

Lansdowne Borough Council

BUSINESS MEETING

September 7, 2021

APPROVED MINUTES

The Lansdowne Borough Council Business Meeting was held virtually on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The originally scheduled September 1, 2021 business meeting was cancelled last week due to tornado warnings. President Hover indicated this meeting was called to approve a number of business items.

President Hover opened the meeting and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: President Hover, Ms. English, Mr. Holt, Ms. James and Mr. Schleigh. Ms. James noted she was attending telephonically due to a medical reason. Also present: Borough Manager Totaro, Borough Secretary Henry, Borough Solicitor Scott and Chief Rutherford. Absent: Ms. Byrne, Ms. Naji-Taylor, Jr. Council member Lartey, Mayor Campuzano and Borough Engineer Matson.

Approval of agenda: Mr. Holt moved to approve the agenda with one addition by Ms. English for an action item regarding the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Company borrowing chairs. Ms. English seconded. Per the new Sunshine Law, Mr. Scott commented that this additional agenda item requires explaining the reason for the addition with a vote by Borough Council, posting the amended agenda tomorrow on the borough web site and posting the physical agenda in borough hall. Ms. English commented the chairs were needed for the Ladies Auxiliary Bingo Night. President Hover moved to accept the amended agenda, seconded by Mr. Schleigh. Vote: unanimous.

President Hover indicated there would be no reports given at tonight's meeting but will be presented at next week's Borough Council meeting.

Public Comment: Mr. Holt moved to Suspend Roberts Rules of Order. Ms. English seconded. Vote: unanimous.

Visitors: There was no visitor comment.

Mr. Holt moved to Reinstate Roberts Rules of Order. Ms. English seconded. Vote: unanimous.

Action Items:

1. Ms. James moved to authorize payment of bills for the period. Ms. English seconded. Vote: unanimous.
2. Mr. Hover moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-03 regarding electronic ticketing service. Mr. Holt seconded. **Discussion:** Mr. Totaro indicated this was an addition to the current modes by which tickets are issued primarily for property maintenance via mail that will now allow for electronic service. Vote: unanimous.

3. Mr. Hover moved to adopt Resolution 2021-24 regarding Delco Greenways grant application for Darby Creek pedestrian bridge. Mr. Schleigh seconded. **Discussion:** President Hover commented this is the continuation of pathways in Lansdowne and exploring the idea of constructing a bridge across the Darby Creek. Vote: unanimous.
4. Ms. English moved to hire Michael Oulouhojian as a full-time police officer. Mr. Holt seconded. Vote: unanimous.
5. Ms. English moved to execute Declaration of Public Trust, Covenants, Conditions and restrictions (Reservoir Park). Mr. Schleigh seconded. **Discussion:** Mr. Hover stated this park will remain a public park in perpetuity due to receiving a grant.
6. Mr. Hover moved to appoint Jim Klingler to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term expiring October 15, 2021. Mr. Holt seconded. Vote: unanimous.
7. Mr. Holt moved to authorize the Lansdowne Arts Board (LAB) to hold a Free Fair on September 19, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mr. Schleigh seconded. Vote: unanimous.
8. Mr. Hover moved to send support letter for Habitat for Humanity grant application to Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for Dudley Ave. development. Mr. Holt seconded. Vote: unanimous.
9. Mr. Schleigh moved to purchase purple lights for up to \$150. Mr. Holt seconded. Vote: unanimous.
10. Mr. Schleigh moved to purchase Halloween decoration materials for up to \$900. Mr. Holt seconded. Vote: unanimous.
11. Mr. Hover moved to direct the solicitor to draft a statement to the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) in support of group homes. Mr. Schleigh seconded. **Discussion:** Mr. Scott commented this is to notify the ZHB that this sober living housing application is not being processed as a zoning application subject to variance standards but to the Fair Housing Act standards. The ZHB needs to determine if the applicant is credible by noting this is a body of persons with disabilities and if so, are they using this for the purpose of a residence.
12. Mr. Schleigh moved to enter agreement with PES for evaluation of heat generation options in Borough Hall. Mr. Holt seconded. Vote: unanimous.
13. Mr. Hover moved to permit Lansdowne Votes to set a banner on Borough Green from 10/4/2021 to 11/4/2021. Mr. Holt seconded. Vote: unanimous.
14. Ms. English moved to permit Lansdowne Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) to place a big chair on the west lawn of the Lansdowne Library from 9/1 through 9/15. Mr. Holt seconded. Vote: unanimous.
15. Mr. Hover moved to enter agreement with the Lansdowne Folk Club. Mr. Schleigh seconded. Vote: unanimous.

16. Ms. English moved issue a Letter of support for DVCA's application for a Delaware County Greenways Planning Grant. Mr. Holt seconded. Vote: unanimous.
17. Ms. English moved to allow the Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary to borrow chairs from the 20th Century Club for a bingo night. Mr. Holt seconded. Vote: unanimous.

Executive Session - Mr. Holt moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:28 pm to discuss a personnel item. Ms. English seconded. Vote: unanimous.

Public Session – No motions made upon reconvening to Public Session.

Adjourn – Mr. Holt moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. English seconded. Vote: unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Ann Henry
Borough Secretary