

AGENDA OF LANSFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Regular Monthly Meeting
September 11th, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence to Remember September 11th
4. Roll Call

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| • Michele Bartek | • Jay Doyle | • Hugh Vrablic
(Mayor) |
| • Joseph Butrie | • Bruce Markovich | • Robert Yurchak
(Solicitor) |
| • Gwyneth
Collevecchio | • Jack Soberick | |
| | • Jennifer Staines | |

5. Executive Session 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

6. Public Courtesy Limited to Items on Agenda

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

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- August 6th, 2024, Committee Meeting Minutes
- August 14th, 2024 Monthly Meeting Minutes
- September 3rd, 2024 Budget Meeting Minutes
- September 3rd, 2024 Committee Meeting Minutes

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

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

9. 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 August 1st,2024 to August 31st,2024, Taxes collected were \$4,436.64

Treasurer's Report - Bills to Approve

ACCOUNT	September 11TH Expenses
GENERAL FUND	\$110,444.86
ARPA FUND	\$10,880.64
FIRE TAX ACCOUNT	\$4,958.50
SANITATION FUND	\$28,217.92
SEWER TRANSMISSION FUND	\$1,951.76
PARKS & RECREATION	\$43.30
HIGHWAY – LIQUID FUELS	\$2,250.14
STREET LIGHT FUND	\$5,370.34
DELQ. TAX ACCOUNT	\$3,221.80
Total	\$167,339.26

A Motion to pay the bills is needed.

- Bank Balance

		End of Month Balances		
Type	No.	Account Title	August 2024	July 2024
General Fund	6496	General Acct	\$835,849.72	\$903,512.62
General Fund	2153	ARPA Grant Account	\$218,400.77	\$223,819.26
General Fund	1394	Railroad	(\$564,695.41)	\$564,209.82
General Fund	6101	Railroad 9-Month CD (Open 8/8/24)	\$564,695.41	
General Fund	8448	Diversified	\$50,292.53	\$44,938.75
General Fund	6488	Fire Escrow- 22 E Kline	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
General Fund	2823	Fire Escrow - 334 W. Bertsch St. (Close 8/9/24)	(\$4,522.89)	\$4,522.80
General Fund	6094	Fire Escrow- 334 W. Bertsch St. (Open 8/9/24)	\$4,522.89	0
General Fund	7013	Fire Escrow 268 E Patterson St.	\$9,863.51	\$9,863.51
General Fund	5278	Fire Escrow 292 E Snyder Ave	\$8,875.61	8,842.99
General Fund	8929	Delq. Tax	\$237,818.47	\$219,969.14
General Fund	2589	Fire Escrow - 504 E Kline (Close 8/8/24)	(\$31,346.65)	\$31,346.05
General Fund	6119	Fire Escrow - 504 E Kline (Open 8/8/24)	\$31,346.65	
Grant Project	5616	Grant Project	\$450.84	\$52,012.79
Sanitation Fund	6438	Sanitation Fund	\$382,870.06	\$399,577.12
Sanitation Fund	7373	Sani-Investor's MMA	\$52,416.04	\$52,376.11
Sanitation Fund	6454	Sanitation Fund MMA	\$14,191.09	\$14,138.94

Sewer Transmission	6446	Sewer Transmission	\$378,014.73	\$368,894.11
Sewer Transmission	7360	MCT Sewer Transmission	\$55,375.79	\$55,333.60
Sewer Transmission	5402	Sewer Loan Proceeds Account	\$53,140.02	\$53,140.02
Sewer Transmission	1277	Sewer 12-Month CD	\$52,359.62	\$52,297.88
Sewer Transmission	6470	Snyder Street Checking	\$32,615.04	\$32,495.18
LST	6462	Local Service Tax	\$50,227.42	\$48,793.43
Street Light Fund	6412	Streetlights	\$63,258.37	\$75,394.12
Fire Tax Fund	6371	Fire	\$33,823.22	\$44,566.75
Sp. Hi-Way Fund	6420	Highway Liquid Fuels	\$142,400.20	\$142,216.43
Park & Rec Fund	6363	Lansford Pool Account (Close 8/15/24)	(\$41,589.12)	\$41,517.66
Park & Rec Fund	6325	Pool 9-Month CD (open 8/15/24)	\$41,589.12	
Park & Rec Fund	6404	Recreation	\$51,410.96	\$50,262.23
		Total	\$3,368,808.08	\$3,497,041.31
Loans	Account	Terms	August 2024	July 2024
MEM Debacle Lfund	0060	20yr \$11,448.89 Biannual May & November	\$25,464.11	\$25,464.11
2020 Sewer Loan	3591	5yr Sewer Fund \$ 1,320.47 per month PMT Loan	\$18,133.74	\$19,418.58
		Total	\$43,597.85	\$44,882.69

10. Old Business:

1. Motion to approve the Handicap Parking Request from Annette White for 627 East Patterson Street.

11. New Business:

1. Discussion about amending the Sewer Transmission Ordinance -Requested by Robert Yurchak

Motions:

1. Motion to approve the special event form submitted from the Carbon County Hot Wheels Club for a Meeting of Hot wheels Enthusiast on September 21st, 2024 at 6:00p.m. in Ashton Park.

2. Motion to approve the special event form submitted from the Panther Valley Junior Senior Highschool Homecoming/Senior Advisors for the homecoming parade on September 20th, 2024 at 5:45p.m.
3. Motion to approve the special event form submitted from the Friends of Lansford Recreation for Tree lighting/Santa/Music in Kennedy Park on November 26th, 27th, 29th, and 30th, 2024 and December 1st, 2024 from 2p.m. to 5p.m.
4. Motion to approve the pay-off payment on The MEM Debacle-Lfund Loan in the amount of \$14,604.11 to save on interest charges. -Requested by Office
5. Motion to approve opening a fire escrow account for 245 East Abbott Street in the amount of \$29,605.04.- Requested by Office
6. Motion to approve the 50% deposit payments in the amount of \$2,258.50 and \$4,097 for the camera security system for the Borough Hall and Police Department to be taken out of ARPA (Covid) Fund- Requested by Office
7. Motion to approve to extend Dennis Anderson's hours for another 300 hours.
8. Motion to approve a request from the Water Authority to waive the street opening fees for the West Abbott Street Water System Improvement Project
9. Motion to approve a request from Panther Valley School District to move the bus stop on Walnut Street and Abbott Street to Walnut Street and Bertsch Street due to the ongoing construction at the church.
10. Motion to have the Zimmerman Building property surveyed.
11. Motion for ARRO Engineering to prepare the specifications for the borough to advertise bids for the Borough Salt Shed
12. Motion to approve the paving of the following streets:
 - 100 block of East Abbott Street from Spring Garden to South Walnut Street
 - Coal Street from SR-209 Patterson Street to West Ridge Street
 - Unit Block of East Bertsch Street from Tunnell Street to Spring Garden Street
 - Center Street from Spring Street to Water Street
 - Unit Block of East Abbott Street from Spring Garden Street to midway Unit of East Abbott Street
13. Motion to approve the purchase of a 2016 Ford SUV for the Code & Ordinance Officer in the amount of \$4,750.00 from Miracle Ford in Tamaqua, PA.
14. Motion to approve the sale of the 2003 Mercury Code & Ordinance Vehicle once the new code vehicle is purchased.
15. Motion to obtain costs to have the former Borough garage building and property owned by the borough on West Water Street surveyed and appraised for future sale.
16. Motion to approve a Resolution to place the 1990 Ford Dump Truck up for public bid.
17. Motion to approve a Resolution to place the 1991 Ford Street Sweeper up for public bid.
18. Motion to approve a Resolution to place the 2003 Mercury former police car up for public bid
19. Motion to approve a Resolution to place the 2014 Ford Police Car up for public Bid.
20. Motion to prohibit parking on borough property located across from the 300 block of East Ridge Street in Coaldale.

21. Motion to participate in the Pennsylvania Small Business Grant Initiative Program to assist startup businesses with grants to start a small business in town.
22. Motion to participate in the Pennsylvania Creative Entrepreneur Grant Program to provide small businesses with marketing and development strategy.
23. Motion to move our 2024 Community Development Block Grant Funding from rehabilitation of Courtwright Street between Abbott and Water to demolition of the former Kochs Appliance Building on West Ridge Street.
24. Motion to provide a letter of support to the boroughs of Nesquehoning and Summit Hill for new Christmas lights
25. Motion to create a perspective bid and receive bids for the remodeling costs of converting the Silberline Building into the potential New Police Station.-Requested by Michele Bartek
26. Motion to apply for a Statewide LSA Grant in the amount of \$89,512.50 for ten new portable radios for the Lansford Fire Company.
27. Motion to provisionally hire Amy Barkley as a Full-Time Police Officer
28. Motion to increase the rate of pay for Part-Time Police Officers to \$27.00
29. Motion to advertise to hire Full-Time and Part-Time Police Officers.

12. Executive Session if needed

13. Adjournment