

Lansdowne Borough Council

BUSINESS MEETING

June 1, 2022

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

The agenda was posted at 10 p.m. on Tuesday May 31st. Due to the Sunshine Act the agenda needs to be posted 24 hours in advance for council to deliberate and take actions. The material that was not covered this evening will be covered in the meeting on Wednesday, June 15th.

The Lansdowne Borough Council Business Meeting was held virtually and in person on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

President Hover opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members Present: President Hover was present virtually, Vice President Naji-Taylor, Ms. Bowker, Mr. Curry, Ms. Martsolf was present virtually, and Ms. Young. Ms. James came in late, at 7:05. Absent: Mayor Byrne was excused for travel. Also Present: Solicitor Robert Scott, Borough Manager Craig Totaro, Police Chief Kenneth Rutherford, Borough Engineer Kevin Matson, and Borough Treasurer Donna Lang.

- **Senior Community Services** – Arthur Westfeld, the director of Senior Community Services came to present this program.
 - Lansdowne has been a key factor in the Senior Community Services, including financially.
 - On June 21st the Senior Community Services are going to start to distribute vouchers that can be used at the Lansdowne's Farmer's Market. They will be distributed weekly through September. You can get them by picking them up or having them mailed to you. There are four six-dollar vouchers, which is up to \$24 in fresh produce.

- **National Scleroderma Foundation** – Katherine Higgins, a resident of Lansdowne came to present the National Scleroderma Foundation.
 - Scleroderma is an autoimmune disease with a high morbidity and mortality rate.
 - The mission of the National Scleroderma Foundation is to advance medical research, promote disease awareness and provide and educate people with Scleroderma, their families and support networks.
 - June is National Scleroderma Month and June 29th is National Scleroderma Day.

Reports

1. **Solicitor Bob Scott** –

- The Borough and Bob Scott received in the mail an application for an Intermunicipal Liquor License Transfer for 55 East Baltimore Avenue, Lansdowne. This is an Eating Place Dispenser License. There will be a hearing required for this. If the advertisement requirements are met the meeting will take place at the next meeting, June 15th. The Petitioner will present all required application information and fees to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board in Harrisburg if the Borough approves this petition.

2. Manager Craig Totaro –

- Donna Lang, our treasurer was recognized for working through the Sam's Registration that is a website that we need for our ARP Funding and the COPS Grant.
- The architects for the facilities planning have begun. We have transferred plans successfully. There will be a kickoff and walk through within the next two weeks.
- Public Works was recognized for the great work that they do, in the wake of the week of public works.
- There will be a flyer for the new bicycle route to let residents know of traffic pattern changes and any parking adjustments.
- Mr. Totaro brought the stop sign on McKinley Avenue along with the speed bump to attention.

3. Police Chief Kenneth Rutherford –

- The Lansdowne Police responded to 859 incident reports in May 2022.
 - 32 – false Alarms, burglar, or hold up alarms
 - 40 – motor vehicle accidents
 - 9 - adults were arrested in the month of May
 - 10 - juveniles were arrested in the month of May.
 - 822 - parking tickets were issued
 - 223 - motor vehicle violation citations were issued
 - 3 - non-traffic citations were issued
 - 37 - domestic related calls for service
- There was an armed robbery at the Wawa on May 18th. Luckily, no one was injured. The investigation is ongoing.
- There were a few thefts of motor vehicles in the month of May. Everyone is reminded to lock their car doors.
- There was a lock down at the school today. There was a possibility of a weapon in school. There was talk of a gun possibly being in the school, but nothing was found.

4. Engineer Kevin Matson –

- There is a 60-day timeframe for the contractor regarding the bicycle plan.
- On June 14th there will be a bid opening for the borough properties and maintenance contract. There was a lot of success with this project last year. There were several things done for the facilities, borough building and housekeeping items.
- The contractor has been out on Gateway Slope trying to complete all the things that are left on the to-do list.
- The pre-constructive meeting for the Road Project will hopefully take place next week. It would be great to have all of this work completed in the Summer, before the schools go back in session.

5. Fire Company Report –

- Vice President Naji-Taylor did not have anything to report for the Fire Company Report.

➤ **President's Report**

- On May 25th, a meeting took place with members from the Board of Lansdowne and Bob Jara and Matt Schultz concerning the theater's parking concerns and the NV5 design. At the meeting Matt Schultz noted that the theatre expected that parking would not be an issue in the downtown lots and most parking would meld into the neighborhood parking.
 - i. Phase Two of the Engineering plan with the NV5 design will consist of the Parks and Recreation Board discussing the plantings, furniture design and some paving.
- The Lansdowne Borough Council would like to thank all of those who made the STEAM festival a success, including the Digital Divide, LEDC, the Lansdowne Police Department, Cub Scout Pack 63, the Lansdowne Public Library, the Environmental Advisory Council DJ Joe Foley, among others.
- We will have the LGBTQIA+ Flag raise on Borough Greene at noon on June 4th.
- There will be a meeting at 11 a.m. at the Essex Avenue Parking Lot at WPSD on June 5th. We will continue Mayor Magda's green and clean day.
- On June 12th the Lansdowne Pride is hosting a Pride Walk beginning at 3 p.m. from the Highland Avenue lot to the Landing.
- The Borough will host the Daughters of the American Revolution, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the American Legion for Flag Day on Borough Greene at 7 p.m. on June 14th.
- The Comprehensive Plan Meeting will take place at the 20th Century Club on June 16th at 6:30 p.m.
- The LBPA is hosting the night market at the Landing on June 16th from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m.
- On June 18th, the Borough will be celebrating Juneteenth with a flag raising at 2 p.m. on Borough Greene and festivities at the Landing at 4 p.m.
- On June 25th, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., Lansdowne Borough will collaborate with East Lansdowne Borough on a shredding event at the Highland Avenue Lot. Also, Lansdowne Borough will host a food drive at the same time in support of the Interfaith Food cupboard.
- Also, on June 25th, there will be a community forum with residents at Hays Park beginning at 1:30 p.m. to discuss the new solar tables and possibility of new exercise equipment and solicit feedback concerning the plan.
- July 4th at 9 a.m. Lansdowne Borough will host the 4th of July Parade following the traditional route with a brief ceremony at the end of the parade.

➤ **Public Comment**

- **Suzanne McElroy** from 200 Drexel Avenue, offered her support for the Senior Community Center and the work that they do. She also wanted to thank the council members who quickly responded to her email last night regarding the agenda for tonight's meeting, and for council following the Sunshine Act.
- Dale Harris from 79 Ardmore Avenue, wanted a clarification for parking for the theatre.

- **Executive Session** Ms. Young motioned to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. **Seconded:** Ms. James **Vote:** Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Pavlo
Borough Secretary