

Committee Meeting Minutes

April 1st, 2025

The April 1st, 2025 Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:01p.m. by President Bruce Markovich at the Lansford Borough Town Hall, 1 West Ridge Street, Lansford, Pennsylvania. The meeting was attended by, Council Man Joseph Butrie, President Bruce Markovich, and Council Woman Jennifer Staines.

Council Man Jay Doyle, Council Man Jack Soberick, Mayor Hugh Vrablic, and Solicitor Robert Yurchak were not in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council Woman Gwyneth Collevecchio arrived at the meeting at 5:30p.m.

President Pro Tempore Michele Bartek arrived at the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

Committees**Public Works-**

Joseph Butrie spoke about the public works committee.

There is a need for a new streetsweeper, and he is currently looking for one.

The borough is waiting to hear from the insurance company about what will be covered.

The street sweeper was on fire inside the building, not outside.

Dennis Anderson is needed as part-time summer help for public works.

The public works equipment is in the process of being moved to the Zimmerman Building.

Quotes have been obtained from street sweeper companies on rates they would charge to rent a street sweeper.

200 block of West Ridge, Dock Street by the Mine Museum, and the West extension of Abbott Street should be milled.

PennDOT should be coming to Lansford to do an exploratory of the hole on the 200 block of West Patterson Street.

A company is going to be demonstrating to the borough on April 2nd, 2024 a sewer camera.

Municipal Administration-

Bruce Markovich spoke about the municipal administration committee.

A letter was received from St. Lukes and the parking in front of their building on West Ridge Street and that once approved by council the signs, curb cuts, and parking spaces are going to be paid for by St. Lukes.

The Community Development Block Grant application is due on May 11th, 2025 and one of the things the grant money should be used for is handicap doors for the borough building and the remaining money used for redoing Ridge Street.

Currently the borough is waiting on more information from the insurance company on what they are going to cover but they have agreed to pay the fire company for hoses which cost around \$4,600.00.

A suggestion was made to council about Lansford Borough meeting with Coaldale Borough to discuss combining the Borough Crews together.

There are 352 pass due garbage bills and 381 past due sewer transmission bills.

Council is working with Argo's Office to compile a list of available properties in the borough that could possibly be used by a developer.

A meeting was had with DCNR about the Lansford Pool area project, and that DCNR wants a written committee that the borough would cover borough bills before any grant can be filed with them, thus the borough is going to apply for an LSA Grant to cover the full cost.

Gwyneth Collevchio spoke about the municipal administration committee.

A Council Of Governments meeting happened last Tuesday, and the meeting discussed various things along with the America 250 Celebration.

A discussion was had with Treasurer Maria Ahner about electronic timecards and that the borough is aiming to have them enacted by May.

She suggested changing the committee meeting time.

Bruce Markovich stated that Jennifer Staines must be rescinded as an alternate member of the Civil Service Commission due to her being a member of council.

Public Safety-

Michele Bartek spoke about the public safety committee.

There are multiple grievances with some having been resolved, one being the police pension grievance.

Shawn Nunemacher will be the officer in charge until a Police Chief is hired.

A grant was awarded for Red Maple Trees in Kennedy and Ashton Park.

Camera's are going to be installed at Kennedy and Ashton Park.

Parks and Recreation-

Gwyneth Collevechio spoke about the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Tamaqua Borough has reneged on pool passes for the Panther Valley School District but residents can join the pool at out-of-town pool rates.

The new trash cans are ready to be placed within the borough and should be on the streets by April 26th.

There is going to be a pool tour on Saturday April 26th, 2025 to allow residents to see the status of the Lansford Pool and see how the pool is damaged.

Zoning and Ordinance-

Jennifer Staines spoke about the zoning and ordinance Committee.

Currently there was nothing to report on for the zoning and ordinance committee.

The meeting was adjourned by Bruce Markovich at 7:11p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ashley McLaughlin

Secretary