

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday June 2nd, 2026

The June 2nd, 2026 Workshop Meeting was opened at 5:00p.m. by President Joseph Genits at The Lansford Borough Town Hall, 1 West Ridge Street, Lansford, Pennsylvania., as an informational meeting only since a quorum had not arrived at the time set for the meeting with additional council members expected to arrive. Upon the arrival of Bruce Markovich at 5:49p.m. and Gwyneth Collevecchio at 5:49p.m. the meeting became an official workshop meeting to discuss borough business on its agenda.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was attended by President-Pro Tempore Michele Bartek, Council Member Gwyneth Collevecchio, President Joseph Genits, Council Member Bruce Markovich, and Council Member John Zym.

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

Public Courtesy-

Erin Soberick of 237 West Ridge Street inquired about the status of the borough audit and the police pension.

Tommy Vadyak of 334 West Abbott Street stated his thoughts on the borough lawsuit, office equipment purchases, and payroll processing.

Municipal Administration

- a) The BET lease agreement for the Dock Street parking is two hundred and sixty dollars and is going to be presented to council at the next monthly meeting to vote on.
- b) A letter has been sent to BET about the water run-off from southside of Spring St. encroaching down Sharpe and Cortright Streets with a meeting scheduled with Joseph Genits, Joseph Butrie, and a public worker, to meet with officials from the company to discuss solutions to the water run-off.

- c) Joseph Genits is waiting on copies of the Silberline Property Deeds to speak with an appraisal company to see if they would be interested in providing an appraisal.
- d) Two companies showed interest in auctioning the Vacant Borough Garage Parcel #123A-24-J37 and the Vacant Borough Lot on Spring Street Parcel #123A-24-J37.20. Both of companies are in Lancaster, PA, with one company stating a minimum fee of \$5,000.00 for the auction and the other is awaiting all property documentation to calculate an auction price.
- e) Discussion was held about the previously passed streaming policy needing to be improved before meeting streaming officially begins and about possibly outsourcing meeting streaming.
- f) A letter was provided to council from the legion stating the borough is responsible for the handicap ramp repairs as the municipality is the one who installed them. The letter from the legion is going to be included in the monthly council packets.
- g) There is interest in purchasing acreage near Andrews ville on the north side of 209 and interested parties should state their interest in writing to the borough.
- h) The handicap application has been updated and will have final approval at the monthly meeting. The form includes releasing liabilities from the Lansford Borough and Lansford-Coaldale Joint Water Authority for sign installations and drilled holes.
- i) Joseph Genits spoke about the current board vacancies and that there is no cutoff date for submissions of letters of interest.
- j) Discussion was held about the amount of paper that is used for council packets and the benefits if council considered going digital. John Zym spoke about the cost of Chromebooks.

Parks & Recreation

- a) Discussion was held about the need to address the increasing number of homeless people that have started to occupy Ashton Park and the importance of enforcing borough ordinances.

- b) Michele Bartek spoke about wanting to remove and sell the equipment in the Concession Stand in Ashton Park. Council is going to be provided with a list and picture of all equipment that needs to be sold and replaced.
- c) Michele Bartek has spoken with Matthew Dunn, he will provide a quote on the cost to remove two large trees in Ashton Park that are dead and pose a safety hazard.
- d) Michele Bartek is looking to obtain grant funding to help improve a borough park to become a fully-fledged recreation area.
- e) Student Council High Schoolers will be painting the gazebo at Kennedy Park and letters must be sent to them for their community service.
- f) Michele Bartek would like to fix the concession stand in Ashton Park and is obtaining quotes for the repairs.
- g) Michele Bartek spoke improvements that can be made to the parks such as decorations and fixing and painting park benches.

Zoning/Code/Rental

- a.) Joseph Genits spoke about how someone on an e-bike drove up Ridge Street with a baby on his lap with no helmet or other safety precautions. An e-bike ordinance was just adopted by another community, and it was suggested the ordinance committee review the ordinance and have a recommendation for a future meeting.

Economic Development/Tourism/Grants

The Trolley Tours are going to be starting on Saturday June 20th, 2026.

Homeowners with delinquent Sewer Transmission bills have been mailed past due notices stating non-payment will result in water shut off.

Discussion was held about possibly scheduling budget meetings to begin in August.

The year-to-date financial report is available for council viewing.

The civil service commission did have a meeting last Saturday and they are in the process of setting up testing for full-time police candidates.

A copy of the borough's emergency PennDOT street permit was provided to council.

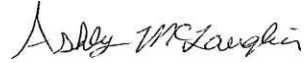
The Public Safety Committee will be meeting at 6:00p.m. on June 4th, 2026.

The Public Works Committee will be meeting at 7:00p.m. on June 4th, 2026.

A copy of the Lansford Borough Welcome Packet was provided to council and residents which includes information about borough ordinances, utility billing, and a map of the borough. The welcome packet can be viewed on the borough website.

The meeting was adjourned by President Joseph Genits at 7:20p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ashley McLaughlin".

Ashley McLaughlin

Secretary