

AGENDA OF LANSFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Regular Monthly Meeting
January 14th, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

- Michele Bartek
- Joseph Butrie
- Gwyneth Collevechio
- George Gilbert
- Joseph Gentis
- Bruce Markovich
- Jack Soberick
- Denise Leibensperger (Mayor)
- Robert Yurchak (Solicitor)

4. Public Courtesy Limited to Items on Agenda

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

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- November 10th, 2025 Budget Meeting Minutes
- November 19th, 2025 Budget Meeting Minutes
- December 10th, 2025 Monthly Meeting Minutes
- December 15th, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes
- December 20th, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes
- December 31st, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

6. Correspondence-

- Resignation Letter from Civil Service Commission Member Kara S Krajnak
- Resignation Letter from Civil Service Commission Member Thomas L Dahl
- Letter from Carbon County Chamber and Economic Development requesting a letter of support from the Lansford Borough regarding a DCNR Peer Grant for the 911 Memorial Trail
- Email from Eric James Filer requesting that the borough have a representative for a Microsoft teams meeting with the DEP on Thursday 1/15/2026 at 2:30p.m.
- Letter to council from Coaldale-Lansford-Summit Hill Sewer Authority about the H2O Grant
- Email from Joy Beers requesting information on who will be managing the train station work and grant

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

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

8. Municipal Monthly Reports

Fire Dept.- Enclosed

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

- From December 1st, 2025, to December 31st, 2025, Taxes collected **\$41,850.86**

Treasurer's Report

Bills & Expenditures Through 01/14/2026	
Accounts	Total Expenditures
Fire Tax	\$ 6,343.25
Delinquent Real Estate Tax Acct.	\$ 2,850.82
Diversified	\$ 5,067.50
General Fund	\$ 77,590.33
Highway – Liquid Fuels	\$ 1,074.91
Park & Recreation	\$ 863.87
Sanitation	\$ 61,510.86
Sewer Transmission	\$ 1,424.38
Streetlight	\$ 5,650.32
Total	\$162,376.24

Motion to approve January 14th, 2026, Expenses

CD'S & Bank Balances

Account Title	No.	12/31/2025	11/30/2025
Railroad 9 Month CD	XX6101	\$ 599,230.97	\$ 597,318.41
2nd Railroad Proceeds 9 Month CD	XX8363	\$ 32,779.77	\$ 32,674.23
Pool 9 Month CD	XX6325	\$ 44,131.89	\$ 43,991.03
Sani-Investors CD	XX8587	\$ 55,013.94	\$ 54,830.92
Sewer-Investors CD	XX8595	\$ 58,120.35	\$ 57,927.00
2nd Sewer Proceeds 9Month CD	XX8371	\$ 55,750.69	\$ 55,571.19
Sewer 9 Month CD	XX1277	\$ 55,563.14	\$ 55,385.80

Account Title	No.	12/31/2025	11/30/2025
Fire	XX6371	\$25,252.07	\$ 24,617.46
General Fund	XX6496	\$728,339.13	\$ 839,259.86
ARPA Grant Account	XX2153	\$9,994.77	\$ 9,969.16
Building Developing Capital Fund	XX9105	\$30,767.45	\$ 30,688.63
Delq. Tax	XX8929	\$423,634.17	\$ 409,106.38
Diversified	XX8448	\$9,097.18	\$ 14,372.27
Fire Escrow - 22 E. Kline	XX6488	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Fire Escrow- 241 E Ridge St	XX9949	\$ 36,790.47	\$ 36,790.47
Fire Escrow- 243 E Ridge St	XX9931	\$ 29,067.09	\$ 29,067.09
Fire Escrow- 245 E Abbott St	XX7133	\$ 29,605.04	\$ 29,605.04
Fire Escrow- 334 E. Bertsch St.	XX6094	\$ 4,522.89	\$ 4,522.89
Fire Escrow - 268 E. Patterson St.	XX7013	\$ 9,863.51	\$ 9,863.51
Fire Escrow - 292 E. Snyder Ave	XX7373	\$ 8,900.22	\$ 8,900.22
Fire Escrow - 504 E Kline	XX6119	\$ 31,346.65	\$ 31,346.65
Grant Project	XX5616	\$ 15,669.60	\$ 15,629.46
Local Services Tax	XX6462	\$ 63,099.36	\$ 62,822.36
Park & Recreation	XX6404	\$ 50,348.87	\$ 54,011.41
Sanitation Fund	XX6438	\$ 447,547.74	\$ 472,136.62
Sanitation fund MMA	XX6454	\$14,872.21	\$ 14,834.11
Sewer Transmission	XX6446	\$ 540,466.98	\$ 540,765.02
Snyder Street Checking	XX6470	\$ 34,180.46	\$ 34,092.89
Highway Liquid Fuels	XX6420	\$ 116,284.49	\$ 116,490.18
Streetlights	XX6412	\$48,278.45	\$ 56,931.81
Total		\$2,710,928.80	\$2,848,823.49

9. Old Business:

1. Status report on list of grants found on the January 5th Special Meeting Agenda that were tabled.-request by Joseph Genits
2. Discussion on tabled request for a business parking space by the American Cancer Society.-request by Joseph Genits
3. Discussion on former borough garage (parcel #123A) and vacant lot (parcel # 123A-24-J37.14) located on Spring Street whereby NO MINIMUM BIDS, as advertised , were previously received in December 2025. Recommendation to advertise as follows: .-request by Joseph Genits
4. Discussion about scheduling the annual AUDIT by the existing company or making a change, if preferred. Review a list of firms (3) to request quotes for estimated costs for a forensic audit.-request by Joseph Genits

10. New Business:

1. Discussion on Handicapped Doors on Borough Hall.-request by George Gilbert
2. Look into an Agreement with Tamaqua Borough for Emergency Services for Vactor rental. request by George Gilbert
3. Discussion on Committee Meetings and requests on changes to how they are handled. request by George Gilbert
4. Motion to approve the following handicap parking requests:
 - a. Ibania Alerto 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
5. Motion to approve a resolution for the Lansford Borough Uniform Construction Code (UCC) Fee Schedule.
6. Motion to approve to send the 2025 uncollected borough delinquent taxes to Portnoff Law. 405 delinquent.

Motions:

1. Motion - In order to insure transparency and full disclosure on behalf of taxpayers of the Borough of Lansford, I am requesting that the following items be posted to Lansford Borough Website and incorporated into the minutes of the January 14th 2026 Lansford Borough Council Meeting
 1. The full and complete transcript of the Labor Relations Board Decision and Order (PF-C-24-104-E) Dated December 18th 2025 provided by Atty Jack E Marino, Hearing Examiner for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Labor Relation Board. Titled Fraternal Order of Police, Schuylkill Carbon Lodge No 13 vs Lansford Borough.
 2. A copy of the invoice from Attorney Robert Yurchack to the Borough of Lansford, showing the costs to be paid from the borough of Lansford to Atty Yurchack for defense of this case.
 3. A compiled list of the costs incurred by the borough of Lansford to comply with subpoena's issued by the Fraternal Order of police for any and all borough employees to attend this hearing-request by Bruce Markovich

2. Motion - In order to insure transparency and full disclosure on behalf of the taxpayers of the Borough of Lansford, I am requesting that a full complete listing of all costs incurred by and to be paid by the borough of Lansford for the for cancellation of the Powel Street Sewer Project be compiled and posted on the Boroughs Website. These costs to Include the amount paid to Doli Corporation, (\$22,000) Arro Engineering, (\$8,100.00) Dick and Ellen Sarge (\$5,000) Return of Federal Covid Funds (\$25,000).- Request by Bruce Markovich

3. Motion to Censure Councilman Butrie for his actions dealing with the ongoing contract deliberations between the Borough of Lansford and the Teamsters Union representing the borough public works department. Butrie forwarded a document to the union representative containing a large number of false and misleading provisions. Butrie further Indicated to the union that these false and misleading provisions had

been approved by Borough Council. Butries actions resulted in the union voting on and accepting these false provisions. Butries actions are a clear violation of Good Faith Provisions of Labor Law.-request by Bruce Markovich

4. Motion to approve the 2026 Spring Town clean up dates of Saturday April 25th, 2026 for the East Side of Town and Saturday May 2nd, 2026 for the West Side of Town.
5. Motion to appoint to the Lansford-Coaldale Joint Water Authority either Robert Greenall, Ryan Eidle, Nicholas J Vavro, Donna Valent, Zachary Gilbert, John Arner, or Lenny Kovatch.
6. Motion to appoint Jennifer Staines to the Planning Commission
7. Motion to appoint either Joseph Genits, Michele Bartek, or Joseph Butrie to the Police Pension Board.
8. Motion to set up a meeting with the American Fire Company to discuss funding-request by George Gilbert
9. Replace funds from Liquid Fuels from Zipper sale. request by George Gilbert
10. Need to have Edgemont bridge property surveyed to see who owns what-request by Joseph Butrie
11. Motion to approve the purchase of a hot selling portable high pressure cleaning washer hot and cold water pressure washer in the amount of \$1,510.00.-request by Joseph Butrie
12. Update report on demolition of properties located at 151 & 151-½ W Ridge St. -request by Joseph Genits
13. Update report on demolition of property located at 118 W. Ridge St . (Lack of demolition permit obtained by property owner) -request by Joseph Genits
14. Discuss scheduling an “Executive Session of Council “ for the purpose of Touring properties owned by the Borough for the purpose of familiarization, Needs assessment for each, planning requirements to sell or upgrade, security issues, maintenance & repair issues:
 - former Silberline parcels located on Dock Street to view the buildings outside & inside each building, including the land area, security fencing.

- Former “Zimmerman / Hill Machine Shop building & adjacent land.
- Former train station / Hill Machine Shop building
- Former borough garage parcel & vacant land on Spring Street.
- Former pool area , playground , concession stand

Executive Session schedule would best be during the daytime, such as a Saturday to better view the property areas. -request by Joseph Genits

15. Advertising requirements for an “in-house employee “ to be hired as a ZONING OFFICER with such considerations as:

P/T without benefits; Pay to be determined by initial application processing \$ _____; Zoning Hearing Board application processing \$ _____;

A separate hourly fee paid by time sheet documentation for resident inquiries, additional inspections, Filing violation notices, attending DJ hearings, use of personal vehicle reimbursement \$ _____. Since ARRO was not reappointed at the reorganizational meeting for Zoning duties, until the Zoning Committee would recommend the requirements

For an in house Zoning Officer, including salary, ARRO could be approved in the interim time period to continue if the need arises. -request by Joseph Genits

16. Appointment of council member to serve on the Carbon County Council of Governments. -request by Joseph Genits

17. Discuss advertising for sale, SEWER PIPE Type SDR 26 Heavy Wall that is Currently stored in the LFD storage area, Pipe was purchased years ago and Is not expected to be used for the intended project. Research past invoices Purchased to determine fair market value for sale.-request by Joseph Genits

18. Report on bridge condition that is located crossing the creek from Dock St. Leading to Edgemont Road & Oak Streets. Repair options.-request by Joseph Genits

19. Report on recent sewer blockage for multiple homes in the 300 block of West Water Street , whereby the 6-inch sewer transfers sewage from homes Going west connecting to the main line on South Cortright Street.-request by Joseph Genits

20. Discuss best use of funds received from the sale of the ZIPPER (\$50,000) Suggest possible use is to use towards the purchase of a trac style SkidSteer With attachments such as “millhead; broom box; and forks.” To facilitate Numerous uses. Request that BID SPECS be prepared for council to review Prior to any advertisements to purchase by Sealed Bids.-request by Joseph Genits
21. Discuss amending the direction of travel from 2-way to become 1-way
On the following streets: -request by Joseph Genits
TUNNEL STREET : change to make One Way between Patterson Street
To Bertsch Street going South Only
COAL STREET : change to make One Way between Bertsch Street
To Patterson Street going North Only
22. Discuss repair to a portion of Edgemont Road on the Southwest portion of the Circle by using modified fill or road chip fill to eliminate deep ruts caused by heavy trucks and plowing over the years. Raising the one lane travel way by filling and crowning with fill materials to allow water run off thereby making for safer travel.-request by Joseph Genits
23. Discussion to consider to approve Nicole Beckett, from Lafayette College to schedule a meeting date and time to allow the Administration Committee and the two borough secretaries to review borough operations in order to explore the possibility of contracting with Lafayette College Municipal Services and its consultant, Nicole Beckett to make specific recommends for improving overall borough clerical and financial operations.-request by Joseph Genits
24. Discussion to finalize approval for JACK SOBERICK to begin receiving his rightful pension from the police pension fund. Motions to be made.-request by Joseph Genits

11. Executive Session if needed

12. Adjournment