WORSKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday July 7th, 2026

The July 7th, 2026 Workshop Meeting was called to order at 5:00p.m. by President Joseph Genits at The Lansford Borough Town Hall, 1 West Ridge Street, Lansford, Pennsylvania. The meeting was attended by Council Member Gwyneth Collevechio, President Joseph Genits, Council Member Bruce Markovich, and Council Member John Zym.

President-Pro Tempore Michele Bartek, Vice President Joseph Butrie, Council Member Jack Soberick, Mayor Denise Leibensperger, and Solicitor Robert Yurchak were not in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

John Zym arranged a PowerPoint presentation with a representative from Cloudpermit.com. The representative spoke about the Cloud permit software, its set up cost and yearly reoccurring cost, and the benefits it can bring to the borough.

Public Courtesy-

P1. Tommy Vadyak of 334 West Abbott Street inquired about why the borough was not involved in national night out and about the part-time and full-time police pension contributions.

P2. Erin Soberick of 237 West Ridge Street inquired about the status of the code officials work agreement, police regionalization, and the negotiation for the police contract.

Municipal Administration

a) The Train station utility reimbursement package and transfer agreement were sent to council for review with the items being added to the next monthly agenda. It was noted about homeless sleeping near the station, and that a separate motion should be included on the agenda for a date to be chosen at the next meeting for the required transfer signatures.

b) Joseph Genits spoke about the mayor requesting the ICE Program be removed from the agenda. Bruce Markovich spoke about how council should reach out to the district

attorney for his feelings on the program and about how the program will work with detainee pickups.

Gwyneth Collevechio inquired about the status of the meeting with the Panther Valley School District about the sidewalk of the stadium parking lot. Joseph Genits inquired if anyone from council would like to attend the meeting and that he will include them in the meeting.

Joseph Genits spoke about how he is working trying to get appraisal cost for the Silberline Property.

Joseph Genits spoke about the email he had with John Hadesty pertaining to the water flowing onto Cortright Street and that the mine company has agreed to resolve the issue.

Parks & Recreation

a) Joseph Genits spoke about the Pocono Mountain Impact Grant that Michele Bartek submitted in which the borough was awarded the grant with the borough having to pay $4,000.00 for the $8,000.00 grant award. The grant is for improvements to the Concession Stand in Ashton Park.

Gwyneth Collevechio spoke about a call she received from the Lutheran Church that brought the handicap swings and were inquiring about why the swings were not hung up. The swings are currently being repaired as they were damaged by vandalism when they were first hung.

Joseph Genits spoke about how Public Worker Greg Dailey volunteered his personal time on Sunday to help pick up the cones for the 150th Celebration Event.

Zoning/Code/Rental

a.) Joseph Genits spoke a nuisance complaint for 18 East Ridge Street was confirmed as being filed by Attorney Robert Yurchak.

b.) Joseph Genits spoke about how Shannon Darker from Arro Consulting reviewed Ray Swartz violations list and is restarting notice violations as well as adding more violation items.

A discussion was held about the rental license process and the rental inspection process.

Joseph Genits spoke about how council should consider having an executive session after the next monthly meeting to go over the code officials work agreement.

c.) Joseph Genits spoke about the condemnation list continuing for placement on deeds. Discussion was had about the importance of placing condemnations on property deeds.

Bruce Markovich stated that upon him reviewing the insurance binder that on page 29 it is stated the insurance does not cover worker comp and employment malpractice insurance. A discussion was held about insurance and that it is scheduled at a future meeting for the insurance representative to come speak before council about the insurance policies. Joseph Genits stated that he will be reaching out to the insurance company to confirm that worker comp and employment malpractice is covered by the insurance.

The meeting was adjourned by President Joseph Genits at 7:35p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley McLaughlin

Secretary