

January 21, 2026

The Business Meeting of Lansdale Borough Council was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at Lansdale Municipal Complex, One Vine Street, Lansdale, PA and called to order at 7:00 pm by President, Meg Currie Teoh.

ROLL CALL:

- (X) Councilman Breish
- (X) Councilman Carroll
- (X) Councilman DiGregorio
- (X) Councilwoman Fuller
- (X) Councilman Herbert
- (X) Councilwoman Oglesby
- (X) Vice President Razzak
- (X) President Currie Teoh
- () Councilman Yetter – work obligation
- () Mayor Rachael Bollens – delayed travel

Borough Representatives:

Borough Manager, John Ernst
Finance Director, Chris Shannon
Police Chief, Ruan Devlin
IT/GIS Dept., Darwin Zehr
Code Enf. & Fire Marshal, Rick Lesniak
WWTP Superintendent, Greg Rapp

Borough Solicitor, Patrick Hitchens
Borough Engineer, not present
Parks & Rec. Dir., Courtney Fox
Electric Superintendent, Joe Green
Public Works Director, Jason Van Dame

Residents:

Mike Sarconsinski – 503 Delaware Avenue
Jean Fritz – 531 Pennbrook Avenue
Rose Chapman – 316 W. Mt. Vernon Street
Dustin Hobbs – 811 Shaw Avenue

Agenda Item #5 – President's Comments

President Currie Teoh – The format for tonight's meeting is a little different. We did not have committee meetings earlier this month so each Department Head will be giving a quick synopsis of what is going on in their department.

Agenda Item #6 - Petitions

None

Agenda Item #7 – Presentations

1. Lansdale Police Department Annual Recognition Awards – Acting Chief Devlin
 - Fire police recognition
 - Fairmount
 - Montgomery Township
 - Towamencin
 - Upper Gwynedd
 - North Penn Fire
 - Colmar

- Iron Officer (No use of sick time in 2025)
 - Sgt. Mallozzi
 - Sgt. McVeigh
 - Officer Pfister
 - Officer Talbot
- Support Staff Employee of the Year
 - Heather Dyson – this award is chosen by the officers and staff
- Life Saving Award
 - Heather Freiling
 - Officer Bundy
 - Officer Schenk
- Meritorious Conduct Award
 - Train Station Robber – Sgt. North, Officer Thompson, Officer McCarrick, Officer Pelzer, Sgt. McVeigh, Det. Gray & Det. Greco
 - Stolen Car – Officer Gregory and Officer Einreinhofer
 - Fraud – Officer Hauser and Officer Pfister
 - Stolen Car – Officer Ruel
 - Burglary – Officer Pfister
 - Rape – Detective Greco
 - Missing Child - Officer Freed and Officer Thompson
 - Gun Case at NPHS – Detective Greco
- Officer of the Year
 - Officer Karly Harney

President Currie Teoh – On behalf of Council thank you to the department. You all make us proud.

Agenda Item #8 – Committee Reports

1. **Admin & Finance** – Chris Shannon

- The Audit process is underway and hopefully will be done by the end of February.
- We are working on closing the 2025 financials now. The books stay open for 60 days after the new year since invoices and such are still coming in and need to be reconciled.
- Staff is working on improving our financial reporting for 2026. Reporting will be moved from Excel to Caselle for more timely access to the numbers.
- He and staff will be working on drafting new financial policies in 2026.
- Working on procuring \$3.2 million for WWTP projects through PennVEST.
- We will begin using Caselle as a project management tool for real time reporting. We will also update our asset tracking with the facilities department for data tracking.
 - **Councilwoman Fuller** – Chris, you have done an outstanding job for the last eight months that you have been here. Misstatements were made earlier this month about the borough squandering money and the budget process was disastrous, which is not true. Chris deserves a public apology for that gross misstatement.
 - **Councilman Herbert** – He does admit what he said was harsh but we did spend a lot of money in the last two years and should we have really done that. He could have communicated what he meant better. This is not Chris's fault.

2. **Code Enforcement** – Rick Lesniak

- There were 57 permits issued in December with a majority for plumbing.

- Over 18,000 square feet of commercial space was inspected.
 - Held a tabletop exercise at St. Mary's Manor with other emergency management groups. He is building a relationship with the organization.
 - There will be a zoning application for St. Stan's Church upcoming. They would like to have an electric variable sign at the church.
 - Staff is reviewing a land development application for 864 W. Fifth Street.
 - The Planning Commission is working on a transient oriented design amendment.
3. **Economic Development Committee** – Jason Van Dame
- Councilman Yetter is now the Chair of the EDC and Doug Bellenger will remain Co-Chair. The committee is working on their 2026 goals.
 - The subcommittees will be meeting immediately following the EDC in Borough Hall. These meetings are open to the public.
 - Discussed the downtown business wayfinding signs expanding to businesses off of Main and Madison Streets.
4. **Electric Department** – Joe Green
- Four new security cameras have been added to the fiber network.
 - We are testing equal pay billing with Dallas right now. This would allow customers to have the same billing amount every month to spread out higher usage months over the year. The customer must sign up for autopay and currently have a zero balance.
 - We will look to have Portnoff Law to collect past due account balances for electric and sewer accounts. The delinquent fees are collected from the property owner, not the tenant.
- Councilman Carroll** – Congratulations on being sworn on Perkasio's Borough Council.
- Councilman DiGregorio** – If someone has a problem with their electric account can they still go to customer service?
- Mr. Green** – Yes.
5. **Parks and Recreation** – Courtney Fox
- As is often the case in parks and recreation, our work tends to alternate between years of planning and years of execution. 2025 was very much a year of execution. While 2026 includes fewer large-scale projects, we are staying plenty busy and planning for what's next. Upcoming in 2026 are the following:
 - The White's Road Pool Project remains underway and is still targeted to open by Memorial Day weekend. We also plan to go out to bid for Phase III of the Liberty Bell Trail in March. The Comprehensive Plan process is continuing and will be ready for presentation later this year.
 - Behind the scenes we will begin engineering work for Fourth Street Pool. As you may have heard, the Borough was conditionally awarded one million dollars for Fourth Street Pool renovations, pending approval from the National Park Service. We'll share more details as they become available.
 - We will also be evaluating the interior of the White's Road Pool building, including engineering plans for renovations that would add family restrooms and changing areas.
 - Registration is now open for camps, programs, and pool memberships. Our Recreation Specialists, Megan Lewis and Sam Brumagin, have worked hard to put together a strong line-up of camps, programs, and special events for all ages.
 - We're looking forward to a productive year and are excited to continue serving the community.
6. **Public Safety** – Acting Chief Devlin
- The two new patrol cars that Council approved in 2025 have been added to the fleet and are much appreciated.

- A letter was submitted to PennDOT to request the lowering of the speed limit On Main Street between Cannon Avenue and Valley Forge Road to 25mph. They came back that they would allow it to be lowered to 30mph, but the person we spoke with will try to push for 25mph.
Councilwoman Oglesby – Why only 30mph?
Acting Chief Devlin – They said because the way the lines are painted on the street it is already slowing down traffic.
- 7. **Public Works** – Jason Van Dame
 - Crews are working on maintenance items and working on creating another trailer for cleaning out inlets. The new backhoe that we purchased with a grant from Rep. Malagari will be delivered soon.
 - With the upcoming snow forecast we will be busy salting and getting ready for it.
Councilwoman Fuller – the Facebook post was fantastic about the explanation of snow removal. She does have some concern with Councilman DiGregorio being named Public Works Chair as he has missed or was late the last six out of ten meetings.
President Currie Teoh – Well done with the Facebook post.
- 8. **WWTP** – Greg Rapp
 - He will have two action items for the business meeting this evening. PennVEST needs resolutions for the stormwater and sewer projects to continue work on our application. Those projects are for the Neshaminy Creek MS4 requirement and for the sanitary sewer N. Cannon Avenue and Poplar Street projects.
Councilman Breish – It is impressive that the WWTP expenditures is down \$300,000 from 2024 to 2025.
Mr. Rapp – We appreciate that and we work as a team. I thank Chris and John for the leadership, we couldn't do it without them.

Agenda Item #9 – Residents to be Heard on Any Item

Mike Sarconsinski of 505 Delaware Ave. – He would like to see under new business remove the Acting Chief title and just make Ryan Devlin Chief of Police. Also, during the reorganization meeting he would like to congratulate Councilwoman Oglesby on her comments in the defense of Councilwoman Fuller. It struck a nerve with Councilman Herbert. It was a pre-orchestrated move. Councilman Herbert thinks the residents are stupid and do not know what is going on behind the scenes. When we can't get to the meetings, we do watch the recordings and keep up with what's going on. The borough's finances were not great before the elections and you didn't say anything. You continue to raise taxes and electric rates, but change will happen when parties vote. Move forward from January 5 and be a team again.

Jean Fritz of 531 Pennbrook Ave. – How do I find out if there is a snow emergency? My computer is not working. What time do they start and end? If you aren't going to plow the street where the signs are then why have them up?

President Currie Teoh – You can sign up to receive text messages. She can help you sign up after the meeting.

Rose Chapman of 316 W. Mt. Vernon St. – There seems to be vandalism with the fence at the cemetery. She knows one section was ruined due to a branch falling on it.

Dustin Hobbs of 811 Shaw Ave. – There is a lot of trash in his neighborhood and there is a bad roach infestation going on due to trash everywhere. He has worked with Codes on this issue. His landlord owns ten units on that street and doesn't do much about it. We need some help.

Agenda Item #10 – Action Items

Councilman Herbert presented Motion A and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2025 which shows the expenditures listed on the attachment.

Motion seconded by Councilman DiGregorio and unanimously approved.

Councilman Herbert 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 Razzak and unanimously approved.

Councilman Herbert presented Motion C and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council approve the following meeting minutes:

Work Session Meeting: December 3, 2025

Business Meeting: December 17, 2025

Motion seconded by Councilman DiGregorio and unanimously approved.

Councilman Herbert presented Motion D and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Resolution 26-01 regarding the Borough of Lansdale Equal Rights and Opportunities policy.

Motion seconded by Vice President Razzak and unanimously approved.

Councilman Herbert presented Motion E and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt the attached Ordinance 1997 amending and restating the Borough of Lansdale Police Pension Plan.

Mr. Hitchens – We are removing Ordinance 1997 from the agenda. There was a discrepancy and we want to make sure we have everything correct before we move forward.

Councilman Herbert made a motion to table Motion E and Vice President Razzak seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved to table.

Councilman DiGregorio presented Motion F and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Resolution 26-02 authorizing the submission of a financial assistance application to PennVEST for the purpose of construction, rehabilitation and/or extension of the storm water system. In addition, authorize the Council President and the Borough Secretary to execute the Letter of Financial Responsibility with PennVEST.

Motion seconded by Councilman Herbert and unanimously approved.

Councilman DiGregorio presented Motion G and read as follows:

I move that Borough Council adopt attached Resolution 26-03 authorizing the submission of a financial assistance application to PennVEST for the purpose of construction, rehabilitation and/or extension of the sewer system. In addition, authorize the Council President and the Borough Secretary to execute the Letter of Financial Responsibility with PennVEST.

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Motion seconded by Councilman Herbert and unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #11 – Information Items

Mayor's Report: Mayor Bollens

1. None

Solicitor's Report: Patrick Hitchens

1. Communications with Borough staff and related follow-up work regarding ordinance and resolution matters including handicap parking, prohibited parking and annual tax millage rates. – Approximately 2.5 hours.
2. Communications with Borough staff and follow-up work relating to sewer and electric matters. – Approximately 1.0 hour.
3. Communications with Borough staff and follow-up work regarding assessment appeal and lien matters. - Approximately 2.1 hours.
4. Communications with Borough staff and follow-up work regarding land development matters (215 S. Broad and 380 E Hancock) and regarding RACP grant for YMCA project. – Approximately 1.6 hours
5. Communications with Borough staff and related follow-up work regarding miscellaneous matters including compliance, legal updates, RTK requests, reorganization procedures, and LCWF grant for Parks Department – Approximately 3.8 hours.

Borough Manager's Report: John Ernst

1. We are closely monitoring the approaching winter storm and understand that many residents are concerned about what's ahead. The Borough's essential staff is tracking multiple reliable weather sources to determine the best possible response, and we are prepared to act regardless of snowfall or sleet predictions. Please continue to check the Borough website for updates, and if you haven't already, sign up for text or email alerts to receive timely announcements.

When a Snow Alert or Emergency is declared, residents are required to move their vehicles to the designated side of the street to allow plowing. Cars left in place make plowing difficult and reduce available parking until the snow melts. When a Snow Alert is announced, police will drive through neighborhoods using loudspeakers to notify residents to move cars, and once snow begins to fall, ticketing will start for vehicles that have not been moved.

Clearing main roads is always our first priority, followed by secondary roads and neighborhoods. Plows may make several passes during and after the storm, so please remember that just because a plow has passed your street does not mean you can return your car to its original spot. Please wait until the Snow Alert is lifted. This will be announced through social media and text alerts as well.

As a reminder, when clearing your car, do not throw snow back into the street—this is a violation. Move snow to the side of the road where you parked to help speed up melting and keep roads clear.

Finally, please be patient with our plow drivers. They will be working long hours to keep roads safe and passable and will need breaks for food and rest. Every driver also has a home to return to and clear after serving the community.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we work together to keep Lansdale safe during this winter storm.

Comments for the good of Council:

Councilman Carroll – At the last meeting he commented that everyone needs to come up with what Council wants to accomplish in 2026.

Councilman Breish – He would like to make Acting Chief Devlin official and not wait. He has heard an enormous amount of unsolicited feedback that people want Ryan as our next Police Chief.

President Currie Teoh – We have a process that we are following and I think we should continue and respect that process. How many applications have we received?

Mr. Ernst – We have received 19 applications. We are using three local Chiefs for the interview process along with a small committee of Council. As we move forward in the process, we will whittle down the applicants.

Councilman Breish – Respectfully, is this necessary to do this search? We have the best one for the job.

Mr. Hitchens – There is nothing in the Borough Code that requires a search. You may want to consult your labor counsel. Also, the New Business portion of the meeting is a misnomer. If you want to add something to the agenda you need to amend the agenda to add a new motion.

Councilman Herbert – He appreciates what you are saying, but we do not have a full body of council here or the Mayor. She should be able to have input. It may not be an appropriate time.

President Currie Teoh – What costs have we incurred so far?

Mr. Ernst – Just the cost of staff time. The Chiefs are volunteering their time.

Councilwoman Fuller – The contract has been signed for fireworks for Founders Day, August 29, 2026.

President Currie Teoh – An Executive Session will be held tonight after the meeting with no action being taken tonight.

Old Business

None

New Business

Councilman Breish – I make a motion to amend the agenda to add a motion. Councilwoman Fuller seconded the motion to amend the agenda. No public comment was made.

Roll Call Vote

Councilman Breish—yes

Councilwoman Fuller—yes

Councilman Carroll—yes

Councilman Herbert—no

Councilman DiGregorio—yes

Councilwoman Currie Teoh—no

Councilwoman Oglesby—yes

Councilwoman Razzak—no

Councilman Yetter—absent

Councilman Breish – I move that Borough Council make Ryan Devlin Chief of Police effective immediately and subject to a future contract. Councilman Carroll seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Fuller – She is surprised by this action and she didn't disagree with the search, but she is for this.

Councilwoman Oglesby – She has always thought Ryan should be named Chief. Why waste staff time, etc. for someone we know will do an excellent job and wants the job. She has heard from numerous residents that they want Ryan as Chief.

Mr. Ernst – Personally since Ryan has been acting chief he has jumped right in and has seamlessly worked with the Management Team and has been a true teammate. He has a great

relationship with the other department heads as well as staff. He would completely support this move.

President Currie Teoh – She feels it would be a disservice to just appoint Ryan and she would like to respect the process that we started.

Councilman Breish – Thank you for entertaining this tonight. I believe this is the right thing to do.

Councilman Herbert – There is a process for getting a promotion and he wants him to go through that process.

Councilwoman Fuller – The officers and staff in the department and surrounding area Chiefs have all given their unsolicited support of Ryan becoming the next chief. That says a lot.

Public Comment

Mike Sarconcinski – He did not intend to cause all of this, but he didn't want to see funds spent for nothing. He hopes you will all vote for him.

Allen Fuller – This is your first opportunity to not squander money.

Councilman Herbert – It won't cost a lot of money since the other Chiefs are volunteering their time.

Susan Sarconcinski – 503 Delaware Ave – He lights up when he talks about Lansdale and he loves our community.

Don Meese – 959 W. 3rd St. – Acting Chief Devlin has my support as a part time employee of the department.

Bill Henning – He fully supports this for Ryan. We don't want to lose him.

Anne Scheuring – 220 S. Line St. – She has known Ryan for a long time and every resident she talks to wants him as Chief.

Mr. Green – He can't think of anyone better for the job.

Ms. Lipsky – Library Director – Ryan has been a wonderful to work with and is a true team player. It would not be easy to have a random person come in.

Roll Call Vote

Councilman Breish—yes

Councilwoman Fuller—yes

Councilman Carroll—yes

Councilman Herbert—no

Councilman DiGregorio—yes

Councilwoman Currie Teoh—no

Councilwoman Oglesby—yes

Councilwoman Razzak—no

Councilman Yetter—absent

Chief Ryan Devlin – He is shocked by this. Lansdale has been his passion. My whole life and career has been spent here. He appreciates all of the comments from the residents and department heads. Thank you.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.