

## Workshop Meeting Minutes

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The March 4th, 2025 Workshop Meeting was called to order at 5:00p.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 Collevchio, President Bruce Markovich, Council Woman Jennifer Staines, and Code and Ordinance Enforcement Officer Shane Monk.

Council Man Jay Doyle, Council Man Jack Soberick, Mayor Hugh Vrablic, and Solicitor Robert Yurchak were not in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Bruce Markovich stated that the Department of Community and Economic Development was supposed to be at the meeting at 5:00p.m. but that the meeting is going to begin and once they arrive the meeting will be reverted back to them.

**Public Courtesy-**

Bob Gaughan of 348 West Patterson Street spoke about how he had been before the board on multiple occasions and that that the old kiddie clothes parking lot is a reoccurring issue.

Bob Gaughan spoke about the amount of settlement in the kiddie clothes parking lot along with the number of vehicles that are abandoned in the lot.

Bob Gaughan spoke about how on the borough website and the ordinance there is a 30-day limit on vehicles that can be parked in the kiddie clothes parking lot.

Bob Gaughan spoke about how crowded the parking lot gets when a game is happening at the stadium.

Joseph Butrie spoke about the amount of vehicles in the kiddie clothes parking lot.

Bob Gaughan spoke about the large amount of feral cats by and in the kiddie clothes building.

Bob Gaughan spoke about the kiddie clothes building and the condition it is currently in.

Jennifer Staines spoke about the feral cats and ways that the feral cat issues could be resolved.

**Public Works-****Discussion Sewer Tunnel camera on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Joseph Butrie spoke about the sewer tunnel that was camera'd by Biros Plumbing and that no imperfections were found in the sewer tunnel itself.

Joseph Butrie stated that two or three days later PennDot came up to see the camera video, walk through town, and discuss what could be done.

Joseph Butrie stated the area that was camera'd was Tunnel Street to Sharp Street.

Joseph Butrie spoke about the current state of the bough sewer camera and the poor condition it is in.

Joseph Butrie spoke about the sewer by Turkey Hill and that Turkey Hill is going to be sending someone to meet with him about having the sewer camera'd to determine a broken lateral line is causing the imperfection on the highway.

Joseph Butrie stated he will try and talk to Marcos Pizzeria on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to see if their lateral line can be camera'd also to find out if that is causing the holes in the highway.

#### **Discussion Auger went on 2008 at last storm-parts ordered**

Joseph Butrie spoke about the auger and that the last storm, the auger broke.

Joseph Butrie spoke about the difficulty in getting the parts and that he had to call multiple places to find out who could get the parts to the borough quickest.

Joseph Butrie spoke about how an auger and pump were ordered.

Joseph Butrie spoke about wanting to know everything that is wrong with 2008 F-350 and that he wants a list of everything that is wrong with the vehicle when it is inspected.

Joseph Butrie spoke about the borough workers fixing the potholes in the borough.

#### **Discussion on Salt Shortage**

Joseph Butrie spoke about the salt shortage and the difficulty the borough has been facing in getting salt.

Joseph Butrie spoke about the kind of salt that the borough uses.

#### **Discussion Options for financing borough truck**

Joseph Butrie spoke about the type of truck that the borough he would like to see for the new borough truck.

Bruce Markovich spoke about how miracle ford has a truck for \$53,000.00 but then that there is additional cost because the truck would have to be upfitted which includes the spreader and the plow which would bring the price closer to \$1008,000.00.

Bruce Markovich spoke about ways that truck could be financed and possible options that the borough has for financing the borough truck.

Bruce Markovich spoke about getting information together to vote on at the next council meeting.

Bruce Markovich spoke about the truck and the color the truck would be.

Joseph Butrie spoke about the borough workers and the time that they begin work.

Joseph Butrie spoke about the borough workers and their work schedules.

### **Municipal Administration-**

#### **Discussion on changes to the public participation rules for public meetings.**

Bruce Markovich spoke if council has looked at the public participation rules for public meetings and if anyone has any feedback.

#### **Discussion on whom will take over COG next meeting. Jennifer has a conflict. Joe Butrie is the alternate and doesn't drive at night anymore.**

Bruce Markovich inquired about if anyone wants to volunteer for the COG Meeting.

Council agreed about confirming the dates and then rediscussing who would attend the meeting.

### **Public Safety-**

#### **Discussion on a policy for the Police/Code Body cameras that have to be sent to two government agencies.**

Michele Bartek spoke about how a policy must be created for the body cameras' and that the policy must then be submitted to the FBI and Homeland Security to approve before the camera's' can be used.

Michele Bartek spoke about how the policy will address the SOP for body cameras'.

Michele Bartek spoke about how the body cam policy will include the police detective.

#### **Discussion America250 PA**

Michele Bartek spoke about America250 PA and that there is a meeting at the end of March.

Michele Bartek spoke about how she is on the steering committee and that she is hoping dates can be chosen for fundraising that can be advertised by Pocono Visitors Bureau.

Michele Bartek spoke about the fundraising being essential to how the events are going to be happening for America250 in 2026.

Michele Bartek spoke about how through the advertising of America250 PA, if Lansford 150<sup>th</sup> can be advertised with America250 money can be saved on advertisement.

Michele Bartek spoke about how Carbon County is involved with America250 PA.

Michele Bartek spoke about a drone company that reached out to the borough and that she contacted on Saturday to gather more information about having drones perform for the events.

Michele Bartek spoke about how she reached out to Kevin Zucker and about possibly having a bike run to help raise money for Lansford's 150<sup>th</sup>.

Michele Bartek spoke about wanting to have a huge family picnic at the park to celebrate America250 and Lansford 150<sup>th</sup>.

Michele Bartek spoke about coordinating events with the mine tours for the America250 and Lansford's 150<sup>th</sup>.

### **Parks and Recreation-**

#### **Discussion Special Event Form from Lansford Alive**

Gwyneth Collevecchio spoke about the music in the park special event form from Lansford Alive.

#### **Discussion Special Event Form from American Fire Co #1**

Gwyneth Collevecchio spoke about the food truck festival in May that the American Fire Company is having.

#### **Discussion on applying for a second Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society Grant towards a renovation plan for Kennedy Park.**

Bruce Markovich spoke about a grant he had applied for a master site plan to be done for Kennedy Park and that issues occurred with the grant because of Covid-19.

Bruce Markovich stated that the PA recreation and parks society wants the borough to reapply for the grant and that they then would find another architect to redesign the park.

#### **Discussion Filling in the pool because it represents a liability, and we will never have enough money to repair it.**

Joseph Butrie spoke about how the Lansford Pool has been closed for close to ten years and that the borough can not afford to fix the pool.

Joseph Butrie spoke about the liability having the pool not filled in brings to the borough.

#### **Discussion filling the pool and leveling it off with soil and cleaning up the inside gate of the pool area**

Joseph Butrie spoke about wanting to fill the pool in with soil and cleaning up the inside of the pool area.

Bruce Markovich spoke about how the borough is waiting to hear back from a grant on if money is going to be given to the borough to hire a consultant to design a splash pad at the pool park.

Bruce Markovich spoke about how he would like to offer a tour to residents to allow them to see what the current condition of the pool is and clear up the misinformation about the pool.

Bruce Markovich spoke about how if the grant for a splash is not approved then council should vote to fill in the pool.

### **Zoning and Ordinance-**

#### **Discuss the HERA program**

Jennifer Staines spoke about the HERA Program and that Kevin Seidella got back to her and that she will tell him council is not interested.

#### **Discussion the Rental insurance requirement from \$50,000.00 to \$150,000.00-jennifer Staines**

Jennifer Staines spoke about the current rental insurance requirement and that she feels the amount should be increased due to the amount not covering the cost to replace a building in the event of a fire.

#### **Discussion how to change the borough front door to be more handicapped accessible and funding**

Jennifer Staines spoke about handicap doors and that she is unsure where the money for them would come from.

Bruce Markovich spoke about doing a separate grant for handicap doors.

Jennifer Staines spoke about the current borough doors and how it needs to be made handicap accessible.

Council spoke about handicap doors and possible ways that the door can be changed to be handicap accessible.

Council spoke about the current towing ordinance.

Michele Bartek spoke about the Civil Service Commission and how they formed on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.

Michele Bartek spoke about how now the commission has reorganized and that the candidates who are going for full-time will be notified about the written test and physical agility test.

Michele Bartek spoke about the current members on the Civil Service Commission.

Michele Bartek spoke about the need for two alternate members for the Civil Service Commission.

Council and audience members spoke about when the requirement for inspections to occur before a property could be occupied stopped.

The meeting was adjourned by Bruce Markovich at 6:20p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ashley McLaughlin".

Ashley McLaughlin

Secretary