

AGENDA OF LANSFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Regular Monthly Meeting
February 11th, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

- Michele Bartek
- Joseph Butrie
- Gwyneth Collevechio
- Joseph Genits
- Bruce Markovich
- Jack Soberick
- Denise Lebiensperger (Mayor)
- Robert Yurchak (Solicitor)

5. Public Courtesy Limited to Items on Agenda

– Please stand, state your name and address (please keep remarks to 3 minutes)

6. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve all of the following Meeting Minutes:
 1. January 5th, 2026 Reorganization Meeting Minutes
 2. January 5th, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes
 3. January 14th, 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes

7. Motion to approve the final adoption of the proposed 2026 budget

8. Motion to approve a resolution that sets the tax rate millage for 2026

9. Correspondence-

- A. Letter of interest from Christopher Ondrus for the vacant Coaldale-Lansford-Summit Hill Sewer Authority seat
- B. Email from Kevin Buraks from Portnoff Law Associates about delinquent trash fees and real estate taxes
- C. Motion to approve writs of execution for delinquent borough taxes
- D. Email from Jared M Soto with a flyer attached for The Panther Valley Blueprint Community Roadside Cleanup-day (Saturday, April 25th, 2026; rain date: May 2nd, 2026)
- E. Letter to council from Jennifer Staines about planning commission seat
- F. Letters of interest for vacant council member seat from Jennifer Staines, John Hosak, John Zym, Benjamin Sherry, William Chuma, and Dean Strohl.

10. Committee Reports (*Provided by the committee*)

- a. Public Works
- b. Municipal Administration- Lafayette visit update
- c. Parks & Recreation
- d. Public Safety
- e. Zoning & Code

11. Municipal Monthly Reports

Fire Dept.- Enclosed
Ambulance- Enclosed
Mayor's Report
Police Report- Enclosed
Zoning/Code Enforcement- Enclosed
Code Compliance
Rental Report
Solicitor's Report-
Tax Collector's Report:

- From January 1st, 2026, to January 31st, 2026, No Taxes collected as Tax Office is closed until April 2026.

Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve February 11th, 2026, Expenses

Bills & Expenditures Through 02/11/2026	
Accounts	Total Expenditures
Fire Tax	\$ 858.00
General Fund	\$ 126,911.52
Highway – Liquid Fuels	\$ 4,576.62
Park & Recreation	\$ 350.96
Sanitation	\$ 62,256.87
Sewer Transmission	\$ 30,343.44
Street Light	\$ 5,918.42
Total	\$ 231,215.83

CD'S & Bank Balances

Account Title	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	No.	Interest Paid YTD	1/31/2026	12/31/2025
Railroad 9 Month CD	3.5	8/22/2026	XX6101	\$ 1,776.19	\$ 601,007.16	\$ 599,230.97
2nd Railroad Proceeds 9 Month CD	3.4	7/27/2026	XX8363	\$ 98.82	\$ 32,878.59	\$ 32,779.77
Pool 9 Month CD	3.5	8/22/2026	XX6325	\$ 130.81	\$ 44,262.70	\$ 44,131.89
Sani-Investors CD	3.4	7/30/2026	XX8587	\$ 165.86	\$ 55,179.80	\$ 55,013.94
Sewer-Investors CD	3.4	7/30/2026	XX8595	\$ 175.22	\$ 58,295.57	\$ 58,120.35
2nd Sewer Proceeds 9Month CD	3.4	7/27/2026	XX8371	\$ 168.08	\$ 55,918.77	\$ 55,750.69
Sewer 9 Month CD	3.5	8/22/2026	XX1277	\$ 164.70	\$ 55,727.84	\$ 55,563.14
Total				\$ 2,679.68	\$ 903,270.43	\$ 900,590.75

Account Title	Interest Rate	No.	Interest Paid YTD 1/31/2026	1/31/2026	12/31/2025
General Fund	2.8	XX6371	\$ 58.35	\$21,457.37	\$ 25,252.07
ARPA Grant Account	2.8	XX6496	\$ 1,658.96	\$728,988.81	\$ 728,339.13
Diversified	2.8	XX2153	\$ 22.59	\$10,017.36	\$ 9,994.77
Fire Escrow - 22 E. Kline	2.8	XX9105	\$ 69.54	\$30,836.99	\$ 30,767.45
Fire Escrow- 241 E Ridge St	2.8	XX8929	\$ 962.76	\$427,745.31	\$ 423,634.17
Fire Escrow- 243 E Ridge St	2.8	XX8448	\$ 65.21	\$43,388.09	\$ 9,097.18
Fire Escrow- 245 E Abbott St	0.0	XX6488	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Fire Escrow- 334 E. Bertsch St.	0.0	XX9949	\$ -	\$ 36,790.47	\$ 36,790.47
Fire Escrow - 268 E. Patterson St.	0.0	XX9931	\$ -	\$ 29,067.09	\$ 29,067.09
Fire Escrow - 292 E. Snyder Ave	0.0	XX7133	\$ -	\$ 29,605.04	\$ 29,605.04
Fire Escrow - 504 E Kline	0.0	XX6094	\$ -	\$ 4,522.89	\$ 4,522.89
Delq. Tax	0.0	XX7013	\$ -	\$ 9,863.51	\$ 9,863.51
Building Developing Capital Fund	0.0	XX7373	\$ -	\$ 8,900.22	\$ 8,900.22
Grant Project	0.0	XX6119	\$ -	\$ 31,346.65	\$ 31,346.65
Sanitation Fund	2.8	XX5616	\$ 35.42	\$15,705.02	\$ 15,669.60
Sanitation fund MMA	2.8	XX6462	\$ 142.73	\$63,964.26	\$ 63,099.36
Sewer Transmission	2.8	XX6404	\$ 114.31	\$50,775.08	\$ 50,348.87
Snyder Street Checking	2.8	XX6438	\$ 1,049.45	\$478,799.33	\$ 447,547.74
Local Services Tax	2.8	XX6454	\$ 33.62	\$14,905.83	\$ 14,872.21
Street Lights	2.8	XX6446	\$ 1,308.91	\$630,631.93	\$ 540,466.98
Fire	2.8	XX6470	\$ 77.26	\$34,257.72	\$ 34,180.46
Highway Liquid Fuels	2.8	XX6420	\$ 478.70	\$115,454.81	\$ 116,284.49
Park & Recreation	2.8	XX6412	\$ 114.82	\$52,593.84	\$ 48,278.45
			\$ 6,192.63	\$2,872,617.62	\$ 2,710,928.80

REVENUE THROUGH 2/11/2026			
	CUSTOMER COLLECTION INFORMATION		
SANITATION BILLING 2026	BILLED	COLLETED	NOT COLLECTED
1ST QUARTER 01/01/2026-03/31/2026	1834	946	888
2nd QUARTER	0		
3rd QUARTER	0		
4th QUARTER	0		
Total	1834		
SEWER TRANSMISSION BILLING 2026	BILLED	COLLETED	NOT COLLECTED
ANNUAL 2026	1915	747	1168
Sanitation Revenue	\$ 136,780.76	SANITATION PAST DUE 2025	
Sewer Revenue	\$ 81,158.34	Amount	\$ 59,818.02
		Customer	333

12. Old Business:

1. Dumpsters
2. Borough Garage
3. Snow removal when posted goes from 12:01 am until midnight the same day
4. Discussion on the Skill Game Ordinance
5. Discussion on handicap ordinance/revising the ordinance for the Business District Ridge Street.

13. New Business:

1. Review policy adopted for approving purchases via chair of committees.

Motions:

1. Motion to prohibit any member of council from interfering with either the Borough Secretary or Borough Treasurer in the performance of their duties.

2. Motion to appoint Attorney Micheal Miller from the firm of Eckert Seamans to represent council members Michele Bartek, Bruce Markovich and Gwyneth Collevechio in the case of Diaz versus the Borough of Lansford. Emails and other communications to the borough have been intentionally withheld from us in an attempt delay, hinder and prevent our participation in this case. In addition the attorney representing the borough in this case has yet to provide any information on how he intends to represent both sides of council during the upcoming discovery phase of this case.
3. Motion to censure Council member Joesph Genits for offering the position of Borough Manager to former Council President Bruce Markovich in return for Markovich stepping down as Council President.
4. Motion to censure Council member Joseph Genits for intentionally violating Section 7501 Subsections (b) (d) of the borough code in connection with the hiring of the contractors for snow removal for the borough of Lansford. Genits failed to post or otherwise inform the public that a state of Emergency had been declared, in addition a state of emergency declaration is valid only for a period of seven days after its declaration, unless extended by the governing body of the Borough of Lansford, no such extension was extended, making all costs incurred by the borough past the seven day time line illegal. In addition subsection (b) clearly spells out that a majority of council has to agree to the hiring of contractors under emergency circumstances. Councilman Genits had no sole authority to hire any contractor or incur any debt without the approval of at least four members of council.
5. Motion to approve the following handicap parking requests:
 - A. Ibania Alberto at 338 East Bertsch Street
 - B. Denice Danubio at 427 East Ridge Street
 - C. Crystal Cupak at 631 East Patterson Street

D. Eileen Royer at 327 West Ridge Street

6. Motion to approve to change the phone service for each borough employee (Police, Public Works, and Code) from Verizon Wireless (\$530.55 a month) to either of the following AT&T plan:
 - a. \$411.00 a month with a one-time \$14.85 equipment charge, this plan includes 10 cellphones and 5 portable Wi-Fi devices
 - b. \$458.52 a month with a one-time \$414.81 equipment charge, this plan includes 10 cellphones, 5 portable Wi-Fi devices, and 4 Ipads
7. Motion to approve to have Cloud Services do a hard drive upgrade on Police Department computers at a cost of \$464.97.
8. Motion to approve to purchase 5 Portable Radios for the Police Department from Green's Communications for a total cost of \$33,879.55.
9. Motion to approve to pay Ruthless Graphics \$325.00 for graphics on the Ford F-550 Dump Truck.
10. Motion to approve to pay \$650.00 to B & V Environmental Service Inc, to perform an asbestos inspection of the vacant property located at 316 West Patterson Street.
11. Motion to tentatively approve the transfer of 2024 CBGD grant for the 118 West Ridge Street Demolition to the CBDG grant proposal for 2026 west ridge street paving project.

14. Executive Session: Review of Legal updates with Diaz communications and letter sent to the solicitor.

15. Adjournment