

February 19, 2020

The Business Meeting of Lansdale Borough Council was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 in the Council Chambers, 1 Vine Street, Lansdale, PA and called to order at 7:14 pm by Council President, Denton Burnell.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Borough Representatives:**

Borough Manager, John Ernst	Borough Solicitor, Patrick Hitchens
Finance Dir, John Ramey	Borough Engineer, Chris Fazio
Police Chief, Mike Trail	Library Director, Tom Meyer
Parks & Rec. Director, not present	IT/GIS Coordinator, Bryan Poster
Electric Superintendent, Andy Krauss	Code Enforcement, Jason Van Dame
Public Works Superintendent, Rick Delong	WWTP Superintendent, Dan Shinskie
Fire Marshal, Rick Lesniak	

**Residents:**

Rose Chapman – 316 W. Mt. Vernon Street  
Patti Thomas – Lansdale Farmers' Market  
Jean Fritz- Pennbrook Avenue  
Carol Zellers – 101 Elm Drive

**Agenda Item #5 – President's Comments**

An Executive Session was held earlier regarding a personnel matter. No action will be taken this evening.

**Agenda Item #6 – Presentations**

**Business of the Month**

Love Obsessed presented by Carrie Hawkins Charlton

- Love Obsessed is a boutique located at 311 W. Main Street and opened in Lansdale in 2018.
- Stacy Dill who started Love Obsessed at her dining room table in January 2012 when she designed her first piece of jewelry and her friends asked to purchase it. She immediately opened an Etsy shop, started doing trunk shows traveling far and wide telling everyone who would listen about her new business. She started selling on social media and now has over 29,000 followers and that's just on Facebook!
- Stacy shared that her dream of selling clothes has taken on a bigger purpose. She wants everyone that walks into her stores to feel accepted and comfortable.

- Her store, and many others on Main Street and throughout the borough, are starting to create a feeling of what many generations miss while living in Lansdale. A family owned store that welcomes you with open arms and gives you personalized service.
  - When I asked Stacy, "Why Lansdale?" Stacy shared that her family settled in Lansdale over 250 years ago. Her great-grandfather owned a flower shop, a Peanut Butter factory and a gas station in Lansdale.
  - Love Obsessed has numerous locations including: Quakertown which opened in August 2016 Souderton, Lansdale was #3 in 2018, a seasonal store in Ocean City, NJ A plus size store in Souderton and in 2019 the King of Prussia mall.
  - I felt welcomed, inspired and happy when I walked in and I hope Love Obsessed continues to make other Lansdale residents and visitors feel the same way. I wish Stacy and her entire team the best success and I thank her for choosing Lansdale.
- Stacy Dill** – Thank you for this honor. We have felt very welcomed in Lansdale.

**Bond Refinancing** – presented by Ed Murray

- If the borough refinances the 2010, 2014 and most of the 2015 General Obligation bonds the potential savings of interest over the life of the bond is approximately \$274,000. This does not extend the length of the bond nor does the borough incur new debt.
- We will sell the bonds on February 20, 2020 which will then determine the exact savings.
- Pat Scott, Bond Counsel – He drafted the ordinance for tonight's meeting according to the PA Local Governmental Debt Act. This will authorize the occurrence of debt. DCED will have to approve the ordinance.

**Westrum LERTA** – presented by Joe Clement

- Westrum started working on this project a few years ago and they are proposing a 208-unit apartment building at 117 S. Broad Street on the former Lansdale Finishers property. A similar project was done in Norristown. The Zoning Hearing Board did grant them parking relief. They are currently dealing with environmental issues which they knew they had but since the Army Corp. of Engineers has designated what was originally thought to be a drainage ditch as a stream, which has to be relocated now, the property is now more expensive to clean up.
- An investment of \$34 million will be made into the Borough with this project and they are requesting the LERTA to help defray the unexpected remediation costs.
- NPSD is receptive to a 5-year plan, not 10 years, if the Borough approves first. The 5-year program will have them paying the current tax the first year and each year after pay 20% more until the end of 5 years and then pay the full appraised tax value. They will pay the current tax of about \$4,500.
- The local impact on fire and emergency personnel will be minimal as well as the school district as they are 1-and 2-bedroom apartments geared toward millennials.

**Councilman Angelichio** – Is DEP monitoring the wells on the property and will that continue?

**Mr. Clement** – The property will be remediated and the wells will continue to be monitored. There will not be any apartments on the first floor. That will be parking.

**Councilman Angelichio** – Will Westrum maintain ownership of the building or will it be sold once it is built?

**Westrum Representative** – The real estate market dictates that.

**Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton** – If we don't approve the LERTA will the project not happen?

**Mr. Clement** – That is correct.

**President Burnell** – What is the timing that you are asking for us to approve this?

**Mr. Clement** – If you would consider at your next meeting to prepare and advertise the ordinance then have the public hearing at your April 15 meeting with approval that night.

**Councilman Angelichio** – Are you requesting the same thing from NPSD and the County? What if they don't agree, then what happens?

**Mr. Clement** – We have to start with the Borough to approve the ordinance.

**Councilman Angelichio** – If we approve then it is a positive for the project to continue.

**Mr. Clement** – Yes, we need you to approve first.

**Lansdale Police Department Annual Report** – presented by Chief Trail

*This report can be found on the Borough website.*

- Mayor Herbert started the presentation with the following speech:  
I am proud to deliver before you our Lansdale Police Department's Annual Report which outlines the progress and development our community has made over the last twelve months.

While this document is meant to be a historical representation of what has been achieved in the last year; it also stands as a testament to our vision for both our police department and Lansdale as a whole. We believe that through community integration, technological advancements, and unadulterated hard work we have, and will continue, to improve the place we call home.

This commitment to building a community focused police department has led to massive improvements across the board. Overtime budgets have decreased dramatically, violent and non-violent crime is at all time lows, officer training and development has become, and will remain, a priority to ensure the most educated and sophisticated service Lansdale can offer, and we have expanded and prioritized Emergency Management to better prepare for, and respond, to serious emergency events.

While we celebrate the successes of the past, we cannot begin standing still and allow the ever evolving challenges of law enforcement and community management to eclipse us. As we vigilantly focus on improving and growing into the future the police department will be looking to improve the welfare and health of our officers. If our officers are not taken care of they cannot perform their main directive, protecting and serving our community. This investment in their health will include the newly completed workout facility located in the PD and the ability to consult with fitness professionals without any out of pocket costs. Additionally, officers are at their best when they are not over-extending themselves due to overtime needs. As our community continues to grow, it is likely that we will need an additional officer to maintain this careful balance within the department. Keeping officers healthy and on the job will maximize their impact on the community and maintain Lansdale as a great place to live, work, and play.

Beyond the health of our officers, our investment in technology, specifically smart cameras and improved lighting, will play a pivotal role in our approach to managing and responding to challenges in the borough. Through the use of smart cameras and artificial intelligence we will be able to better understand and analyze Lansdale in a holistic way. This will improve our response to isolated events while helping alleviate the traffic challenges residents feel throughout the day. Improved community illumination and smart lighting will help residents feel more comfortable after hours and help bring our downtown areas to life in the evenings.

Finally, I would be remiss without thanking Chief Trail and all the officers for their consummate professionalism, service, and passion for our community. Undoubtedly, it is the people of this department that help shape and improve our community in a visible and crucial way. They have saved lives, protected property, and built lasting positive relationships with so many in our community. As we continue to grow and change as a department our officers will remain a central figure in building a better tomorrow for all of us in Lansdale.

- Each year the LPD sets performance goals which are in the report. They are consistently training and learning as information changes so quickly today. They are a community service organization and a small part of what they do is actually enforcement.
- Last year they attended/hosted 177 community events.
- Their detectives have attended extensive training and we now have 4 Sergeants for their 4 squads. They spent 3,197 hours training in 2019. They also have 3 officers who are members of the SWAT Team in Montgomery County.
- Chief Trail went through the Community Survey Report (*this report can be found on the borough website*)

**Councilman Angelichio** – He is interested to see what people think the economic feeling or criminality is here in the Borough.

#### Agenda Item #7 - Petitions

None

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

**Ms. Chapman** of 316 W. Mt. Vernon Street – Chief Trail mentioned getting to know the officers could their pictures be available to the public like in the Electric Wire?

**Chief Trail** – The report I did does have their names and pictures. I can make sure to get you a hard copy. It will be on the website too.

**Ms. Chapman** – The electric cars that sit at the meters someone has to pay for that electric, who?

**Mr. Krauss** – The charging stations were purchased by a grant and we do have the capability to charge people to use them. Right now it costs about \$4.50 to fully charge a vehicle. We were not charging for the electric so that we could generate interest in the charging stations, but we intend in the future to charge for the usage.

**Ms. Thomas** of the Lansdale Farmers' Market – She is the new Vice President of the Market and she wanted to remind everyone that the Market will open on May 16. On March 2 their website will have a full list of vendors.

#### 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 January which shows the expenditures listed on the attachment.

*Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton 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 Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Angelichio** presented Motion C and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve the following meeting minutes:

Reorganization Meeting: January 6, 2020  
Business Meeting: January 15, 2020

*Motion seconded by Councilwoman Currie Teoh and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Angelichio** presented Motion D and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Ordinance 1935 related to the refinancing of the 2010, 2014 and 2015 General Obligation Bonds.

*Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Angelichio** presented Motion E and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council award a three (3) year contract for the Turf Maintenance at Borough owned properties to M&M Landscaping, LLC, the lowest responsible bidder.

*Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.*

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

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Resolution 20-02 to amend the Borough's Schedule of Fees and Charges for the year 2020.

**Councilman Breish** – Was the alcohol pieced reviewed by the Solicitor?

**Mr. Hitchens** – Yes, he did review and a new policy didn't need to be written it could just be added to the revised schedule of fees and charges.

**Councilman Breish** – What will the criteria for allowing alcohol be?

**Mr. Hitchens** – The Parks & Rec. Department will set the policy and have it available when someone fills out an alcohol usage request.

*Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.*

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

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Resolution 20-03 amending certain conditions as set forth in Resolution 2019-17 granting preliminary and final plan approval to North Penn School District for improvements to 700 Knapp Road.

*Motion seconded by Councilman Angelichio and unanimously approved.*

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

I move that Borough Council grant a license to Joe Mattero Recycling, Inc., 311 West Seventh Street, Lansdale, to operate at said site for the year 2020 by the order of the Borough of Lansdale.

*Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.*

**Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton** presented Motion I and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve Payment #1 in the amount of \$184,946.40 to Armour & Sons Electric, Inc. for work completed on the Borough Wide Traffic Signal Modifications per the recommendation of Pennoni Associates, Inc., engineering consultants for this project. This project is fully funded by a Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Grant.

*Motion seconded by Councilman Angelichio and unanimously approved.*

**Vice President Fuller** presented Motion J and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve a proposal from Remington & Vernick Engineers to provide landscape architectural and engineering design services for the Whites Road Park Playground Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$47,118.

*Motion seconded by Councilman Henning and unanimously approved.*

**Vice President Fuller** presented Motion K and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the use of Memorial Park on Saturday, August 29, 2020 from 5:00am to 6:00pm for the 32nd Annual Lansdale Festival of the Arts Program sponsored by the Lansdale Department of Parks and Recreation and the Lansdale Festival of the Arts Committee. In the event of inclement weather, the Festival will be held at Penndale Middle School.

*Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.*

**Vice President Fuller** presented Motion L and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the use of White's Road Park for the Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 12, 2020 from 7:00am to 9:00am by St. John's United Church of Christ subject to the Borough's receipt and approval of the required Certificate of Insurance.

*Motion seconded by Councilwoman Currie Teoh and unanimously approved.*

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

I move that that the Lansdale Borough Civil Service Commission be activated for the purposes of reviewing and updating ordinances related to police hiring.

*Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Work** presented Motion N and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council support and assist as may be needed, the Lansdale Farmers' Market to be held on Saturdays from 9:00am to 1:00pm from May 16 through November 21, 2020 at Penndale Middle School located at 400 Penn Street per the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee and the Special Events Committee.

*Motion seconded by Councilman DiGregorio and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Work** presented Motion O and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the Manna on Main Street Annual 5K race on Saturday, April 4, 2020 from approximately 7:00am to 12:00pm with road closures (route on file at the Police Department) per the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee and the Special Events Committee.

*Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.*

**Councilman Work** presented Motion P and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council authorize the 43rd Annual Lansdale Day sponsored by the North Penn Rotary Club on Saturday, June 6, 2020 from 10:00am to 4:00pm (road closures on file at the police dept.) per the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee and the Special Events Committee.

*Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.*

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

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Resolution 20-04 to temporarily display banners that will portray both the Borough and Penn Suburban Chamber of Greater Montgomery symbols from April 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020 on streetscape light poles along portions Street?

*Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.*

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

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Resolution 20-05 to temporarily display banners that will portray both the International Spring Festival logo and various countries flags from approximately March 26, 2020 through April 24, 2020 on streetscape light poles along portions of West Main Street from Richardson Avenue to Broad Street.

*Motion seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton and unanimously approved.*

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

I move that Borough Council approve Payment #1 in the amount of \$26,281.80 to A. N. Lynch Co., Inc. for work completed on the Fire Alarm & Security Upgrades at the WWTP per the recommendation of Schiller & Hersh Associates, Inc. engineering consultants for this project.

*Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.*

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

I move that Borough Council authorize the Borough Manager to purchase the Hach WIMS Database Program in the amount of \$37,800.90 through the Pennsylvania Costars Purchasing Program. This purchase is on the Capital Improvement Plan and will be funded through Capital Reserves.

*Motion seconded by Councilman Angelichio and unanimously approved.*

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

I move that Borough Council award the contract for the E. Hancock Street Rehabilitation - Base Bid, Alternate #2, Alternate #3, and Alternate #4 to SJM Construction Company, the lowest responsible bidder per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick, engineering consultants for this project.

*Motion seconded by Councilman Angelichio and unanimously approved.*

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

I move that Borough Council approve Change Order #2 in the amount of - \$86,070.02 (reduction) for the North Cannon Avenue Rehabilitation per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick, engineering consultants for this project. This change order reflects balancing and a renegotiated price for Partial Depth Base Repair.

*Motion seconded by Councilman Angelichio and unanimously approved.*

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

I move that Borough Council approve Payment #5 (Final) in the amount of \$359,001.05 to Marino Corporation for work completed on the North Cannon Avenue Rehabilitation Project per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick Engineers, engineering consultants for this project.

*Motion seconded by Councilman Angelichio and unanimously approved.*

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

I move that Borough Council approve Change Order #3 in the amount of -\$40,120.54 (reduction) for the West Third Street Rehabilitation per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick, engineering consultants for this project. This change order reflects extra work due to unforeseen field conditions and balancing change order.

*Motion seconded by Councilman Angelichio and unanimously approved.*

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

I move that Borough Council approve Payment #4 (Final) in the amount of \$128,564.82 to SJM Construction Company, Inc for work completed on the West Third Street Rehabilitation Project per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick Engineers, engineering consultants for this project.

*Motion seconded by Vice President Fuller and unanimously approved.*



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

I move that Borough Council approve Change Order #1 in the amount of -\$238,602.20 (reduction) for the N. Line Street Rehabilitation per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick, engineering consultants for this project. This change order reflects balancing and unforeseen field conditions.

*Motion seconded by Councilman Angelichio and unanimously approved.*

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

I move that Borough Council approve Payment #5 (Final) in the amount of \$79,612.44 to DOLI Construction Company for work completed on the N. Line Street Rehabilitation Project per the recommendation of Remington & Vernick Engineers, engineering consultants for this project.

*Motion seconded by Councilman Angelichio and unanimously approved.*

#### Item #10 – Information Items

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

1. On Saturday January 18th State Representative Steve Malagari and I presented proclamations to Harry Newman, a resident at Elm Terrace, who celebrated his 103rd birthday. In addition to being blessed with a long life, he played a key role in the development of modern GPS during WWII. Harry would utilize geographical, atmospheric, and weather data to manually determine the safest place to put troops while bombings were occurring.
2. On Monday January 27th Councilman DiGregorio and I visited Lansdale Catholic's Robotics Club where the young students explained to us their vision for the use of drones in the management of waste and trash bins across the community. The team believes that through smart camera technology drones can be used to better schedule pick up of trash cans based on when they are at capacity, rather than waiting for them to be picked up at a certain time/day and be overflowing with trash. This optimized schedule would create the opportunity for a cleaner borough overall.
3. On Sunday, February 2nd I visited The Underground where over 50 families met to celebrate the second annual Inclusion Day. Kids and parents were treated to storytelling by Miss Annie about how to accept others as they are and how to get to know others before making judgements. Afterward, families were treated to an arts and crafts time where they could share what they felt made them unique. In addition, the event generated hundreds of pounds of food for Manna on Main Street.
4. I had the honor of celebrating and recognizing Zachary Kline and William Coley for their accomplishment of reaching Eagle Scout. As I shared with the boys in my speech, the achievement of Eagle Scout is a momentous event for them.

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

1. Communications with Borough Staff and related follow-up work regarding WVWA Intergovernmental Agreement extension and North Penn Water Authority cooperative agreement– Approximately 2.8 hours.
2. Communications and follow-up work regarding Borough personnel matters – Approximately 2.0 hours.
3. Communications with Borough staff and related follow-up regarding Liberty Bell Trail extension and DCNR grant requirements. – Approximately 2.5 hours.
4. Communications with Borough staff and related follow-up work on various land development matters including 117 S Broad (Luxor), 700 Knapp Rd (Knapp Elementary), and 1000 Cannon Ave (North Penn Business Campus). – Approximately 2.5 hours.

5. Communications with Borough staff and related follow-up work regarding code and zoning enforcement matters – Approximately 1.5 hours.
6. Communications with Borough staff and related follow-up work regarding draft noise ordinance and business overlay revisions. – Approximately 3.0 hours.
7. Communications with Borough staff and related follow-up work regarding miscellaneous Borough matters including real estate matters, assessment appeals, municipal liens, and right-to-know matters. – Approximately 8.5 hours.

**Borough Manager's Report: John Ernst**

1. Thank you to staff for coming up with a temporary solution for the Wissahickon Park pedestrian bridge that connects to Knapp Elementary.

**Councilman DiGregorio** – Residents and school board members said that John was so attentive and accommodating.

**Comments for the good of Council:**

**Councilman Breish** – In March we will have another volunteer day to kill Spotted Lantern Fly eggs.

**Vice President Fuller** – She is pleased on how quickly a solution came about for the bridge.

**Councilman Work** – He wanted to let everyone know that he is resigning his position on Council as of February 29, 2020 as he will be moving outside of the Borough. It has been an honor to serve the last six years on Council. Thank you to staff for what you do every day.

**Mr. Jack Hansen** – He enjoyed his time that he spent with Councilman Work on Council even when they didn't agree.

**President Burnell** – We will need to find a new Council member who lives in Ward 2. Please send your letter of interest and resume to Stacie Maile.

**Councilman DiGregorio** – It was a pleasure to work with Tom.

**Agenda Item #11 – Old Business**

**Councilman Breish** – He feels that we need to address curb replacement that is done during road projects and the Borough should pay for those replacements. Some of the reasons to have the Borough take over this include:

- Curbs need to be replaced before the final road paving is done but after utility work.
- It has been estimated that it could cost the Borough about \$250,000 to have curb work added to a bid depending on how many curbs actually have to be replaced.
- Putting this in the bid as part of the project will bring in a better price than if a resident gets pricing themselves.
- The project can be moved along quicker if we don't have to wait months to have all the cure work done before final paving.
- We do not have to change any ordinances, or ever pass a motion, to make this policy change. Staff is looking to move in this direction.
- Curbs would be done by one contractor and be consistent with the same quality for each curb. The projects will be more efficient and cost the residents less money and speed up the timeline. It will also reduce staff time to create permits for each resident.
- The cons are that it will cost the Borough more money and we are changing a long-standing policy where residents had to do curb replacement in the past at their own cost.

**Mr. Ernst** – The discussion is about curb work only NOT replacing sidewalks too. Only curbs affect the street work. As we saw on N. Line Street, the contractor had to wait months for residents to get their curbs done so the contractor went on to other jobs and then we had to wait months for them to come back and pave the road. This change would drastically reduce the timeline of road projects.

**Vice President Fuller** – Could the time savings offset the cost of the remobilization to pay for the curbs?

**Mr. Ernst** – We can't say what the cost of remobilization is. The price for Norway Drive and the Pennbrook area is estimated at \$75 linear foot which is a really good price.

**Vice President Fuller** – Would this be for every road project thereafter?

**Mr. Ernst** – We would anticipate that Council would move toward a policy change for all road projects.

**Councilman DiGregorio** – If we do this is there money on the budget to cover the cost?

**Mr. Ernst** – We have always gotten in our bid specs linear feet for curb work in case we have to do the work for a resident and then bill them the cost.

**President Burnell** – From the capital budget what is the estimate of the 2020 mill and overlay project?

**Mr. Fazio** – It depends on what alternates are in the bid. If you award now you get the best price.

**Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton** – Can we have our contractor do the work and then bill back the resident?

**Mr. Ernst** – Yes and no. We would need to allow them to the curbs themselves through their own contractor but in our timeline.

**Councilman Breish** – We have a project waiting to be awarded so we need to decide now. The residents are not sure what is going on.

**Vice President Fuller** – She really didn't think this was of an urgent matter to make a decision now but after listening to this conversation maybe we should. Normally it would be talked about in committee again.

**Mr. Hitchens** – The Borough ordinance gives Council the discretion on how to do this. You can keep it to curb replacements by the Borough for road projects only. Not for a curb that was inspected and needed to be replaced independent of a road project or if a resident just wanted to replace their curb.

**President Burnell** – He thinks this is overall best for the to have the Borough contractor replace the curbs and the Borough pay for it.

**Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton** – How much notice do we give residents to do replacements?

**Mr. Ernst** – Generally 120 days to get the work done.

**Councilwoman Currie Teoh** – 120 days for all of the work to be done?

**Mr. Van Dame** – Yes. Our ordinance states we have to give a minimum of 30 days but we give a longer time frame since it can be expensive.

**President Burnell** – We could give residents more time to get their sidewalks replaced since that work doesn't affect the road.

**Ms. Fritz** of Pennbrook Avenue – She is glad this was brought up because people in her neighborhood are so confused. We need another meeting to explain all the details.

**Vice President Fuller** – If we decide tonight for the borough to pay for the curb replacement do you think you will still need another meeting?

**Ms. Fritz** – Yes.

**Mr. Ernst** – We can't schedule the public charette until Council decides how they want to proceed with this.

**Ms. Zellers** of 101 Elm Drive – Who owns the sidewalks and curbs? Would you be doing work on private property then?

**President Burnell** – The homeowners do. This would be like the alley maintenance that we started doing again.

**Ms. Zellers** – Do you envision doing this for everyone?

**President Burnell** – This would be for curb replacement for road projects only.

**Councilman Angelichio** – We wouldn't pay for replacement of curb for any other reason than a road project which we generally don't require anyway. A lot of municipalities pay for road project curb work to be done. Contractors drop their prices because they can get the entire project done quicker to move on to their next project.

**Ms. Chapman** – In the West Ward there are some curbs are really bad and need to be replaced but are not part of a road project.

**Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton** – The curbs are privately owned and a resident could be unhappy with how the work was done and that would come back to the borough.

**Mr. Hitchens** – The borough ordinance has specifications in it on how the curbs need to be done. If it was done wrong the contractor would be responsible to fix at their cost.

**Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton** – Other than Jean or the mayor needing curb work done then why are we rushing this?

**Mayor Herbert** – He has stayed out of this and isn't asking for the borough to do this.

**Mr. Van Dame** – He has been asking for a decision to be made because he has to notify the residents either way if we are going to finish these projects this year. Curbs are usually not damaged by the residents but by trash trucks, snow plows, etc.

**Councilman Breish** – How much time is saved and the cost of savings?

**Mr. Van Dame** – There are 260 properties evaluated and 75 need curb replacements. About 150 hours of time saved possibly.

**Councilman Henning** – His hesitation is the cost factor to the borough but the delay in the paving of N. Line Street was really bad and the hodgepodge of concrete work makes this a good idea.

**President Burnell** – It will definitely impact the 5-year capital plan.

**Councilman DiGregorio** – If someone has to replace a curb not part of a road project would the homeowner have to take care of it?

**President Burnell** – How often do we actually ask a resident to replace their curb outside of a road project?

**Mr. Van Dame** – Not often. Other municipalities only pay for road project work.

**Vice President Fuller** – Now she understands the urgency.

**Councilwoman Currie Teoh** – N. Line Street was a challenge. This way maximizes efficiencies.

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

I move that we direct the Borough Manager to conduct a policy change to include the cost of curbing in all existing and future road repair projects.

**Ms. Zellers** – You are moving this forward very quickly. She is uneasy with the last-minute motion.

**President Burnell** – We don't like to do last minute motions, but he feels this is best for the borough.

*Motion seconded by Councilwoman Currie Teoh and approved 8-1 with Councilwoman Hawkins Charlton voting no.*

Agenda Item #12 New Business

None

*Meeting adjourned at 9:53pm.*