

**Town of Loch Lynn Heights**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**June 3, 2025**

Mayor Friend called the meeting to order at 5:43, following a Public Hearing for the Budget Ordinance, and led the Pledge to the Flag. In attendance were Councilpersons Barbara Rexroad, Max Hill, Bryce Canfield and John Groves, and Clerk Rebecca Friend. Two additional Agenda items were approved – motion by B. Canfield, second by J. Groves.

**Approval of May Meeting Minutes:** Approved after motion by B. Canfield, second by J. Groves.

**Acceptance of May Financial Report:** M. Hill moved to accept, second by B. Rexroad. Approved, unanimous.

**ACTIVITY REPORTS**

**Sheriff's Office** – Deputy Pritt reported 11 town patrols in May, and a total of 22 incidents. Council again requested more police presence to reduce speeding and running stoplights.

**Code Enforcement** –

**GCM** – No meeting in June

**Grants** – Clerk is obtaining quotes for costs of paving, fencing and landscaping projects, to be funded with ARPA, POS and community Parks and Playgrounds grants. Playground order was sent to Playworld rep.

**Mayor's Report**

**Streets & Sewer** – Street signs are in poor shape – new signs and posts will be installed, and some old signs will be refaced. Repairs are being made to vibratory plate to be used for compaction of soil or gravel. One of the planters by the Welcome sign was stolen. An estimate for street and alley work will be requested from the County Roads Dept. New flags were purchased for display on utility poles.

**Correspondence / Meetings** – Maryland legislation was passed that overrules municipal authority over solar field installation. The town received \$1,200 dividend check from Worker's Compensation Insurance. Vehicle insurance was added on the new pickup truck, correcting an oversight.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES:**

**Amendments – FY 2024-25 Budget** Changes to the current budget were reviewed. Adopted unanimously after motion from J. Groves, second by M. Hill.

**Ordinance 2025-01, FY 2025-26 Budget.** Second reading. The group reviewed the draft budget, with Mayor Friend explaining changes from the previous year's figures. Mayor Friend recommends that additional payments to the principal on the Sewer Loan be made as funds are available. Budget was adopted unanimously after B. Rexroad motion and J. Groves second.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Maintenance Part-time Employee** – The new maintenance worker worked one day and resigned. Town will not advertise the position further, but still looking for help.

**Arbor Day** – A red crabapple tree was planted to replace last year's tree that was damaged by an animal. Councilwoman Rexroad was the only attendee.

**Town Mayor & Council Salary Increase** – Tabled once again, as there are more pressing agenda items.

**Yard Sale** – Community Yard Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, July 11 and 12, 9 am to 5 pm.

Residents will be offered the options of selling from their property or reserving a table at the pavilion for \$10. A dumpster will be provided at the end of the day on Saturday for items that are to be discarded.

**Trail Work Day** – Volunteers needed. June 7, 9am to noon. Lunch will be provided. Weather report is not favorable, so work may be postponed.

**Town Website update** – Work is progressing on the website. Hopefully will be up and running within the next few weeks.

**Executive Session Update** – During last month’s executive session pay increases for town employees and a Simple IRA for Larry Bernard were approved. Mr. Hanlin’s request for the town to contribute funds toward his sewer installation was denied, as it would violate the Sewer Use Ordinance. Making recommendations for Zoning Appeals Board members was tabled as only one candidate has completed the training.

**Seneca Ave. Excavation** – No response has been received from Mr. Beckman regarding violations of town and county ordinances. The matter will be referred back to the County offices.

**ALGAR Dinner/Meeting** – Rescheduled for June 11, due to flooding in Lonaconing. Reservations due June 4.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Banner** – A banner will be ordered to promote the Community Yard Sale. Barbara Rexroad will check on it.

**Next Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting July 1, at 5:30 pm.**

**Public Comment** - none

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 following motion by B. Rexroad, second by B. Canfield.

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Rebecca C. Friend, Clerk / Treasurer  
July 1, 2025

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Larry F. Friend, Mayor