

## Committee Meeting Minutes

July 1st, 2025

The July 1st, 2025 Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:39p.m. by President Bruce Markovich at the Lansford Borough Town Hall, 1 West Ridge Street, Lansford, Pennsylvania. The meeting was attended by President Pro Tempore Michele Bartek, Council Man Joseph Butrie, Council Woman Gwyneth Collevechio, Council Man George Gilbert, President Bruce Markovich, Council Man Jack Soberick, and Council Woman Jennifer Staines.

Mayor Hugh Vrablic, and Solicitor Robert Yurchak were not in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Committee Meeting followed the Special Meeting which ended at 5:39p.m.

**Committees****Public Works-**

Joseph Butrie spoke about the public works committee.

In the borough there are three different street speed limits, with the speed limits being either 35, 25, or 15 depending on the street, for the speed limits to be changed a traffic study must be done by the state which requires a letter for the borough allowing them to do the study.

Specs were obtained for a new public works truck which are equivalent to the truck the borough currently has with a price for a new truck being \$62,766.00 and the tailgate of the truck costing an additional \$59,500.00.

Sam Rizzo from Medico Construction Equipment spoke about Medico Construction Equipment and how he spoke with Joe and the street department about the possibly replacing the sewer vacuum.

Sam Rizzo spoke about the co-star's price of a new sewer vacuum being \$579,000.00 and some of the payment options Medico could provide to the borough for a new sewer vacuum.

**Municipal Administration-**

Bruce Markovich spoke about the municipal administration committee.

The owner of 334 West Bertsch Street submitted architectural plans to rebuild the house and that a time frame is being placed for the rebuild by ARRO Consulting so that the property is not left falling apart with no repairs being done.

The property owner of 316 West Patterson Street and 151 Ridge Street was going to fix the property a couple years ago but once he became aware that the borough must put a lien on his property on behalf of the county he refuses to have any contact with the

borough. Due to his refusal for communication, Attorney Robert Yurchak is going to have to be authorized to take the owner to court to get a tear-down order.

Inquires have been sent out to around twelve companies that DCED provided to the borough for the STMP Program out of those twelve, five responded and are going to be sent a Request for Proposal. Once the borough receives an initial cost, the borough then sends the estimated cost along with a hardship letter to DCED, who will then determine how much of the cost they will cover. The borough then must decide if they want to pay the rest of the cost or scrap the entire program.

The county sent a list up to the borough office of residents that are going to be sent surveys. Any resident that receives the survey must fill out and submit it to the office as the surveys are then sent to the county to determine if funding will be given to pave West Ridge Street.

The cost of having electricity ran to the camera system in Ashton Park (Pool Park) is \$2,771.00 as there is no power anywhere near the cameras.

The fire company is asking for a grant for UTV or side by side. The fire company is going to be providing numbers to the borough, a resolution will have to be made, and then the grant will be filed.

The number Nine Mine is asking for a grant and will be providing numbers to the borough, a resolution will be made, and the grant will be filed.

Jack Soberick spoke about the need to look into a grant for portable radios for the police department as there are grants that will cover portable radios.

It is going to be advertised for the borough to receive bids for the Powell Street Sewer Project that was started a few years ago, as sewage is coming up in four different places on two pieces of property on Powell Street and that bids should be available at the next meeting.

Gwyneth Collevecchio spoke about how the office has updated the borough phone menu and that it now is automated with a gentleman's voice.

Gwyneth Collevecchio spoke about the Fall Town Cleanup dates which are October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for the East side of Spring Garden Street going East to Andrewsville and October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for the West side of Spring Garden Street going west to the Lansford Pool.

### **Public Safety-**

Michele Bartek spoke about the public safety committee.

The hiring of Randy Schlatter for full-time police is being moved to the next meeting.

Jennifer Staines spoke about the police department toilet being broken and that it needs to be fixed.

### **Parks and Recreation-**

Gwyneth Collevchio spoke about the Parks and Recreation Committee.

The basketball backboards are up at the Abbott Street basketball court due to the basketball court backboards at the East End Playground on Snyder Avenue not needing to be replaced.

The Abbott Street basketball court had weeds coming through the cracks on the court and all weeds have been removed.

The basketball court by the Zoo Sports Bar are going to be looked at and if new poles are needed, they will be ordered.

A woman did fourteen and a half hours of community service in the Skate Park. She painted the graffiti on the skate park ramps blue, along with the bench there.

All the weeds have been removed from the Skate Park and tennis court. A discussion was held with the public workers about moving the aluminum benches, but a conclusion was made that because the benches are movable the kids who use the park move the benches to where they want them at any given time, so they were not moved.

Trail cameras were looked into but there is a concern of how fast the memory on the camera would be used and that they would have to constantly be changed which would be an inconvenient as they would be placed high up. Concerns were also expressed about the video quality during the nighttime.

The garbage can by the laundry mat was removed as people were throwing their household garbage in the can.

On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 the juvenile probation kids are going to be at Kennedy Park edging the walkways.

A discussion was held with the public workers about putting benches in front of the borough office for the public to be able to sit on.

Ashton Park needs more mulch for under the swing so the ordering of more will be included on the monthly meeting agenda.

A discussion was held amongst the council about the garbage billing and the number of properties that are billed and should be billed.

### **Zoning and Ordinance-**

Jennifer Staines spoke about the zoning and ordinance Committee.

Discussion was had about the quality-of-life tickets and how other boroughs handle quality of life.

The whiteboard that is currently in the office is going to be used during the monthly meetings to show the public the numbers that are read during the meeting for the zoning and ordinance committee reports.

Shane Monk's code reports are available for council.

Advisement is needed from Attorney Robert Yurchak on what he would like to do pertaining to NOV's.

A conversation was had with Officer in Charge Shawn Nunemacher from the police department, and he informed that Officer Barclay, Officer Garcia, and Officer Schlatter are assigned blocks that they walk and write citations for quality of life.

The meeting was adjourned by Bruce Markovich at 6:55p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ashley McLaughlin

Secretary