

February 4, 2026

The Work Session of Lansdale Borough Council was held on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at Lansdale Municipal Complex, One Vine Street, Lansdale, PA and called to order at 8:44pm by President Meg Currie Teoh.

ROLL CALL:

- ( ) Councilman Breish – family obligation
- (X) Councilman Carroll
- (X) Councilman DiGregorio
- (X) Councilwoman Fuller
- (X) Councilman Herbert
- ( ) Councilwoman Oglesby - sick
- (X) Vice President Razzak
- (X) President Currie Teoh
- (X) Councilman Yetter
- (X) Mayor Rachael Bollens

Borough Representatives:

Borough Manager, John Ernst  
Finance Director, Chris Shannon  
Police Chief, Ryan Devlin  
Parks & Rec., Courtney Fox  
Electric Dept., Joe Green  
Public Works, Jason Van Dame

Borough Solicitor, not present  
Borough Engineer, not present  
Library Director, Mindy Lipsky  
IT Dept., Darwin Zehr  
Code Enf./Fire Marshal, Rick Lesniak  
WWTP Superintendent, Greg Rapp

Residents

Allen Fuller – 158 E. Second St.  
Rachael Gill – 109 N. Towamencin Ave.  
Dominic Frascella – 321 Green St.

Agenda Item #6 – Committee Reports

**Administration and Finance Committee – Councilman Herbert**

**Councilman Herbert** presented Motion A and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve the check warrant for February 4, 2026, as per the attachment.

*Motion seconded by Councilwoman Razzak and unanimously approved.*

1. Reviewed the financial reports as of 12/31/2025 for year over year revenues and expenses. In 2026 there are no ARPA funds and there was less real estate tax income. Residential income will increase since taxes were raised for 2026.
2. The 2024 audit is currently being worked on by the auditors and we hope to have it closed out the end of February.

3. Discussed how we follow GFOA standards regarding the operating fund and what we should have in our coffers in case of an emergency. We currently have 4.5 months worth of operating expenses available which is higher than recommended.
4. Staff is working on purchasing a Fidelity Bond which is required for Liquid Fuels and other grants which we may apply.
5. Motions to appear before Council at the next business meeting:
  - Motion to approve the bid award for a 3-year Turf Maintenance Contract
  - Motion to approve the annual FX Browne/Bogia Engineering recycling contract.
  - Resolution for the Montco 2040 grant as a pass through for Discover Lansdale re: Freight House project.
6. A request was made to put the budget online for the public to review.
7. A request by a resident was made to redistrict Ward 1-1 and 1-3.
 

**Councilwoman Fuller** – The Turf Maintenance bid includes the Freight House and who else?

**Mr. Ernst** – The cemetery was added and the WWTP was taken out as well as some parks due to the lawn to meadow program.

**Councilwoman Fuller** – She asked for a retraction of what Garry said about the borough squandering money.

**Councilman Herbert** – We did spend \$13.7 million from reserves.

**Councilwoman Fuller** – We did not squander funds and she wants to make that clear that we did not do that.

**Councilman Herbert** – It was more about pulling from the funds from reserves and he did not convey the message properly and he realizes that.

**Vice President Razzak** – This is good conversations we are having to clarify what was said. Can someone tell me about the redistricting comment?

**Councilman Herbert** – In Wards 1-3 and 3-1 have lower volume of voters and some residents want us to reconsider those lines.

**Vice President Razzak** – She is in Ward 3-1 and where we vote now is convenient for her and her neighbors.

**Councilman Herbert** – John did reach out to the County in the past about this and they don't want to make the changes but the borough can do it at a cost. Council has to decide if they want to incur that cost.

#### **Code Enforcement Committee – Councilwoman Razzak**

1. Motions to appear before Council at the next business meeting:
  - Transit Oriented Development (TOD) text amendment for 1180 Church Road development by WB Homes. They would like to build 74 single family homes (townhouses) on 6 acres of land. A public hearing will be required.
2. A member of the EAC was at the meeting to discuss reducing single use plastic bags in the borough. They are looking for feedback from residents with a survey on the borough's website.
3. In the month of January 55 permits were submitted. Once again plumbing being the highest amount submitted.
4. In public comments there were complaints about people not shoveling their sidewalks after the snow storm. The borough only has 2 staff members to follow up on all the complaints plus they have their day to day tasks to do as well. Please be patient.
5. Staff is updating the schedule of fees and charges and we will have a complete list soon.
 

**Councilwoman Fuller** – Where is the WB Homes project at?

**Vice President Razzak** – 1180 Church Road near the Homewood Suites.

**Chris Canavan** – It is the parking lot next to Dill Dinkers.

**Mr. Lesniak** – We also heard about a ZHB application for a variable message sign at St. Stan's Church to replace their current sign. February 17 is the hearing for that request.

**Vice President Razzak** – We will not be sending our solicitor and we can appeal the verdict if we don't want the sign.

**Councilman Carroll** – Are there any areas in the borough zoned for those kind of signs?

**Mr. Lesniak** – The industrial zone.

#### **Economic Development Committee – Councilman Yetter**

1. The committee reorganized at their first meeting and Councilman Yetter is now the Chair and Doug Bellenger is the Vice Chair.
2. They are focusing their efforts on small items that we can achieve such as digital signs for events, welcome packets for new businesses, hiring a Main Street Manager (position has been posted), having more of a social media presence, and revitalize the Business of the Month program.
3. The Lansdale Business Alliance would like to have greater communication with the EDC and do more collaboration with Discover Lansdale.
4. They would like to expand the business wayfinding signage expand further than just the W. Main Street businesses. Since we will not use money in the first quarter for the Main Street Manager so we could fund that.
5. The small group committees will hold public meetings after the EDC meetings in other rooms in Borough Hall.

#### **Electric Committee – Councilman Carroll**

1. There will be final testing for the end phase of the Relay Replacement Project.
2. The EAC Ready for 100 DEP Penn State LCAP services o assist the EAC and the electric department on this.
3. Department operations - Tree trimming near the Silk Factory has been done. Assisting with the Rex Heat Treat solar tie-in; new 34 KVA for the 5<sup>th</sup> St. ballpark; near the end of replacing electric meters. There is a meeting at the Irby Warehouse to go over the material to be added to the Storm Trailer for PMEA. Final touches are being added to the Call Center.
4. PPCA was added to electric bills. This number will change every month to be positive or negative. It is the difference between what we bought in power and what we sold in kWh among other factors. The purpose is to make the borough whole. It was built into the 15% increase. The first half of the year will be credit, and the second will be debt. The PPCA this month is -\$0.01653 per kWh.

#### **Parks and Recreation Committee – Councilwoman Fuller**

1. Motions to appear before Council at the next business meeting:
  - Prepare and advertise bid specifications for the Liberty Bell Trail Phase 3 Moyers Road to Wedgewood Park.
  - Resolution for a DCNR grant application for \$250,000 for the York & Susquehanna Avenue playground project.
  - A proposal for the engineering for the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Pool project not to exceed \$240,000.
2. Whites Road Pool is still on target to be completed by Memorial Day.
3. The Montgomery Cnty Jazz Festival will be hosted at Whites Road Park sponsored through Valley Forge Tourism Bureau on September 15.

4. Lansdale Catholic High School art students will paint a mural on the Whites Road pool building wall at no cost to us. Staff will be reviewing and approving the design.
5. Sam Brumagin has completed year one of NRPA Event Management School and Seth Thomas has completed both years.
6. The Wedgewood Park Traffic Garden was selected for an Excellence in Park & Recreation Award by the Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society.

#### **Public Safety Committee – Councilwoman Fuller**

1. Motions to appear before Council at the next business meeting:
  - Renewal of the Merakey agreement for the co-responder.
  - Prepare and advertise handicapped parking for 413 Delaware Ave and 426 Pierce St.
  - Special Events for the 2026 season – Founders Day, Lansdale Day, First Fridays, Manna 5K, Beerfest, Mardi Gras Parade, etc.
  - Motion to approve free parking for Restaurant Week, February 23 through March 1.
  - Certify the Civil Service list to hire new police officer(s) to replace retiring officers.
2. Fire Marshall and FFCO report - Over 102,000 square feet inspected in the month of January for Commercial properties; 6 smoke detectors installed within homes; Fire Drills at Knapp Elementary, Penndale and Elm Terrace Gardens; Hosted a tabletop exercise at Saint Mary's in December.
3. There was a bit of public comment regarding traffic calming measures in the West Ward after an accident injured a child. The committee will start the conversation with the residents and get measures in place as quickly as they can.

**Councilman DiGregorio** – Could there be more patrols near the schools during school hours.

**Chief Devlin** – We are already doing those patrols and we will continue to do so.

**Councilwoman Fuller** – We will not just have our focus on the West Ward, we will be looking at the entire borough.

**Mayor Bollens** – We will have a task force with a small group of Council to work on this with the residents.

#### **Public Works & WWTP Committee – Councilman DiGregorio**

1. Motions to appear before Council at the next business meeting:
  - Resolution signifying that April is PA 811 Safe Digging month.
  - Proposal from RVE for the design of the 2026 Microsurfacing program.
  - Proposal from RVE for design the for the W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St and Edgemont Ave concrete and paving project.
2. Public comment – A resident suggested that the messages that police go around town stating to move cars off the snow alert side of the street could be pre-recorded in various languages so all residents can understand the message. There was also a lot of thank you's to the Public Works staff for how well the roads were plowed during and after the past two storms.
3. Road Degradation Ordinance – It is under review for conflicts with existing Borough Standards. The next steps will include a legal review. Updates will be given each month until it is ready for adoption.
4. WTP/Stormwater Update – Eleven blowers have been installed and six are up and running. Construction has slowed due to the weather. They are transitioning to the new control cabinet and updating the SCADA System. The Neshaminy Creek Streambank Restoration Project will be taking place behind WWTP facility. Operation costs are down

due to all the upgrades that have been made at the WWTP over the last few years. DEP did three inspections in late 2025 and found no violations.

**Councilman Carroll** – Do we have plans for before, during and after snowstorms? Is the plan final or are there adjustments made to the plan?

**Mr. Van Dame** – Yes we have a plan and plans can/will be adjusted during the storm because anything can happen during a storm.

**Councilman Carroll** – How do people reach out after the storm is over if they have an issue or question?

**Mr. Van Dame** – We prefer email. We had two storms on back to back weekends. Crews are still moving snow two weeks later.

**Mr. Ernst** – The Management Team gets together before a storm to come up with a game plan.

**Mr. Van Dame** – All of the departments put in a lot of extra time during these storms. We need residents to help us by moving their vehicles and after the storm clearing sidewalks and corner ramps, etc. as residents are responsible for those areas.

**Councilwoman Fuller** – The last event was really difficult with all the freezing rain that came after the snow and the below 0 temperatures. These storms were not easy to deal with.

#### Agenda Item #6 – Announcements

None

#### Agenda Item #5 – Public Comment

**Allen Fuller** of 158 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – The fine for not moving your car during a snow alert is only \$50 but maybe if it were higher like \$250 people would move their cars. It is impressive that the WWTP 4/5 inspections were passed with no violations.

**Rachael Gill** of 109 N. Towamencin Avenue – Regarding the plan for the proposed townhouses is their language in there to not limit the builder with multiuse. On smaller streets there is 3 feet of snow from the curb which makes it difficult to park a car. Maybe next time they can make another pass to the curb.

**Dominic Frascella** of 321 Green Street – The parking garage being available for free was a great option for people to move their car. Maybe we would get more days to use the garage and have rolling block outs to remove snow after the storms are over. Also, if they could move snow past the intersections so people can shovel out the crosswalk that would be helpful. There are areas where the borough is responsible for cleaning off the crosswalks and they aren't done. When you report an issue online there is no closure/update that the issue has been resolved or not.

*The meeting was adjourned at 10:01pm*