

**LITITZ BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Meeting Held September 27, 2022**  
**Council Chambers, 7 South Broad Street, Lititz, PA & Zoom**

The regular September 27, 2022, Lititz Borough Council meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting, in person in Council Chambers and virtually utilizing Zoom, which is a cloud-based platform for remote video and audio conferencing. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Weaver with Council members Brubaker, Lee, Mobley, and Sensenich present; Greiner joined virtually at a later time. Others present were Mayor Snyder, Sue Ann Barry, Chief Kerry Nye, Elijah Yearick, Andy Garner, Jordan Garner, Rob McFadden, Scott Hain, Nathan Laucks, Colin Hutchinson, Adam & Ashley Woge and children, David & Linda Carson, Ryan McCrory, Chris Strayer, Rich Motz, Joyce Schnupp, Bonnie Oplinger, Jason Burkholder, and Laura Knowles of the Lititz Record Express. In virtual attendance were Antonio Alvarado, Tim Strayer, Drew Carson, and C. Busse. The meeting opened with an invocation by Rev. Bonnie Oplinger followed by the pledge of allegiance led by the Mayor. On a motion by Mobley with a second by Sensenich, the minutes of the August 30, 2022, Council meeting were unanimously approved. The President acknowledged a donation in lieu of taxes from the Lititz Mennonite Church.

**PETITIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND QUESTIONS:**  
**Swear In Junior Council Person**

After introduction, Mayor Snyder administered the Loyalty Oath to Colin Hutchinson as Junior Council Person for the 2022-2023 school year. He was welcomed by all.

**Presentation by Mosquito-Borne Disease Control Program Coordinator**

Tony Alvarado, Lebanon-Lancaster County Mosquito-borne Disease Control Program Coordinator, was asked to attend the meeting by the President of Council to discuss the presence of the West Nile Virus (WNV) in general and as it relates to Butterfly Acres, as was brought up by residents David and Linda Carson, 220 E. Sixth Street, at the August 30, 2022 Council meeting. There are over 600 sites in Lancaster County that are regularly tested for mosquitos. Various areas in the Lititz region have been tested for WNV, including Butterfly Acres, where there is an area in the swale near the drain where mosquito larvae have been found after a rain event. The swale will fill up with water after rainstorms but then dry up. Containers holding water in area residents' yards were also tested. Last week, several areas in Lititz Borough and Warwick Township were sprayed for mosquitos, within a one-mile radius of Butterfly Acres.

Arriving in 1999, Alvarado noted that WNV is found all over the United State and in PA. Last week, more than 2,500 mosquito pools tested positive for the virus in PA. In Lancaster County, 150 pools tested positive of which there were eleven in Lititz. It should be noted that mosquito "pools" refer to the collection and combining of mosquitos for virus testing and not a body of water "pool". When asked by Lee, Alvarado did not feel as though eleven positive tests was a large percentage. When asked how the site locations are identified, Alvarado explained the protocol they have in place; e.g., historical data, consistent resident complaints, certain habitats, sewer treatment plants, urban centers, playgrounds, railroad tracks, etc. With over 100 BMP stormwater management facilities (both public and private) in the Borough, Lee asked why there is so much emphasis on Butterfly Acres. There should not be. The Borough will supply Alvarado with information on the other BMPs in the Borough. Weaver asked for recommendations, additional steps the Borough can be taking to head off WNV. Alvarado stated that the Borough is doing a good job handling it; he has seen a lot worse. He also acknowledged that the Borough has received a number of awards for their stormwater facilities.

Joyce Schnupp, 216 E. Sixth Street, stated that in a wet year, a stormwater pipe near her property collects water. She said the hype surrounding WNV at Butterfly Acres is because of the Sixth Steet Park that is proposed in the area. The sketch plan for the park shows a walking trail meandering through the park and the existing sidewalk along Sixth Street being demolished. She thought that funds could be of better use. Schupp later said that that she did not want to see a playground in Butterfly Acres and that folks in the neighborhood are wealthy enough to put their own playsets in their backyards. Weaver objected to the wealthy statement but did appreciate Schnupp's transparency with noting she did not want a park there.

Presentation by Mosquito-Borne Disease Control Program Coordinator (Cont)

Linda Carson, 220 E. Sixth Street, asked Alvarado for clarification that once WNV is in the bird population, it is here to stay, and he acknowledged the statement. She asked if bats are an effective way to control mosquitos, and Alvarado said that there is conflicting information, but bats tend to eat larger insects. She said that Butterfly Acres is different than other stormwater facilities as it is a CARA recharge area. After speaking with two directors of Vector Management at DEP, Carson said that Butterfly Acres has been an annual mosquito testing site since 2019. Weaver asked what she wanted from Council to which she replied, not to make the situation worse by putting a park in the space there. David Carson, 220 E. Sixth Street, stated that out of eleven positive tests, four were at Butterfly Acres. He said that Council is not putting a park in any of the other stormwater facilities so Butterfly Acres should be looked at independently. He stated that there are too many risks associated with a park at this location; e.g. WNV, traffic. Brubaker said that Council is not looking at this park in a vacuum; there are other folks involved. Greiner arrived virtually at this time. Carson stated that he asked to be placed on the Focus Group for the park but was not given the opportunity and he went on to criticize the Council and the Focus Group members. As the discussion became argumentative, the Carson's left the meeting at Weaver's prompting. Schnupp also left the meeting at this time.

Lititz Public Library Presentation

Lititz Public Library Director Ryan McCrory explained some plans for the 2023 year. The Library Board will be taking a survey of members in March and break ground for a forty-four space parking expansion in the spring. He presented some statistics on new patrons, door counts, electronic and manual checkouts. They are planning to do a bingo card for Lititz Dollars with book covers in downtown businesses. Thursday outdoor concerts will be making a comeback. McCrory thanked Council for the increase in per capita donation made this year. Council thanked McCrory and the Library Board for all they do for the community.

AGREEMENT NO. 546:  
Sewer Interceptor Easements # 4 & # 5

Upon presentation, Lee moved, Mobley seconded to approve Agreement No. 546, for the sewer interceptor easements # 4 & # 5. Motion passed unanimously.

AGREEMENT NO. 547:  
Sewer Interceptor Easements #7

Upon presentation, Lee moved, Mobley seconded to approve Agreement No. 547, for the sewer interceptor easement # 7. Motion passed unanimously.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON SEWER AND WATER SERVICES:  
Inframark Report

Laucks reviewed the most recent Inframark Report. The triennial lead and copper sampling has been completed. One variable frequency drive motor control has been installed on the #1 intermediate pump at the WTP. LASA is interested in purchasing all nutrient credits. Emergency repair was done to the west water storage tank. The monthly WTP safety inspections were completed. The SCADA upgrades are in process. Mobley moved, Sensenich seconded to accept the Inframark August 2022 Monthly Report. Motion passed unanimously.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND TRAFFIC:  
VFW Trunk or Treat Activity Permit Application

Upon presentation, Sensenich moved, Mobley seconded to approve an Activity Permit Application for the VFW Trunk or Treat event on October 22, 2022, 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon, at the VFW parking lot, 14 N. Spruce Street, with music, trunk decorating, candy, food, and prizes. Motion passed unanimously.

Christmas Light Display Activity Permit Application

Upon presentation, Sensenich moved, Mobley seconded to approve an Activity Permit Application from Rich Motz for a drive-through Christmas light display at 659 Laurel Avenue, starting on November 26, 2022, through December 31, 2022, from 5:30 P.M. - 10:30 P.M. Motz thanked all the emergency responders that help with traffic control. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Statement/Bills

Mobley moved, Sensenich seconded to approve the Financial Statement and pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously. The Borough received their final ARPA allocation and the Annual State Fire Relief funds this month.

Year 2023 Preliminary Sewer Fund Budget

Upon presentation, Mobley moved, Sensenich seconded to accept the Year 2023 Preliminary Sewer Fund Budget to submit to Warwick Township Municipal Authority. Motion passed unanimously.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL:  
Annual Minimum Municipal Obligation

Upon presentation, Greiner moved, Mobley seconded to accept the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Police Pension Plan and for the Non-Uniform Employees Pension Plan for Year 2023 budgeting purposes, as submitted. Motion passed unanimously. Act 205 funds from the State offset some of the costs of the plans.

Reappointment to the Civil Service Commission

Upon presentation, Greiner moved, Sensenich seconded to reappoint Richard Felton as Alternate on the Civil Service Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON PLANNING:  
104 N. Broad Street Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan Extension of Time

Upon presentation, Lee moved, Sensenich seconded to acknowledge a letter of approval for a 90-day extension in time for the Preliminary/Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan for 104 N. Broad Street, dated January 10, 2022, for the Toy Soldier restaurant and apartments to be redeveloped into a mixed-use development. The extension is until January 1, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH ENGINEER:

Hain provided a brief update as the Borough Engineer, with the WSD Fieldhouse infrastructure, Dunkin' Donuts stormwater and Sutter Meadows roadway projects.

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON

Junior Council Person Colin Hutchinson reported on activities at WHS, the first day of school, spirit week, back to school night for parents, tailgate, and homecoming. Mobley asked about therapy dogs on campus.

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH MANAGER:  
Monthly Meeting Date Reminders

The Borough Manager reminded Council of the following meeting dates, per submitted report & update. Many public meetings will be held live and/or web conferencing (hybrid).

Monthly Meeting Date Reminders (Cont)

**Regular Monthly Meetings:**

- October 4, 2022 – Tuesday – Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 P.M. (canceled)
- October 11, 2022 – Tuesday – Council Meeting – 7:00 P.M. – If called by the President
- October 17, 2022 – Monday – Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – 7:00 PM. - Chambers
- \*\*\*\* October 25, 2022 – Tuesday – Council Meeting – 7:00 P.M. (hybrid)

**Other Meetings, etc.:**

- September 26, 2022 – Monday – Lititz Fire Co. – Fire House – 7:00 P.M.
- September 27, 2022 – Tuesday – Personnel Sub-Committee – North Group – 1:00 P.M.
- September 27, 2022 – Tuesday – LRWA – Warwick Township – 4:00 P.M. (canceled)
- \*\*\*\* September 27, 2022 – Tuesday – Council Meeting – 7:00 P.M. (hybrid)
- \*\*\*\* September 29, 2022 – Thursday - Joint Meeting – Lititz, WT, ET, WSD - 7:00 P.M. (webconf)
- September 30, 2022 – Friday – County Historic Preservation Summit – Ware – 9 A.M. – 5 P.M.
- October 3, 2022 – Monday – WESC – Brickerville Fire Co - 6:30 P.M.
- October 3, 2022 – Monday – Lititz Public Library Board – Library - 7:00 P.M.
- October 11, 2022 – Tuesday - MS4 Committee – 3:30 P.M. (hybrid)
- October 17, 2022 – Monday - Parks Committee – 4:00 P.M. (hybrid)
- October 17, 2022 – Monday - HAAC Meeting – Conference Room - 6:00 P.M.
- October 18, 2022 – Tuesday – WRRC Board Meeting – recCenter - 8:00 A.M.
- October 18, 2022 – Tuesday – Warwick School Board – WSD - 7:00 P.M.
- October 20, 2022 – Thursday – Regional Coordinating Meeting – 7:30 A.M. (canceled)
- October 20, 2022 – Thursday – Staff Projects Meeting – Council Chambers – 10:30 A.M.
- October 25, 2022 – Tuesday – Lititz Run Watershed Alliance – Warwick Township – 4:00 P.M.
- October 27, 2022 – Thursday – Lititz Borough Authority – Council Chambers - 7:00 P.M.
- October 31, 2022 – Monday – Lititz Fire Co. – Fire House – 7:00 P.M.

- \*\*\*\* All Council members should plan to be at these meetings

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN, FACILITIES MANAGER &  
ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR:

Andy Garner provided the cost for the 2023 Chevy Pickup Truck that will be purchased after the end of the year. The 2017 Kubota sold at an online auction for \$19,101, well above the minimum list cost. Leaf pickup begins on October 10, 2022. The new parking meters are being installed. PWD completed a water system emergency planning table top exercise on September 20, 2022.

Utility Conflict with Tree Removal

Previously this year, two large oak trees on the second block of E. Second Avenue were deemed hazard trees with one tree removed. The second tree removal had been delayed due to a conflict with PPL utility lines. Thirty-seven customers will now be affected by an electricity outage necessary to remove the tree. Mailings, door postings and facebook will be used as notification to those residents.

UGI Repairs in Bonded Street

UGI recently made emergency repairs in New Street which is a bonded street. They now have to do additional maintenance that will require digging into the street at eight locations. They have offered to have the entire street restored within two weeks of the final work. Sensenich moved, Mobley seconded to accept the request from UGI to perform maintenance in New Street and to restore the street after maintenance has been completed. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR & CHIEF OF POLICE

The Mayor recognized veteran Venture Lititz Board President Jim Wenger with a proclamation naming September 12, 2022, Jim Wenger Day in Lititz Borough. On September 14, 2022, Snyder attended the Lancaster County Mayors Association meeting in downtown Lancaster where the topic was homelessness and affordable housing. He recognized two Eagle Scouts on September 18, 2022. Chief Nye announced that the Fire & Ice Committee is starting to meet and the Ambucs Beer Fest went well. He thanked PWD for installing the new parking meters. When E. Sixth Street is opened, he would like larger stop signs installed at Sixth Street and Kissel Hill Road.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY PLANNING

Yearick reported that, a press release has been announced that PennDOT is paving Water Street from the Borough line to Main Street this fall and E. Main Street will be paved in the spring. The Norfolk Southern street closure and detour went well for the repaving of the railroad tracks on N. Broad Street. The Strategic Plan Regional Meetings will be suspended as the update to the Comprehensive Plan will begin in January, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

Former Council Member Ruth McKennon

Weaver acknowledged the passing of former Council Member Ruth McKennon having spent 36 years on Council, and service to the Borough and community as a whole.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M. on a motion by Sensenich with a second by Mobley.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Ann Barry  
Secretary/Treasurer