

The Monthly meeting of the Lansford Borough Council for General and Executive purposes was held at the above date and place at 6:30pm. The meeting was called to order by President Martin Ditsky and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were 18 residents and 1 reporter.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Treasurer Mary Fittos took roll call. Those present were Martin Ditsky, Mary Soberick, Tommy Vadyak, Joe Butrie, Colin Jones, Rose Mary Cannon and Solicitor Michael Greek. Those Absent were: Mayor James Romankow and Samantha Yasson.

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Kelly Leslie of, 404 West Kline, Lansford said there is an issue with residents speeding through the alley at about 40-50mph. She mentioned that she has small children that play outside along with other children that play out there. She asked if there is any way to get "children at play signs". Mr. Ditsky asked if it was throughout the day and night. Ms. Leslie said throughout the day. Mr. Vadyak said with there being no parking right now it's like an open speedway. He said the police should be aware of it so they can patrol over there. Mary Soberick asked if speedbumps can be put in, but Mr. Greek said no. Mr. Greek said you can put up yellow cautionary signs, but if you put one up there, everyone who has kids will want a sign.

Mary Soto of Lansford asked if you can put up a speed limit sign. Mr. Vadyak explained that the speed limit is 25mph and with or without a sign people do not adhere to it. He said they don't even stop at the stop sign on Abbott Street.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- March 11, 2015- Joe Butrie mentioned a typographical error on page two. "Brook" should be "Broom". **Mary Soberick makes the motion to approve the minutes with the change. Seconded: Rose Mary Canon vote. All in favor, motion passes.**
- Special Meeting March 19, 2015- **Colin Jones makes the motion to accept. Seconded: Mary Soberick vote. All in favor, motion passes.**

CORRESPONDENCE

- PA Training For Health & Safety – Free Webinars
- Letter from Robert (Ski) Siesputowski- Mr. Ditsky said the letter pertains to having a memorial for veterans. Ms. Cannon said we have to decide if we want it and if they can get the money to do it. Mr. Jones asked what other places can it be placed besides the park. He said he is all for it if funding is available. Mary Soberick said she would like more information. Mr. Ditsky said he will call for more information. Ms. Cannon said she will call.
- Letter from Robert Benek- regarding snow. Ms. Cannon said Butch looked at it and they could probably do a better job.
- PASB Webinars
- Carbon County Workforce Training- Summer Program- **Mary Soberick makes the motion to participate. Seconded: Joe Butrie vote. All in favor, motion passes.**
- Penn Dept. of Environmental Protection RE: Sewage/ May 5th Sewer Authority and Coaldale will be there. Rose Mary said she would like to go and Eric Snyder will be going. Mr. Jones asked if our Chapter 94 report was filed.
- Letter from Penn dot/ Audit Manager- Liq Fuels to be reimbursed from 2012-2013 Audit/ Mary Soberick said this is not a part of our budget. Mrs. Fittos said she will find out when the latest is they can reimburse. **Rose Mary Cannon makes the motion to reimburse Liquid fuels when the money is available. Seconded: Mary Soberick vote. All in favor, motion passes.**
- LTAP- Free course on Principals of paving
- LTAP- Free Course on Asphalt Roads common maintenance problems- **Tommy Vadyak makes the motion to send Greg Daily and Mario Marconi to this event. Seconded: Colin Jones vote. Motion passes.**
- Lansford Alive- Cleanup Day- Mr. Ditsky said they are looking for rakes, shovels and a pickup truck. He said last year the issue was who would be available to drive the pick-up truck. There was a 10 minute conversation about who would be driving the truck and the logistics of this. **Rose Mary**

Cannon makes the motion to allow the use of our equipment including the pickup truck with Chris Ondrus driving it, if he is not available then they will have to leave the bags there and Borough workers can pick up the bags. Seconded: Colin Jones vote. All in favor, motion passes.

Rose Mary Cannon said maybe someone will hear this and volunteer their truck.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Municipal Administration- Read by Martin Ditsky. He spoke about the specific parts of the “use and maintenance” agreement with Grace Community Church that were changed and agreed upon. Ms. Cannon said council will have to review it. Mr. Ditsky went over the changes. Mrs. Soberick asked if it was re-written with the changes. Colin Jones said it should be re-written and submitted. **Mary Soberick makes the motion to have it re-written and submitted to council for approval. Seconded: Colin Jones vote. All in favor, motion passes.** Mr. Ditsky spoke about Resolution 2010-10 fee schedule and some fee changes regarding an increase to some fees such as Sidewalk Permits increased to \$25 and Street Excavation both checks increased to \$100. **Colin Jones makes the motion to accept the resolution with the changes. Seconded: Joe Butrie vote. All in favor, motion passes.** Mr. Ditsky mentioned that there are not enough life guards to staff the pool. Ms. Cannon said the pay rate would need to be increased to \$10.00/ per hour in order to retain anyone and stay competitive with the surrounding boroughs. Colin Jones asked what the rate was now. Ms. Cannon said \$8.50. **Mary Soberick makes the motion to increase the Lifeguards rate of pay to \$10.00 p/h. Seconded: Colin Jones vote. All in favor, motion passes.** Mr. Vadyak mentioned to speak to Gary Wentz at career link.
- Public Safety- Cancelled
- Fire Department- Read by Rose Mary Cannon
- Ambulance- Read by Martin Ditsky
- Mayor’s Report- Read by Martin Ditsky. He also mentioned there was a letter from Sgt. Jack Soberick regarding the use of Naloxone. Mr. Greek said the wording in the agreement needs to be changed. **Tommy Vadyak made the motion to table it.** Mr. Greek said they can train, but the agreement was poorly written.
- Police Report- Read by Martin Ditsky
- Parks & Recreation- Cancelled
- Public Works- Read by Joe Butrie. Mr. Butrie mentioned that that he and a Martin Ditsky met with Mr. John Davis on March 23, 2015, regarding our Liquid Fuels projects for the roads. Mr. Davis gave estimates on repairing the roads. Mr. Butrie said there is about \$12,000 to spend on projects that really need to be done. He asked the Borough workers and they feel that the roads that desperately need to be done are the intersections of Coal and Abbott Street it has to be dug out and redone. Also Bertsch Street down to the triangle. After that, whatever funds are remaining we can continue in the order of priority. Mr. Vadyak feels there are areas that are a lot worse than these that Mr. Butrie mentioned. He said by Rite Aid is pretty bad and dig out by the swimming pool. Mr. Vadyak said we can’t afford to bring in a mill machine. He said if we bid it out we are going to use up the money quickly, he suggested we use shared services to get a lot more for our dollar. Mr. Butrie said we can use Coaldale and Summit hill. **Tommy Vadyak makes the motion to move forward with shared services with restoration of the streets. Seconded: Joe Butrie vote. Opposed: Mary Soberick. Motion passes.** Mr. Butrie also mentioned that we need to bid for Modified Stone. **Tommy Vadyak makes the motion to advertise for the stone. Seconded: Joe Butrie vote. All in favor, motion passes.** Joe Butrie mentions the condition of our broken street sweeper and provided some quotes for repair. He said Skidco would not repair it, Tamaqua truck and trailer have not returned his call, and Kenny Bonds who was referred to us by Hydro has given us two estimates. 1st is \$2,620.00 2nd \$3,340.00. The difference is, the \$2,620 is just to repair the roof, the 2nd bid for \$3,340 will be repairing the roof with a hatch which makes it easier to clean and circulates air. **Joe Butrie makes the motion to send the sweeper to Kenny Bonds to get the roof repaired for \$3,340 including hatch. Seconded: Colin Jones vote. All in favor, motion passes.** Mr. Vadyak asked about the hose and Mr. Butrie said that was on the vector which was approved last year and it will be repaired. Mr. Butrie also mentioned that the 2001 Ford F350, the transmission went. He said he should have let all of council know sooner. He said it will not go in reverse anymore. He said we did get (3) quotes: 209 Auto Sales, Skodacek

Auto Service and Shollenberger. Joe Butrie said Shollenberger is the cheapest. **Rose Mary Cannon makes the motion to go with Shollenberger for \$3,499. Seconded: Joe Butrie vote. Opposed: Tommy Vadyak and Colin Jones. Motion passes.** Mr. Butrie mentioned about purchasing signs. **Rose Mary Cannon makes the motion to table until we get posts.** She also mentioned to get the correct wording. Joe Butrie mentioned about removing signs from the business district. **Ms. Cannon tabled it.**

- Community Development/ Planning/Zoning- No Meeting
- Code Enforcement- No Report was provided. Mary Soberick said they have not updated anything.
- Treasures Report- Bills to be approved, Income Report, Check Register, P/L Budget Vs Actual. Mrs. Fittos said there was a deposit of \$45,000 and Danny Wynn will start making deposits on a weekly basis. She also went over the "Quick Analysis" report, which shows how we are with funds on a monthly basis. She mentioned we did get the invoice for the vests and Chris will be submitting for reimbursement, but it will reflect on the next bill. Mary Soberick inquired about what the "Affidavit" is. Mr. Greek said it's for a proof of publications which is mostly for ordinances. Mrs. Soberick suggested we have an idea what we are going to pay an engineer before we host more grants in regards to the bills from Keystone Consulting. She said we get stuck with all these engineering fees. Mrs. Fittos said there are (2) bills that were paid on here already. One was First Priority and the other was PMAA. Mr. Vadyak asked about the \$4.00 Radocha bill and Mrs. Fittos said she must not have sent the correct amount and that was the remainder to pay. Mr. Vadyak told Mr. Butrie to take our vehicles to a certified inspection mechanic, that John Surma cannot perform the inspection. Mary Soberick said she knows the Barry Isett bills are on hold, but at the meeting she said they agreed to revisit all of them and provide more details. She does not want to pay: \$605 for Zoning, \$495 for Zoning Service, because these two had no specifics and we have not received anything from BIA. Mary Soberick said the property rental inspections for \$1,787.50, \$4,465 and \$1,760, with those in mind; she would like more accuracy with them. The bill for \$1,787.50 had 2hrs for phone call with magistrate. She highly doubts that the magistrate would be on the phone for 2 hrs. She thinks some of the work could be valid but is not sure. She said the bill for \$4,465 makes no sense. Someone spent 6 hrs. Preparing a mailing for 1,000 letters and on the next day the same amount of time was spent for half that amount for 500 letters. **Mary Soberick makes the motion to hold on payment for the following bills from Barry Isett: \$605 for Zoning, Property Rental Inspection for \$1,787.50, Zoning for \$495, property rental inspection for \$4,465, and rental inspections for \$1,760. Seconded: Tommy Vadyak vote. All in favor, motion passes. Colin Jones makes the motion to pay remainder of the bills with the exception of the Barry Isett bills. Seconded: Martin Ditsky vote. All in favor, motion passes. Tommy Vadyak is not voting on Tamaqua Transfer.**
- Tax Collector's Report- No Report-
- Carbon County Tax Collection Committee- No Meeting
- Solicitor's Report- Solicitor Mike Greek reviewed all of his correspondence. He reviewed the Sheriff's sale and mentioned the hearings that he and Jill attended and were able to set up (5) payment arrangements with different residents for sanitation accounts. The other ones they have judgements against and will moved to the county. He also mentioned the Chapter 13 bankruptcy and said we should receive some money from that. He also filed a default judgement on the Ambulance since someone was supposed to drop of the pagers and radios and did not.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Fee Resolution that was tabled to Municipal Administration- This was addressed.
- Street Sweeper Repair Status/ Quotes: Kenneth Bond. Already addressed
- Powell Rogers & Speaks- Sanitation Collection. Mary Soberick said we should use them, we have used them before. We should contact them and use their services. Attorney Greek said you have to check the ordinance and see if it allows it. **Tommy Vadyak makes the motion to move forward with Powell Rogers and speaks but then withdraws it due to additional concerns.** Mary Soberick said she will contact them.
- (3) Quotes for Code Enforcement Firms: Lehigh Valley Inspection Services, Alfred Benesch & Co, and Lehigh Engineering. Mr. Vadyak prefers Alfred Benesch. Mary Soberick suggested that we give Barry Isett an opportunity to fix everything they said would be fixed.

- COG update- Ordinance and Agreement to be reviewed and accepted. Martin Ditsky said he was at the meeting in April. They appointed members, but did not appoint a treasurer. The fee is supposed to be \$50.00, but they are not sure how to collect the funds. Mr. Ditsky said we do not have to accept all services in regards to this agreement. He said we would need to name a representative and alternate. Mary Soberick said she has some issues with their agreement. Mr. Ditsky said at this point it has gone through. Mrs. Soberick said that Mr. Ditsky could suggest some changes and they would modify it. **Tommy Vadyak makes the motion that we approve the ordinance and agreement. Seconded: Colin Jones vote. Opposed: Mary Soberick. Motion passes.** Mr. Ditsky said the next meeting is April 28th for those who are interested. Mrs. Fittos asked if the ordinance has to be advertised. Mr. Greek said we need to find out if they advertising it as one municipal agreement or the Borough will need to advertise the Ordinance. Colin Jones said he will find out. **Tommy Vadyak makes the motion to appoint Martin Ditsky as the Delegate and Colin Jones as the alternate. Seconded: Rose Mary Cannon vote. Opposed: Mary Soberick. Motion passes.**

OLD BUSINESS

- Electronic Recycling- Responsible Recycling- Ms. Cannon researched this and said the list of things they will accept has increased as well as the list of things you have to pay for. She said we will have to find an area to dump it and then they pick it all up. **Rose Mary Cannon makes the motion to move forward with Responsible Recycling and have a day to pick up these items. Seconded: Tommy Vadyak vote. All in favor, motion passes.** Ms. Cannon said last time it was at the pool parking lot which we could do again depending on how they want to pick it up. Mr. Vadyak suggested in front of the middle school.

Ms. Cannon asked if we sent a response letter to Panther Valley regarding any Bus Stop Changes and Mr. Ditsky confirmed that we did.

NEW BUSINESS

- Rain spouting on roof to be repaired- Estimate from BGM. Mr. Vadyak said we should have gotten a few other estimates from other contractors. Ms. Cannon said we can call the Service Team. Tabled to next meeting.
- Special Event Request- . Legion Riders 6/20/15 at Sports Zoo. Insurance on file. **Colin Jones makes the motion to approve it. Seconded: Martin Ditsky vote. All in favor, motion passes.**
- New Transmission Quote- Already addressed.
- Liquid Fuels- Road Projects- Already addressed.

Mr. Ditsky asked for a brief recess at 8:26pm to go into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Tommy Vadyak left the meeting.

Council entered into executive session at 8:28pm and exited out at 9:19pm.

In regards to a letter of request from our Secretary Treasurer for Compensation in which she had **never** taken in the past when she was attending meetings, **Mary Soberick makes the motion to approver her request for accrued compensated time for the meeting hrs. she attended and would like to make it retroactive to her hire date. Seconded: Joe Butrie vote. All in favor, motion passes.**

Colin Jones makes the motion to request the Workers Comp Insurance to send the individual to a Second Opinion. Seconded: Rose Mary Cannon vote. All in favor, motion passes.

Rose Mary Cannon makes the motion to hire the Part- time police officer Mathew Williams pending all the necessary background checks and other reports that have to be done for our new hire. Seconded: Joe Butrie vote. All in favor, motion passes.

Colin Jones makes the motion to appoint Mary Fittos as alternate Zoning Officer. Seconded: Martin Ditsky vote. All in favor, motion passes.

ADJOURNMENT

Joe Butrie makes the motion to adjourn at 9:22pm. Second: Rose Mary Cannon. All in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fittos

Secretary/Treasurer