

A special meeting of Lansford Borough Council for personnel purposes was held May 3, 2016, 6:30 p.m. at the borough hall, 1 W. Ridge Street. The meeting was called to order by President Martin Ditsky and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Assistant Secretary Treasurer Jill Seigendall took roll call. Those present were Martin Ditsky, Rose Mary Cannon, Colin Jones, Joseph Butrie, Jared Soto, and Matthew Walsh. Absent were Councilman John Turcmanovich, Mayor James Romankow, and Solicitor Michael Greek. Also in attendance was Attorney Jeffery Stewart, representing the borough in the civil action suit filed against the borough in Carbon County Court of Common Pleas regarding the retirement pension benefit due to former police chief John Turcmanovich.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 6:40 p.m. council went into executive session to discuss the settlement agreement for John Turcmanovich and the possibility of hiring a fifth full time police patrolman.

Council came out of executive session at 6:50 p.m. and Colin Jones made the following motion:

“I will make a motion that we approve the settlement agreement between the Borough and John Turcmanovich that will settle his lawsuit currently pending against the Borough in the Court of Common Pleas of Carbon County. There is no admission of any wrongdoing by the Borough and this settlement is being completed solely to avoid the uncertainty and expense of further litigation. Further, I move that Mr. Ditsky is authorized to sign the settlement agreement on behalf of the Borough.”

The motion received a second from Jared Soto. On roll call vote the motion passed, 4 yes votes to 2 no votes. The two dissenting votes were from Martin Ditsky and Rose Mary Cannon.

Attorney Stewart provided a copy of the Settlement Agreement and Full and Final Release of all Claims to Martin Ditsky for his signature. Mr. Ditsky signed and dated three copies of the settlement agreement.

No decisions were made on the hiring of a fifth full time patrolman.

ADJOURNMENT

Rose Mary Cannon made the motion to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Second: Matthew Walsh, all were in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Seigendall

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer