

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 5th, 2026

The May 5th, 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 Vice President Joseph Butrie, Council Member Gwyneth Collevecchio, President Joseph Genits, Council Member Bruce Markovich, Council Member Jack Soberick, Council Member John Zym, and Mayor Denise Leibensperger.

Solicitor Robert Yurchak was not in attendance.

President-Pro Tempore Michele Bartek arrived at the meeting at 5:07p.m.

Council Member Jack Soberick arrived at the meeting at 6:00p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Joseph Genits stated that someone will have to take the minutes as neither of the secretaries are present. However, the recorder is used for the secretary to transcribe the minutes of the meeting.

Public Courtesy-

Tommy Vadyak of 334 West Abbott Street asked who reviews camera footage and who would have access to cameras. He questioned the reasons for other agenda items.

Rosemary Cannon of 242 West Ridge Street inquired about why Public Works and Public Safety are on the agenda when they are having their committee meetings on Thursday. The workshop is open to all council members to comment, while the committee meetings are for specific topics.

Public Works-The public Works committee is meeting on Thursday.

Municipal Administration

- a) Discussion was had about painting the meter post in the downtown area and the color that would look the best on the post.
- b) The special meeting of council tonight at 6:00p.m. is going to address the sewer main issue in the 300 block of West Patterson Street (Rt 209).

- c) A discussion was held about the dates for the 2026 Community Free Yard Sale.
Council spoke about considering having the dates be annually on the second or third weekend of the month with the yard sales happening once in the spring and once in the fall. The spring free yard sale to be in May and the fall yard sale in September on the third weekend of those months, with no rain dates.
- d) No current bids have been submitted for the Street Material Bids to date. Bids due by May 13th, 2026 at 3:00p.m.
- e) Some homeowners on the 800 Block of East Ridge Street would like the borough to consider leasing the borough property around that area so the homeowners are able to park their vehicles on the borough owned property behind their houses. Discussion was held on whether borough should consider leasing the property or subdividing and selling a parcel.
- f) Discussion was held about the payment status of the water bill for the Freight station still pending.
- g) Council will provided a resolution for streaming of meetings to review and decide at a future date if that is something they would like to do.
- h) Discussion was held about the Former Silberline Property and if they would consider to appraise, sale, or subdivide the property as there was a prior interest mentioned about interest in purchasing certain parcels at prior meetings.

Public Safety

- a) The Public Safety Committee is meeting on Thursday.

Parks & Recreation

- a) Discussion was held about the equipment in the concession stand that should be replaced and about donating the old equipment to the non profit Number 9 Mine Museum.
- b) The Water Authority is going to be activating water service at Ashton Park upon request.

- c) The cameras at Ashton Park are operational. Additional discussions were review about cameras that are mobile, low cost, and could be accessed via phone by police officers, when needed.

Zoning/Code/Rental

- a.) A resident requested that council consider changing all of West Kline Avenue to become a one-way street. Council discussed the pros and cons of amending the current ordinance.
- b.) Discussion was held about the Zoning Ordinance property fence requirements and removing the 6-inch set back replacement from the zoning ordinance. Weeds growing from the outside of the fence area is not usually maintained by most homeowners with fences.
- c.) Discussion was held about removing dedicated parking spaces and assigned spaces on West Ridge Street. Council discussed the parking issues within the business district on Ridge Street between Center and Springgarden Street.
- d.) Another borough has a passed ordinance that allows their fire department to bill the property owner via the borough for their time spent on fire sites. It was proposed to council that this should be considered having a similar ordinance adopted to recoup costs for the fire department.

Handicap Committee

- a) Discussion was held about the handicap parking ordinance, including updating the ordinance, and how already approved handicap parking spaces should be reviewed every year before being billed to the residents of the handicap parking spaces.

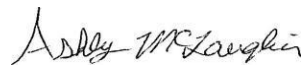
Economic Development/Tourism/ Grants

- a) The CDBG Funding Grant is due May 15, 2026 and the grant will be used for West Ridge Street paving repair. The application for 2026 will be submitted to the county for consideration for approval.

- b) Michele Bartek is completing the Pocono Mountain Bureau Impact Grant for the parks. Council should review the application and follow thru with ensuring compliance for submission.
- d) No discussion was held about the Freight Station Status. Attorney Yurchak and Bruce Markovich are preparing a draft agreement for the transfer.
- e) There will be upcoming events for the 250 and 150 Celebrations with those events including, food, bands, non-profits, and startup companies. Volunteers are needed to help with the events. Parks and Recreation Chair Michele Bartek reviewed the many planned events.

The meeting was adjourned by President Joseph Genits at 6:05p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ashley McLaughlin

Secretary