting preliminary and final land development approval to Select Properties, Inc. for an un-lotted development consisting of five townhomes at 215 S. Broad Street.

**Councilwoman Oglesby** – Is the house that is there staying?

**Mr. Van Dame** – No, it will be removed.

*Motion seconded by Councilman Carroll and unanimously approved.*

**Councilwoman Razzak** presented Motion E and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt Resolution 24-15 to appoint a Borough Representative and Director to the Pennsylvania Municipal Power Agency Board of Directors per the Agency Agreement dated August 1, 2008.

*Motion seconded by Councilman Carroll and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Carroll** presented Motion F and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve Payment #3 (Final) in the amount of \$34,037.00 to Armour & Sons Electric Inc., for work completed on the Lansdale Traffic Signal Upgrades. This project is partially funded through the PennDOT Green Light Go Grant.

*Motion seconded by Vice President Currie Teoh and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Carroll** presented Motion G and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the Borough Manager to purchase a 2025 ALTEC AT37G Utility Truck through the Pennsylvania Costars Purchasing Program for the Electric Department in the amount of \$166,414.00. This purchase is on the Capital Improvement Plan and will be funded through Capital Reserves.

*Motion seconded by Councilwoman Oglesby and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Carroll** presented Motion H and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the Borough Manager to execute the Pole Attachment License Agreement between the Borough of Lansdale and Greenlight Networks PA, LLC.

*Motion seconded by Councilwoman Oglesby and unanimously approved.*

**Councilwoman Bollens** presented Motion I and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council accept the proposal from Aquatic Facility Design, Inc. for engineering and design services for the White's Road Pool upgrades not to exceed \$270,000.

*Motion seconded by Councilman Carroll and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Breish** presented Motion J and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the Borough Manager to accept the Consulting and Design Services Proposal from Dutchland LLC in the amount of \$52,430.00 for the Franklin Street Pump Station Replacement Design.

*Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bollens and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Breish** presented Motion K and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve Change Order #3 for the East Main Street Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick Engineers, This change order reflects the extension of the contract by 246 days to accommodate liner repairs to seal abandoned connections with a final completion date of February 24, 2024 for all authorized work.

**President Fuller** – Why is this back dated?

**Mr. Van Dame** – We had to get an agreement with the contractor who worked on the project first.

*Motion seconded by Councilwoman Oglesby and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Breish** presented Motion L and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the Borough Manager to enter into the Maintenance Agreement with Wexcon, Inc. to establish a maintenance account to pay for the cleaning and maintenance of the sanitary sewer main on East Main Street due to repair work in the amount of \$5,000.00.

*Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bollens and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Breish** presented Motion M and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve Payment #5 (Final) in the amount of \$62,808.18 to Wexcon, Inc., for work completed on the East Main Street Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick Engineers.

*Motion seconded by Councilwoman Oglesby and unanimously approved.*

**Councilwoman Oglesby** presented Motion N and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council appoint John Siegler to the Civil Service Commission as an alternate, to fill the unexpired term of Rafia Razzak effective immediately. This term expires June 30, 2026.

*Motion seconded by Vice President Currie Teoh and unanimously approved.*

**Councilwoman Oglesby** presented Motion O and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council appoint Rob Panico to the Economic Development Committee to fill the unexpired term of Mark Ladley effective immediately. This term expires February 28, 2025.

*Motion seconded by Councilman Carroll and unanimously approved.*

**Councilwoman Oglesby** presented Motion P and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council appoint Mary McKernan-Gryzmala to the Human Relations Commission to fill the unexpired term of Hannah Vargo effective immediately. This term expires February 28, 2026.

*Motion seconded by Councilwoman Razzak and unanimously approved.*

**Councilwoman Oglesby** presented Motion Q and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council appoint Peter Derstine to the Police Pension Board of Trustees effective immediately. This term expires June 30, 2027.

*Motion seconded by Vice President Currie Teoh and unanimously approved.*

#### Agenda Item #9 – Information Items

##### **Mayor's Report: Mayor Herbert**

1. On May 27th, I joined many in our community to honor Memorial Day and to remember the lives of those who have sacrificed so much for our nation. As I said in my speech, "in their honor, let us commit to being engaged citizens, compassionate community members, and relentless defenders of freedom and justice. Through these efforts, we ensure that the sacrifices of the fallen are never in vain, and that their legacy endures in the fabric of our nation." As always, I would like to thank all of our veterans organizations for their hard work in pulling together both the parade and the ceremony in Memorial Park. Their dedication and passion is critical to the success of the event and I deeply value their commitment to our community and our veteran community.
2. On May 31st, I helped cut the ribbon at the grand opening of Moxie Haven Studio located at 415 Main St. the studio specializes in massages of all kinds alongside custom tattoo work when requested. As a location of intended relaxation, the Moxie Haven team have curated a beautifully calming studio that you could just drift away in. As always, we wish them the very best and thank them for their investment in our community.
3. On June 1st, I attended Lansdale Day alongside many in our community. It was a beautiful day to celebrate both our borough and all the fantastic vendors that call our community home. Thanks goes out to The North Penn Rotary for all their hard work organizing the event each year and all the volunteer work they do throughout the year.
4. On June 7th, I attended the Toll the Bells Event at Trinity Lutheran Church where we remembered the lives of those who have been lost to gun violence in the last year and prayed for continued legislative progress on the issue of gun violence. As always, I

appreciate all that Trinity Church does for our community and thank Rev. Fritz Fowler for his continued partnership.

5. On June 9th, I attended the annual Pride Walk down Main Street. As I said in my speech, it is an honor to have such a diverse community. Pride month is a profound celebration of personal freedom. It is a time when individuals are encouraged to express their true selves without fear of judgment or persecution. Pride serves as a powerful reminder that freedom includes the right to love who we love and to be as we truly are.
6. On June 15th I attended Fairmount Fire Company's annual car show where I chose a '41 Buick Special for the 2024 Mayor's Choice award. As always, I appreciate all the hard work the Fire Company puts into the car show every year. It was a fabulous night for the event and it is an honor to have such great turnout year after year

#### **Solicitor's Report: Patrick Hitchens**

1. Communications with Borough staff and related follow-up work regarding land development (874/ 901 Moyers). – Approximately 1.9 hours.
2. Communications with Borough staff and follow-up work relating to ordinance, code enforcement, and zoning matters. - Approximately 1.6 hours.
3. Communications with Borough staff and related follow-up work regarding records requests and right-to-know matters. – Approximately 1.8 hours.
4. Communications with Borough staff and related follow-up work regarding miscellaneous Borough matters including compliance, contract review, and Borough real estate matters. – Approximately 7.0 hours.

#### **Borough Manager's Report: Jason Van Dame for John Ernst**

1. Unfortunately, we have to say goodbye to Shira Pilarski and I want to thank her for the time she spent with us as Library Director. During her short tenure, Shira was instrumental in helping to organize the newly formed Library Board, revise and implement a new library policy manual, oversee the new library logo contest, evaluate staffing needs, and apply for a potential \$1.5M grant for library upgrades. I'd like to wish her and her husband the best as they embark on new careers at the University of North Carolina.
2. As one Director steps aside, I'm thrilled to welcome another strong and proven leader onto the Team. I'm pleased to announce that on Monday, Mindy Lipsky started as the new Director of Lansdale Public Library. Mindy joins us after spending six years with the Pottstown Regional Public Library, the last two of which she was Executive Director. She has a degree in Psychology along with a Master's Degree in library science. Her background in management and community service will serve her well in such a diverse community as Lansdale. We look forward to working with her in her new role.
3. Lastly, I'm pleased to introduce our new finance director, Jim Lathrop. A former CPA, Jim joins us from his recent role as CFO for the City of Chester and prior to that, he served as Finance Director and Town Manager in a few communities in Rhode Island and Connecticut. Jim joins the team at a critical time of the year as we begin discussions about the 2025 budget and long-term Capital investing. We look forward to working with Jim and allowing him to share his wealth of financial knowledge with staff, the elected officials and the public.

#### **Comments for the good of Council:**

**President Fuller** – There is still time to get your candidates name in for the Lifetime Achievement Award. This person would have had/has an impact on Borough residents lives for 25 years or more.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

*Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.*