

**Lansdowne Borough Council
General Meeting**

September 21, 2016

APPROVED MINUTES

The Lansdowne Borough Council General Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Hall.

Council members present: President Schleigh, Mr. Aubrey, Ms. Byrne, Ms. English, Ms. James, Mr. Radich, Ms. Williams and Junior Council Member Nila Ray. Absent: Fire Company representative. Also present: Mayor Campuzano, Borough Manager Totaro, Borough Secretary Henry, Borough Solicitor Scott and Police Chief Donegan.

The televised meeting will be aired at 6:00 p.m. the following Monday on RCN channel 52, Comcast channel 5 and Verizon channel 44.

Mayor Campuzano led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of agenda: Mr. Aubrey moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Byrne seconded. Vote: unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

1. Ms. Williams moved to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2016 General Meeting of Council. Mr. Radich seconded. Vote: unanimous.

Announcements and Presentations: Mayor Campuzano swore in new part time Police Officer Dylan Haberle. Officer Haberle comes highly recommended and has been a Lansdowne Fire Company member for nine years.

Mayor Campuzano introduced Jamie Riley, owner of Patrone's Restaurant. Mr. Riley indicated he and his wife serve Italian/Japanese fare and Patrone's is a moderate to high price BYOB restaurant. Mr. Riley's other venture, Jamie's House of Music, will soon open two doors down and will showcase adult oriented jazz and blues concerts four nights a week. Jamie's House of Music operated for ten years in Philadelphia as a renowned jazz/blues club, presenting music along the lines of the University of Pennsylvania's radio station, WXPN.

Treasurer/Manager's Report: Mr. Totaro read the August 31, 2016 Report as follows:

General Fund beginning balance: \$534,010, ending balance \$2,458,970.

Sewer Fund beginning balance: \$769,491, ending balance \$1,450,122.

Liquid Fuels Fund beginning balance: \$513,645, ending balance \$726,992.

Non-Uniform Pension Fund beginning balance: \$2,662,539, ending balance \$2,815,179.

Police Pension Fund beginning balance: \$7,891,017, ending balance \$8,007,250.

Mr. Totaro mentioned that due to the lane realignment resulting from the signal light optimization project, three metered parking spots along Lansdowne Avenue have been eliminated: one of three along the western curb and two of five along the eastern curb. Mr. Totaro is working with Penn Dot to identify alternatives that would not affect some or all metered parking.

President Schleigh asked if the televised council meeting video airing problem had been rectified to which Mr. Totaro replied "yes".

Solicitor's Report: Mr. Scott had no formal report.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor commented that the September 11th Arts along the Avenue festival had been a well planned, very successful event that received much positive feedback. The Mayor thanked the Lansdowne Economic Development Corporation ("LEDC"), Borough staff, the Borough police and fire departments, the Upper Darby Rotary Club, the Lansdowne Business and Professional Association ("LBPA"), the Lansdowne Theater, the Lansdowne Symphony Orchestra ("LSO"), the Lansdowne Folk Club, all the volunteers and Borough Council members.

The Mayor congratulated Walgreen's and the Codes Department for winning the William H. Bates Award for design and renovation project. The Mayor thanked Planning Commission Chair William Smith and Codes Director Mike Jozwiak for attending the award ceremony and accepting it on behalf of Lansdowne.

The Mayor read a list of calendar items:

1. October 29 - Halloween Party, 12:45 - 3:00 p.m. Starts at the Farmers Market down Lansdowne Avenue to the 20th Century Club. The event is for ages toddlers to 10 and they must be accompanied by an adult.
2. September 24 - Dog Day at the Farmers Market, sponsored by Animal Friends of Lansdowne.
3. October 8 - Shredding/Electronics event in conjunction with East Lansdowne Borough, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
4. October 1 - Fire Company ceremony for presenting new fire trucks, 3:00 p.m.
5. October 11 - Last day to register to vote.
6. November 8 - Election Day. Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Absentee ballots must be received by November 4th.

Council President's Report: President Schleigh thanked Mr. Radich for chairing the previous Borough Council meeting in his absence. President Schleigh noted that three banks of four lights are not operating in Hoffman Park and asked Mr. Totaro to look into the issue. In light of the new venue, Jamie's House of Music, President Schleigh suggested having signage advertising free parking in various lots.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Health and Safety: Ms. English reported there was no September meeting due to the Labor Day holiday and the upcoming October budget meetings. Ms. English noted the following:

- Street lines and crosswalks painting are complete.
- The Youth Aid Panel will start in October and be chaired by Officer Ammon.
- New protocols and policies are being developed for the new Borough K-9 program.
- More bike patrols have been requested and will be presented at the upcoming budget meetings.
- The Burmont Road street light has been repaired.

Mayor Campuzano thanked Chief Donegan for having the speed trailer on Marshall Road.

Finance and Administration: Mr. Radich reported there was no September meeting due to the number of upcoming budget meetings in October as well as the Labor Day holiday. The Police Pension Fund transfer from Independence Advising to PNC Bank is complete. The transfer for the Non-Uniform Police Pension fund will soon follow. Mr. Radich expects no issues arising due to the transfer.

Economic Development and Code Enforcement: Ms. James noted she had to cancel the September meeting. The next Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on October 17th, 7:00 p.m. Ms. James noted there is a new Arts show featuring Elizabeth Nichols at 2020 House, Noon - 4:00 p.m. President Schleigh questioned the status of the placement for the Liz Steele Coates art structure. Ms. James indicated no information was available as yet on the location and no site had yet been determined for placement of the Big Chair featured at the Arts Festival.

LEDC Board Meeting: Ms. Williams commented she had attended the LEDC Board meeting and presented information regarding the September 11th Arts Festival:

- There were 2500-3000 attendees.
- A total of 670 hours of volunteer work calculated to be \$15,785.20 worth of volunteer donation time.
- The LEDC operates this event at a loss every year. However, the event is a huge draw for sponsorship and donations for the Borough.
- The vendors reported a 9 out of 10 rating in ten categories for the event with many indicating they would be returning.
- The Business Development Committee is working on developing a retail recruitment guide. A draft is ready to be reviewed internally. The Main Street Program application will be submitted by the end of September.
- The Marketing Committee continues to work on a comprehensive communication plan for the LEDC and all its events. They will be working with Mr. Totaro at a table at the Delaware Valley Smart Growth Alliance conference. The Committee will also be looking into applying for additional grant money.

Environment: Mr. Aubrey commented that the memorial event suggested by Mandy Hendrikson at last month's meeting was held this past Sunday in Hoffman Park. There is no memorial plaque as yet. Mr. Aubrey reported that Park Day was very successful with a good turnout. President Schleigh asked if the Parks and Recreation Board could put something else in, like a mural, at the Hoffman Park tennis court area to deter the recurring graffiti problem. Mr. Aubrey did not feel a mural would be effective but had discussed the possibility of resurfacing the area and will further discuss this with the Board. Mayor Campuzano thanked Beatty Lumber

and Allied Supply Co. for donating the lumber to repair the snack stand roof at Hoffman Park. He also thanked Stefan's Hands and the Lansdowne Boys/Girls Club and the Facenda family for also assisting. Mr. Aubrey thanked the Mayor for donating his time as well.

Community Relations: Ms. Byrne reported that the Community Relations Committee meetings will now be held on Tuesdays. Ms. Byrne commented that the Inside/Out Planning Committee will be kept intact and will now be attending the Community Relations Committee meetings in an effort to collaborate more for town wide events.

Library Liaison Report: The Library is holding the following events:

October 22 - Kamikan Program, 5-8 p.m. at the 20th Century Club. Admission is free and for ages 13 and up.

October 28 - 7 p.m. Murder Masquerade (an interactive murder mystery) for ages 18 and up.

Infrastructure and Public Works: Ms. Williams reported her committee met on August 23rd with most of the meeting spent on forward planning and setting matters to be on a more cyclical schedule. More information to follow. Also discussed:

- Two miles of sewers have been televised with no major results. Going forward, two more miles and an analysis will be completed every calendar quarter. President Schleigh asked if any analysis was available to see if the inflow has been reduced for Lansdowne. Ms. Williams noted that this information will be provided at a later date.
- Penn Dot turn signals are now operating.
- Street light program is progressing.
- Paving program will be completed before November 1st.

The next Infrastructure Committee meeting will be held on October 26th and the street light program representatives are expected to attend.

Junior Council: Ms. Ray asked if any other teen events were being planned. Ms. Byrne commented not at the current time but future discussions are planned with the Library in this regard.

Communications: No items.

Public Comment: Mr. Aubrey moved to suspend Roberts Rules of Order to hear visitor comment. Ms. Williams seconded. Vote: unanimous.

Visitors:

1. **James Riley** - Resident. Mr. Riley commented that it was his understanding that after 8:00 p.m., parking is free in the Septa lot. Mr. Riley said he liked the new LED street lights strung along North Lansdowne Avenue and asked if the same thing for be done for the other side where there are now light bulbs. Mayor Campuzano noted there had been prior concerns with how the lights would be strung plus getting the power to them. Mr. Riley offered to provide the power.

2. **James Jackson - Resident.** Mr. Jackson commented that the Arts Festival was a great event and liked how the alcohol sales were controlled. Mr. Jackson questioned if there was a favorable rate of return for the pension funds now that PNC Bank is handling them. Mr. Radich commented that it was too soon to tell as the transfer was made a very short time ago, but there would not be as great a loss as in the 2008 economic downturn with PNC's more active management. Mr. Jackson questioned if anything else was being done regarding the proposed mulch plant at 41 S. Union Avenue. Solicitor Scott commented there had been no appeal in the matter. Mayor Campuzano noted that the Borough had no intention of approving the suggested revisions, the matter was now concluded and there will not be a mulch plant at that site. Mr. Jackson asked if the budget meetings were open to the public. Mr. Radich said "yes" and the meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall.

3. **Mary Ann Surla - Resident.** Ms. Surla commented that the Arts Festival had been a great event and limiting the sale of alcohol was a good idea. Ms. Surla commented that she would like to write an article for the Borough newsletter regarding graffiti removal. Ms. Surla asked if any funds remained in the Community Relations Committee to help resolve resident disputes, enhance school programs and maintain litter and drug enforcement. Ms. Byrne commented that the \$3,100 budget had been depleted with the InsideOut program and that decisions regarding school programs go through the School Board, not her committee. Ms. Byrne noted that an idea for a Teen Party was being discussed.

Ms. Williams moved to Resume Roberts Rules of Order. Mr. Radich seconded. Vote: unanimous.

Old Business:

1. **Interboro Park - Mr. Aubrey** revisited the overgrowth problem along the nature trail in back of the Fairview properties that had been discussed at prior Council meetings. Mr. Aubrey asked if the Borough highway department could clear the area and if not, could quotes be available. Mr. Aubrey also commented that certain residents told him that the Borough would remove the overgrowth. Mr. Totaro commented that the affected residents had been told in prior years and now that it was the property owner's responsibility to clear the brush to the end of their property line. Mayor Campuzano repeated his concerns that if all the overgrowth was removed, the current water problem would become worse and the trash problem actually come from the basketball court area. Ms. English suggested having photographs available of the problem site so that a remedy could be discussed and implemented.

New Business:

1. **Girl Scout Request.** A Girl Scouts Service Unit wants to hold a Halloween Trunk or Treat event behind the Dunkin Donuts off Baltimore Avenue and is requesting that no parking be allowed in the Highland Avenue parking lot on October 31st from 6-8 p.m. Ms. English commented that several people have monthly Septa parking passes for this lot and cannot be told to go elsewhere. Mr. Aubrey felt the event was a good idea and the Borough should consider partnering with them. Mayor Campuzano noted that the Borough is already holding a Halloween

Party and suggested using the back lot off Owen Avenue. Chief Donegan commented that flyers could be distributed advertising the event as had been done for National Night Out.

MOTION - Ms. Byrne moved to have the Girl Scouts Unit use the Owen Avenue back lot for their Trunk or Treat event on October 31st from 6-8 p.m. Ms. James seconded. Vote: unanimous.

Action Items:

1. Mr. Radich moved to approve bills for the period. Ms. Williams seconded. Vote: unanimous.

Executive Session: Mr. Aubrey moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Ms. Byrne seconded. Vote: unanimous. The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:35 p.m.

Public Session: There were no motions made upon reconvening to Public Session.

Mayor Campuzano sent out get well wishes to Sgt. Eisenhart, who will be off duty for an indefinite period due to an on the job injury.

Adjourn – Ms. Williams moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Byrne seconded. Vote: unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Ann Henry
Borough Secretary