

Committee Meeting Minutes

July 2nd, 2024

The July 2nd, 2024 Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:53p.m. by President Bruce Markovich at The Lansford Borough Town Hall, 1 West Ridge Street, Lansford, Pennsylvania. The meeting was attended by Council Woman Michele Bartek, Council Man Joesph Butrie, Council Woman Gwyneth Collevchio, Council Man Jay Doyle, President Bruce Markovich, Council Man Jack Soberick, and Council Woman Jennifer Staines,

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Courtesy-

Joe Genits of 210 West Front Street inquired about the certification of the newly appointed Lansford Tax Collector and when the Tax Collector will take the oath of office.

Bruce Markovich stated that the Lansford Tax Collector is certified, will be bonded, and then he will begin his position once an audit has been completed for the tax office.

Public Works-

Jay Doyle stated the public works crew is waiting for Radocha to begin the work behind St. Mike's.

Jay Doyle spoke about the difficulty with getting the correct hose for the street sweeper. The current street sweeper takes a different hose than the previous sweeper.

Jay Doyle spoke about how he is waiting for Mr. Dailey to contact him so that he can discuss the streets that are going to be paved.

Jay Doyle spoke about how the yield sign that is located near Boyer's Supermarket can now be changed to a stop sign.

Jay Doyle spoke about the yellow boulders near Rite Aid, that something needs to be done about them because they are very dangerous due to people just speeding into the Rite Aid parking lot and almost hitting the people driving through the parking lot.

He stated that he is going to talk to Rite Aid about doing something about the boulders.

Jay Doyle stated that the American Fire Company Did very good with the last storm and clearing out debris.

Tommy Vadyak of 334 West Abbott Street inquired about if the Street Crew is going to be filling in the potholes on Abbott Street.

Bob Silver of 17 East Ridge Street inquired about if Ridge Street is on the lists of streets to be paved.

Joe Genits inquired about who is responsible for the tree that is down on East Snyder Street.

Jay Doyle stated that the part of the tree that is in the street will be cleaned up and that any other part of the tree not in the street will need to be cleaned up by the property owner.

Joesph Butrie spoke about how any tree that is on a privately owned property is the owner's responsibility and not the borough.

Joesph Butrie spoke about trees that are in the power lines that are located on Jones Street between Abbott Street and Kline Avenue on the west side of the street.

Municipal Administration-

Bruce Markovich spoke about the new sanitation bill. The borough is taking feedback for the new sanitation bill, so that the bill can be adjusted for the next billing cycle.

Jay Doyle spoke about how he feels that the penalty phase is not clearly defined.

Jennifer Staines spoke about the fee schedule and about possibly increasing the fee schedule.

Michele Bartek spoke about the need to amend the parking ordinance.

Joesph Butrie stated that he feels the cost for parking on the North Side of East Snyder should be the same as meter permit parking.

Tommy Vadyak inquired about when his handicap sign is going to be installed.

Jay Doyle stated that the borough is waiting on the water authority to drill the hole for the handicap sign.

Bruce Markovich spoke about that at the July 10th, 2024 meeting the borough is going to execute a pass-through agreement with the Lansford Borough, the Community Church and the Second Harvest Food Bank. A pass-through agreement allows for liability to be taken off the borough for any money owed to a contractor for work done.

Bruce Markovich stated that he spoke with the county and that by the end of this year, 314 West Patterson will come down.

Bruce Markovich stated that the borough office needs to update from QuickBooks 2011 to QuickBooks 2024 due to the program not having support available anymore.

Bruce Markovich stated that no contractors have picked up any contract for Brimble's Wall.

Bruce Markovich spoke about how pertaining to the grant for the electrical system in Ashton Park, that budget items had to be redone so that the grant can be approved.

Tommy Vadyak spoke about how the addresses are incorrect for the fire repository.

Public Safety-

Michele Bartek spoke stated that for the July 10th, 2024 meeting there will be three bids for the buildings security system.

Michele Bartek spoke about how the guns there were ordered for the police department will be arriving very shortly.

Michele Bartek spoke about getting a new mailbox for the police department.

Michele Bartek spoke about wanting to see the bid ARRO gave for the Silberline Building to move the police department to the building.

Bruce Markovich stated that the council must first vote on moving the police department before the police department is moved.

Joeshph Butrie inquired about the status of the police car being worked on at Krajcirik's Automotive.

Michele stated that she wants to see borough money being invested since it has not been yet.

Michle Bartek spoke about the police contract and the next steps that are involved with the police contract.

Zoning and Ordinance-

Jennifer Staines spoke about rental properties and the amounts that both the borough and ARRO receive for rentals.

Jennifer Staines spoke about how 122 rentals are paid have paid for rental licenses while 978 are unpaid for rental licenses.

Jennifer Staines spoke about how John Zym is going to be giving a presentation on rentals at the July 10th, 2024 Monthly Meeting.

Tommy Vadyak spoke about the current problem the borough faces of having too many people living in a single residential property and the status of the new code officer.

Jennifer Staines spoke about having ARRO come to a monthly council meeting and discuss rentals.

Joe Genits spoke about how commercial properties should be getting moving permits, not just residential properties.

Parks and Recreation-

Gwyneth Collevichio spoke about the Villagers performing at Kennedy Park on July 4th, 2024, 6pm-8p.m.and how she would like all the council to go to the event to offer support.

Gwyneth Collevichio spoke about wanting to having receptacles that would line Kennedy Park along Route 209 this year with Covid money.

Council members agree with updating the park receptacles.

Bruce Markovich stated that there must be a bid document for the installation of the receptacles.

Gwyneth Collevichio stated that Lansford Alive offered to purchase 12 cans for the borough and those cans are going to be put in the business district.

Gwyneth Collevichio stated that Pocono Mountain Vacation Bureau has offered to buy the borough 24 garbage cans and those cans are going to be put in the borough's parks: Kennedy Park, Ashton Park, and East End Park.

Holly Stroup of 66 Andrewsville Street spoke about The Coaldale VFW's Healthy Harvest Food Event for military and military families, sign up is required. The event occurs every second Tuesday of the month.

The meeting was adjourned by President Bruce Markovich at 7:05p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ashley McLaughlin".

Ashley McLaughlin

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer