

Committee Meeting Minutes

February 6th, 2024

Call to Order- 6:30 p.m. by President Bruce Markovich

Attending Council Roll Call- Michele Bartek, Joseph Butrie, Gwyneth Collevechio, Jay Doyle, Bruce Markovich, Jennifer Staines, Jack Soberick

Absent- Mayor Hug Vrablic

Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to hire borough secretary-

The advertisement for Lansford borough secretary was advertised on monster and in three newspapers costing approximately \$4,000. Five of seven candidates showed up for interviews with Melissa Hoover and Maria Ahner being the top two candidates, both with extensive experience. Employment offers will be based on background check and bonding, with employment titles being established during the probation period. Benefits packages will be offered both candidates.

Motioned by Jay Doyle and seconded by Gwyneth Collevechio.

Motion to hire Maria Ahner for borough secretary-

Motioned by Jay Doyle seconded by Gwyneth Collevechio. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to hire Melissa Hoover for borough Secretary-

Motion was in favor by Jennifer Staines, Michele Bartek, Gwyneth Collevechio, Jay Doyle, Bruce Markovich, and Jack Soberick. Motion was opposed by Joseph Butrie.

Motion to adjourn for committees- 6:00 p.m.

Motioned by Joseph Butrie and seconded by Gwyneth Collevechio.

Public Works-

Jay Doyle-

Stated that the borough needs a new street sweeper. The current sweeper is not the correct sweeper, is from 2005, and is not working properly while continually breaking down. Jay Doyle also stated that the borough needs two lawn mowers, a maintenance weedwhacker, and that the red and black borough trucks need work and to be maintained.

Joseph Butrie-

Stated he tried to franchise out prices for paving streets but were astronomical. Joseph Butrie also stated that borough workers can call their union and say that work is being taken from them. Plows need to be curb to curb and roads are sinking from not being properly sealed with water sitting in front of the sewer authority. PP&L replaced lights with blue lights which are the cheapest bulbs but do not help with public safety.

Bruce Markovich-

Stated that Cabreras handicap spot was removed, and that the PV community center packet arrived the afternoon of February 6th, 2024. Bruce Markovich also stated that a meeting needs to be scheduled to meet with Dan from Cloud to discuss the cost of replacement cost of new server. The Arro Property Database has 2,200 taxable homes in Lansford with around 500 properties that property status is unknown.

Public Safety-

Kyle Woodward distributed a paper stating what is and is not working in the police department. Police department building needs changes, bathroom has a step up, the prisoner holding area is not safe, needs to have separate holding area for adults and children, there is no shower in building and no sink for officers to wash hands.

There should be a comparison between the new and old gear for the fire department. Bills are not being paid, reduction in tax revenue, no 2023 reimbursement, currently it is unknown if bills are being submitted. Discussion on fire department, pertaining to the fire department needing police protection because of all the volunteering they do and the need to see the bookkeeping because of the large discrepancies in money.

Chief of Police Website was approved for officers but not on website

Incident over dog abuse and cruelty to be placed on Wednesday agenda.

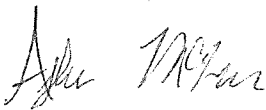
Creation and maintenance of municipal deed registry. The registry would include all property deeds including books, maps, plans, location, and ownership of every real estate. The registry would be able for public use at no charge and would allow for enforcement of ordinances. Included in the registry would be the property owner's name, phone number, email address, and property usage status. Not included in the registry will be who is residing on the property.

Discussion on enforcing quality of life enforcement of code and zoning. Stated that having Arro enforce quality of life helps reduce workload of police department. Stated that Arro does enforcement and complaint only.

Borough website is not current and up to date, needs updating.

Properties need to be cleaned up in borough and that garbage needs to be removed from properties that have garbage build up.

Respectfully submitted,



Ashley McLaughlin

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer