

I. Monday, February 2, 2026, Work Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Lincoln Park, the Borough Clerk called the Work Meeting to order and announced the meeting was duly advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. **ROLL CALL**

On the Roll Call, Council Members present were: Antonetti, Gemian, Moeller, Ross, Seise, Thompson and Gurkovich

ABSENT: None

Present from Administration: Borough Administrator Perry Mayers, CFO Fabiano Mello, and Borough Attorney, Chris DiLorenzo

III. **MAYOR'S AGENDA:**

I. **Request Resolution Authorizing Filing of Treatment Works Approval (TWA) with State of New Jersey DEP**

- A. Evangelical Mission & Seminary – Block 33201 / Lot 20
- B. Connection of dormitory units to existing sanitary sewer system
- C. Borough Administrator to sign permit application

**Council concurred and a Resolution is on tonight's meeting Agenda for approval.**

II. **Request Resolution Authorizing 2026 Salaries for Mayor & Council**

- A. Mayor - \$18,025
- B. Council Members - \$12,875
- C. 2026 Salaries represent a 3% increase over 2025 salaries

Councilman Seise said he is opposed to any increase in compensation for this Council. This is tied to a Mayor's increase, and he doesn't think those two things need to be tethered. This Council has earned a decrease in compensation not an increase.

No other Council members had any comments or questions regarding this item.

**A Resolution will be on the February 17, 2026, Agenda**

III. **Request Introduction of Ordinance Amending Chapter 384 and Chapter 461 of the Borough Code**

- A. Chapter 384-43 – **Sewers and Sewerage Disposal**/Payment; liens; interest
  - i. Change delinquent fees to 8% for first \$1,500 and 18% on amounts exceeding \$1,500
  - ii. Fees would be incurred after 10 days retroactive to due date of bill
  - iii. Current fee is 12% after 30 days, retroactive to date of bill
- B. Chapter 461-35 – **Water/Charges** Constitute Lien; interest as penalty
  - i. Change delinquent fees to 8% for first \$1,500 and 18% on amounts exceeding \$1,500
  - ii. Fees would be incurred after 10 days retroactive to due date of bill
  - iii. Current fee is 12% after 30 days, retroactive to date of bill

**Council concurred and the Introduction is on tonight's meeting Agenda.**

IV. **Request Introduction of Ordinance Requiring Property Owners to Clear Snow from Fire Hydrants**

- A. Permissible as per N.J.S.A. 40:65-12.1
- B. Must be cleared within 24 hours of coverage
- C. 36-inch radius and no impediment to the use of the hydrant
- D. Failure to perform may result in a fee of \$75 if DPW must clear

**Council concurred and the Introduction is on tonight's meeting Agenda.**

V. **Request Resolution Authorizing Adoption Morris County Hazard Mitigation Plan**

- A. 2025 Update
- B. Completed every five years
- C. As required by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-390)

**Council concurred and a Resolution will be on the February 17, 2026, Agenda**

VI. **Request Resolution Authorizing Agreement with NY Life Insurance**

- A. Employee Whole Life insurance – Guaranteed Issue
- B. Voluntary Employee Participation
- C. Premiums paid through payroll deductions
- D. No cost to Borough

**Council concurred and a Resolution will be on the February 17, 2026, Agenda.**

VII. **Request Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Request for Proposals**

- A. Municipal Court Collection Services
- B. Current contract with Penn Credit has expired.

**Council concurred and a Resolution will be on the February 17, 2026, Agenda.**

IV. **RESOLUTION:**

Gurkovich: R26-90, Resolution Authorizing the Filing of a Treatment Works Application with the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection – Evangelical Mission & Seminary

Thompson: So Moved

Ross: Second

**RESOLUTION R26-90**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A TREATMENT WORKS APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (EVANGELICAL MISSION & SEMINARY)**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to apply for Treatment Works Approval from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental in connection with the connection of dormitory units at the Evangelical Mission and Seminary to the Borough's existing sanitary sewer system; and,

**WHEREAS**; the location of the property is identified as Block 33201, Lot 20; and,

**WHEREAS**, the forms, sewer plans, and supporting information have been reviewed and found in order by Bill Ryden, PE, of Anderson & Denzler Associates, the Borough's Water Supply and Wastewater Operator ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Lincoln Park, as the owner of the sanitary sewer system, is required to file an application for a Treatment Works Approval Permit.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Lincoln Park, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the Borough Administrator is authorized to execute an application for a Treatment Works Approval Permit filled in connection with the connection of dormitory units at the Evangelical Mission and Seminary to the Borough's existing sanitary sewer system.

Gurkovich: Any questions, comments or corrections? Call the Roll.

Yes: Antonetti, Gemian, Moeller, Ross, Seise, Thompson, and Gurkovich

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Resolution R26-90 was Adopted.

**V. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:**

Gurkovich: Ordinance 3-26, An Ordinance Amending Sections of the Code of the Borough of Lincoln Park, Chapter 384, Sewers and Sewage Disposal and Chapter 461, Water

The Clerk read the following Resolution:

Be it resolved that an Ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE  
CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LINCOLN PARK, CHAPTER  
384, SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND CHAPTER 461, WATER**

Be Introduced and Read by Title on first reading by the Clerk.

Gurkovich: I need a Motion and a Second

Thompson: So Moved

Ross: Second

Gurkovich: Call the Roll.

Yes: Antonetti, Gemian, Moeller, Ross, Seise, Thompson, and Gurkovich

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Gurkovich: Does the Council have any questions or comments on this ordinance?

The Resolution was adopted.

Gurkovich: Please read it again.

The Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled,

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE  
CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LINCOLN PARK, CHAPTER  
384, SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND CHAPTER 461, WATER**

Be passed on First Reading and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said Ordinance be considered for Final Passage at the meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Lincoln Park on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026 at approximately 7:00 PM in the Municipal building at which time and place all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk be authorized and directed to advertise said Ordinance with a Notice of Introduction thereof in the Daily Record according to law.

Gurkovich: I need a Motion and a Second

Thompson: So Moved

Moeller: Second

Gurkovich: Any questions, comments or corrections? Call the Roll.

Yes: Antonetti, Gemian, Moeller, Ross, Seise, Thompson, and Gurkovich

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The Resolution was adopted.

Gurkovich: Ordinance 4-26, An Ordinance to Amending Chapter 264 Fire Prevention and Protection of the Code of the Borough of Lincoln Park

The Clerk read the following Resolution:

Be it resolved that an Ordinance entitled:

Be Introduced and Read by Title on first reading by the Clerk.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 264 FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LINCOLN PARK**

Gurkovich: I need a Motion and a Second

Thompson: So Moved

Ross: Second

Gurkovich: Call the Roll.

Yes: Antonetti, Gemian, Moeller, Ross, Seise, Thompson, and Gurkovich

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Gurkovich: Does the Council have any questions or comments on this ordinance?

The Resolution was adopted.

Gurkovich: Please read it again.

The Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled,

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 264 FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LINCOLN PARK**

Be passed on First Reading and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said Ordinance be considered for Final Passage at the meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Lincoln Park on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026 at approximately 7:00 PM in the Municipal building at which time and place all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk be authorized and directed to advertise said Ordinance with a Notice of Introduction thereof in the Daily Record according to law.

Gurkovich: I need a Motion and a Second

Thompson: So Moved

Ross: Second

Gurkovich: Any questions, comments or corrections? Call the Roll.

Yes: Antonetti, Gemian, Moeller, Ross, Seise, Thompson, and Gurkovich

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The Resolution was adopted.

**VI. ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION:**

Gurkovich: Ordinance 2-26, An Ordinance of the Borough of Lincoln Park, in the County of Morris, New Jersey Providing for the Acquisition of a Pumper Fire Engine and Other Related Expenses in and for the Borough and Appropriating \$2,000,000 Therefor, and Providing for the Issuance of \$1,805,000 in Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance the Same

The Clerk read the following Resolution:

Be it resolved that an Ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LINCOLN PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A PUMPER FIRE ENGINE AND OTHER RELATED EXPENSES IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH AND APPROPRIATING \$2,000,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,805,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE SAME**

Be read by Title on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon

Thompson: So Moved

Seise: Second

Gurkovich: Any questions, comments or corrections? Call the Roll.

Yes: Antonetti, Gemian, Moeller, Ross, Seise, Thompson, and Gurkovich  
No: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

The Resolution was adopted

Gurkovich: Motion to go to Public

Thompson: So Moved  
Moeller: Second

Gurkovich asked for a Voice Vote. The Public Hearing was Opened.

Gurkovich: Anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance 2-26 may do so now.

Thompson: Seeing no one present wishing to speak I Move we close the Public Hearing.

Ross: Second

Council President Gurkovich asked for a Voice Vote. The Public Hearing was Closed.

The Clerk read the following Resolution:

Be it further resolved that an Ordinance Entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LINCOLN PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A PUMPER FIRE ENGINE AND OTHER RELATED EXPENSES IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH AND APPROPRIATING \$2,000,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,805,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE SAME**

Be passed on Final Reading and a Notice of Final Passage of Said Ordinance be published according to law.

Thompson: So Moved  
Ross: Second

Gurkovich: Any questions or comments? Call the Roll.

Yes: Antonetti, Gemian, Moeller, Ross, Seise, Thompson, and Gurkovich  
No: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

The Ordinance was Adopted

## **VII. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Antonetti:** Rec Dept is completing applications for Municipal Alliance and Local Recreation Improvement Grant, Job Fair for summer employees is scheduled for March.

**Gemian:** The Deputy Clerk hiring committee met and we are pleased to announce our recommendation for hire. Silvia Pascoal is our recommendation for Deputy Clerk hire for your consideration.

**Moeller:** DPW – snowplowing and removal has kept them busy over the week. Snow on Main Street has been moved from the businesses. The fire hydrants have been being cleared all week. Tree work is ongoing on Pine Brook Road. Tree removal will begin in front of the library shortly. New grinder has been installed in Comly Road pump station. Bulk is completed.

Health Department – Has a limited number of free COVID and flu kits that can be given to residents or employees upon request. Current disease outbreaks being monitored are RSV and COVID at LP Care Center and JDT Resorts and RSV at LP Renaissance and Villas. The next Child Health Clinic is February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Ross:** No report.

**Seise:** No report.

**Thompson:** We should call for a vote for hiring Silvia Pascoal so we can move the process forward. If you would not mind calling a vote on that, President.

Council President Gurkovich: Can we have a vote on the hiring of Silvia Pascoal

Thompson: I will move it

Ross: Second

Yes: Antonetti, Gemian, Moeller, Ross, Seise, Thompson, and Gurkovich

No: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**Gurkovich:** No report.

**VIII. PUBLIC HEARING:**

Council President Gurkovich: Do we have a Motion to open the Public Hearing

Gemian: I move we open the Public Hearing

Ross: Second

Council President Gurkovich: All in favor, the Council responded as Aye.

Council President Gurkovich: If anyone from the Public would like to come up and speak, you will have 5 minutes, please give us your name and address.

Gemian: Seeing no one coming forward, I move we close the Public portion of the meeting.

Ross: Second

Council President Gurkovich: All in favor, the Council responded as Aye. The Public Hearing was Closed.

**IX. MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:**

**Antonetti:** No comments

**Gemian:** No comments

**Moeller:** Questioned seeing a sign for hiring more people for the lake and asked why. Borough Administrator Mayers said the current assistant lake director resigned and we are replacing that position.

**Ross:** No comments

**Seise:** No comments

**Thompson:** The FD had their installation dinner last weekend. George Morere was honored for 50 years of service. They have 6-7 new members coming onboard. Greg Becker was also honored for 50 years of service, but he was not in attendance. The DPW did a good job with the snow removal.

**Gurkovich:** The library had 196 programs for children, 21 programs for teens, and 140 programs for the adults. We had a total of 20,000 people participate in our 2025 programs.

Administrator Mayers said he got the certifications late this afternoon. At the next meeting he will be asking the Council to vote on a resolution authorizing the LOSAP for Fire Company #1 and #2 and EMS.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

Gurkovich: If there is nothing else, I move that we Adjourn.

Thompson: So moved

Council President Gurkovich: All in favor, the Council responded as Aye.

There being no further business to discuss, the Work Meeting of February 2, 2026, was Adjourned at 7:23 PM.

ATTEST:

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Courtney Fitzpatrick, Borough Clerk

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Joseph Gurkovich, Council President

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Mayor David Runfeldt