

## Committee Meeting Minutes

October 7th, 2025

The October 7th, 2025 Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:39p.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 Collevecchio, Council Man George Gilbert, President Bruce Markovich, and Council Woman Jennifer Staines.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Marianne Rustad Education Community Relations Coordinator from Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau spoke about how a trial run was completed and is almost ready to be marketed for the Historical Trolley Tour. A complementary tour was given to borough council to gather feedback on the tour.

John Zym Chairman of the Civil Service Commission presented a PowerPoint before council which included information about the police hiring process, ways he feels that the process can be improved and incentives to help encourage interest for prospective officers.

### **Committees**

#### **Public Works-**

Joseph Butrie spoke about the public works committee.

It is going to be placed on the monthly meeting agenda to pay for the damage to the sidewalk at 436 East Patterson Street that was done when the borough was plowing the streets, the cost being \$500.00.

Three contractors were contacted about replacing the sewer line on the 100 block of East Front Street from bells that are broken in the line resulting in sewage backup. Only one contractor provided a quote at \$19,000.00 that will be paid out of the sewage transmission fund.

A quote was obtained from STC Service Tire for tire chains for all the borough trucks, the cost being \$1,420.00.

The western plow was put on the utility pickup truck.

The status of the borough garage grant was spoken about with the borough still waiting for an answer as if they will be awarded the grant.

A discussion was had about whether the letter that was to be sent to Lehigh Anthracite about the Cortright Project occurred and whether the borough can use taxpayer dollars to resolve the issue as it is occurring on private property.

George Gilbert spoke about the information about sewer vacuums and said that he is waiting on additional information to provide council. Hiring part-time plow operators is going to be added to the monthly meeting agenda.

Joseph Butrie spoke about the water being off at the Silberline Office Building and the status of moving heat into the Zimmerman Building.

### **Municipal Administration-**

Bruce Markovich spoke about the municipal administration committee.

A meeting was held in which Bill McMullen, Joseph Butrie, and Bruce Markovich met with Doli Contracting for the Powell Street Sewer Project. Doli Contracting who submitted a change order to replace a manhole and three terracotta pipes that are coming out of the manhole. Bill McMullen advised that the replacement is unnecessary. Voting against the change order is going to be on the monthly agenda.

A seasonal employee needs to be laid off due to being at their 400-hour work limit.

Four temporary no-parking spots are needed for the trolley to park during the Historical Trolley Tour that will be going through Lansford. The spots to be by the Wells Church, in front of the museum on East Bertsch Street, and one on the hill next to the old jail.

The advertisement for the sale of the Borough Garage and Vacant Lot on Spring Street is going in the paper on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

The borough is going to receive \$46,000 for the sewer camera that was destroyed in the borough garage fire.

A cost is still needed for moving tools from the old borough garage to the temporary borough garage so that insurance company will reimburse the borough for the cost.

The camera's at the pool are set up at the pool.

Under the STMP Program, there is going to be on the agenda for the borough to appoint a consultation company so that the STMP Program Grant can be submitted.

Council discussed the trailers being parked at the Silberline Building.

Council discussed putting on the monthly agenda about sending a letter to Construction Clearance that all trailers must be moved by the end of the month.

Gwyneth Collevecchio asked that when council members put items on the agenda that the items be clearly written and have as much information on them in order for council to get through the agenda in a more professional manner.

### **Public Safety-**

Michele Bartek spoke about the public safety committee.

The Lansford Halloween Festival is happening on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 2:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. People are encouraged to participate in the event and hand out candy.

A discussion was had about enforcement of the curfew in Lansford and the importance of the issue as people are walking around the borough in the middle of the night.

### **Parks and Recreation-**

Gwyneth Collevecchio spoke about the Parks and Recreation Committee.

There was no information to provide about the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Gwyneth Collevecchio spoke about an article that was about the 911 Trail and the importance of the trail. The trail will be going from New York City at the Twin Tower Memorial Site to New Jersey, then into Pennsylvania going through Lansford to Pottsville then Shanksville which was where a plane went down during 911, with the trail ending at the Pentagon. The trail is being funded by the government with no cost to the borough.

Council discussed the benefits of the trail coming into the borough.

### **Zoning and Ordinance-**

Jennifer Staines spoke about the zoning and ordinance Committee.

Discussion was had about the oversized vehicle parking, what oversized vehicles should be parked in the lot and about having the parking lot for Lansford Residents only.

Council discussed eliminating oversized vehicle parking.

Council discussed how other boroughs address oversized vehicles parking.

George Gilbert spoke about adding to the borough's employment application an authorization for MVR checks.

The meeting was adjourned by Bruce Markovich at 6:50p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ashley McLaughlin

Secretary