

## LANSFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Special Meeting

March 26, 2018 6:00 p.m.

A special meeting of Lansford Borough Council was held 6:00 p.m., March 26, 2018, at borough hall, 1 W. Ridge Street, for general purposes and to consider adoption of the five year Lansford Police Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) for January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Jared Soto and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken by Secretary Treasurer Jill Seigendall: attending were Jared Soto, Vice President Irma Leibensperger, Matthew Walsh, John Turcmanovich, Joseph Butrie, Bob Silver, Marie Ondrus and Mayor James Romankow. Absent were Solicitor Michael Greek and junior council person Isabella Blasko.

### **Executive Session:**

An executive session was called by Jared Soto to discuss the police collective bargaining agreement and personnel.

### **Reconvened:**

The group reconvened at 6:26 p.m. and the meeting was opened to the public. There was no one in the audience to offer public courtesy.

### **Lansford Police Collective Bargaining Agreement:**

At the March 14, 2018 regular monthly meeting borough council approved the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the understanding that the employee contribution for healthcare would remain a biweekly contribution of \$25.00 for single officer coverage and \$50.00 for family coverage. After the March 14<sup>th</sup> council vote to approve, President Soto tried to confirm this with the police bargaining unit and found out that the monthly contribution wording was intended. President Soto called tonight's special meeting to reconsider the situation.

President Soto entertained a motion for the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement as written with the monthly healthcare contribution of \$25.00 for single officer coverage and \$50.00 for family coverage. Marie Ondrus recused herself from voting on the issue due to conflict of interest; her son Christopher Ondrus is a part time Lansford Police Officer and there are provisions in the CBA that affect part time officers.

**John Turcmanovich made a motion to approve the most recent version of the Lansford Police Department Collective Bargaining Agreement, as written, specifying monthly healthcare contributions, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022. The motion was second by Irma Leibensperger. On roll call vote: Matthew Walsh, Yes; John Turcmanovich, Yes; Joseph Butrie, No; Jared Soto, Yes; Bob Silver, No; Irma Leibensperger, Yes. Result: 4 Yes, 2 No; Motion passed.**

### **Resolution 2018-03 Amended:**

After the March 14<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting, Jared Soto met with Friends of Lansford Recreation and presented Resolution 2018-03 which approves the groups grant application for \$20,000.00 through the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant program. The borough would be required to match 15% of the granted funds. After discussion, the following motion was made to increase

the grant amount in the Friends of Lansford Recreation application, increasing the borough's obligation, should a grant be awarded:

**A motion was made by Matthew Walsh to amend Resolution 2018-03; increasing the grant application amount to \$450,000.00 (15% equals \$67,500.00). The motion was second by Joseph Butrie, all were in favor, motion passed.**

**Adjournment:**

At 6:30 p.m. Joseph Butrie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Irma Leibensperger, all were in approval and the group disbanded.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jill Seigendall*

Borough Secretary/Treasurer