

**Lansford Borough Council
Special Meeting
April 20, 2021**

Call to Order

A special meeting of Lansford Borough Council for general purposes was held 4:00 p.m. April 20, 2021, at borough hall, 1 W. Ridge Street, Lansford, PA. The meeting was called to order by President Bruce Markovich and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following council members were present: Martin Ditsky, President Pro Tem John Turcmanovich, William Chuma, President Bruce Markovich, Vice President Bob Silver, Gwyneth Collevecchio, Mayor Michele Bartek and Solicitor Robert Yurchak. Council person Marie Ondrus was absent.

Public Courtesy: Rose Mary Cannon and Times News reporter Chris Reber were in the audience.

Rose Mary Cannon, 344 W. Ridge Street, former council president Cannon spoke favorably about working with secretary treasurer Jill Seigendall and wished her well. She also asked about another leak detected at Ashton Park pool. Bruce Markovich explained that another leak was found, near the first leak, in the piping to the pump house.

Unfinished Business:

A. Street Materials Bids opened at the April 14, 2021 meeting (and tabled for decision):

Lehigh Asphalt, Tamaqua

<u>Amount/Description</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>UndeliverPrice</u>	<u>Unit DeliverPrice</u>	<u>Delivered</u>
500 Tons Type 2 AS3 Antiskid,	\$ 13.75	\$ 6,875.00	\$19.75	\$ 9,875.00
500 Tons Superpave 9.5mm	\$ 59.75	\$ 29,875.00	\$69.75	\$34,875.00
500 Tons Superpave 19.0mm	\$ 56.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$66.00	\$33,000.00
500 Tons Superpave 25.0mm	\$ 51.00	\$ 25,500.00	\$61.00	\$30,500.00
500 Tons #1B Stone	\$ 18.75	\$ 9,375.00	\$24.75	\$12,375.00
500 Tons #2A Stone	\$ 11.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$17.00	\$ 8,500.00
500 Tons #2B Stone	\$ 13.50	\$ 6,750.00	\$19.50	\$ 9,750.00
		\$111,875.00		138,875.00

Pottsville Materials, Skippack

<u>Amount/Description</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>UndeliverPrice</u>	<u>Unit DeliverPrice</u>	<u>Delivered</u>
500 Tons Type 2 AS3 Antiskid,	\$ 15.35	\$ 7,675.00	\$23.68	\$ 11,840.00
500 Tons Superpave 9.5mm	\$ 52.15	\$29,075.00	\$62.15	\$ 31,075.00
500 Tons Superpave 19.0mm	\$ 45.98	\$22,990.00	\$55.98	\$ 27,990.00
500 Tons Superpave 25.0mm	\$ 43.03	\$21,515.00	\$53.03	\$ 26,515.00
500 Tons #1B Stone	\$ 15.46	\$ 7,730.00	\$23.79	\$ 11,895.00
500 Tons #2A Stone	\$ 7.31	\$ 3,655.00	\$15.64	\$ 7,820.00
500 Tons #2B Stone	\$ 11.09	\$ 5,545.00	\$19.42	\$ 9,710.00
		\$95,185.00		\$126,845.00

A Motion was made by William Chuma to accept the bid from Lehigh Asphalt, stating the company is closer, 11 miles travel, whereas Pottsville Materials is 40 miles travel, which would be costly to pick up materials and hot patch will cool off when delivered. The Motion was second by Bob Silver. All were in favor, Motion passed.

Bruce Markovich explained that contractor Joe Hutta found a second break in the pipe to the pumphouse. Rodacha Excavating will be consulted because Joe Hutta does not have the equipment to dig and repair the leak.

C. Andrews ville Steps to Route 209 and Bus Stop

ARRO Engineers examined the steps near Andrews ville Street on the east side of Route 209 for crossing, specifically crossing to the bus stop shed in Summit Hill, on the west side of Route 209, at the former William Knepper Property (property is currently being transferred to a new owner). ARRO will send a letter to the borough stating that code compliant steps cannot be reconstructed. The existing steps will be removed. Letters will be sent to Summit Hill Brough Council and the Panther Valley School District.

D. Ductless Air Conditioning/Heat Units

Bill McMullen of ARRO Consulting visited the borough office room and reviewed the four estimates. He would eliminate the \$25,000.00 bid as the six units are too small for the room and maintenance of the units would be costly.

E. Zoning Hearing (Special Exception Hearing) set for May 4th, 7:00 p.m. for 208-210 E. Bertsch Street

Martin Ditsky mentioned a Zoning Hearing for the former Skrabak-Porambo Funeral Home, 208-210 E. Bertsch Street. The property formerly housed the funeral home in front and 2 rental units in the back. The new owner plans to create eight rental units in the building. Mr. Ditsky noted there are parking problems in that block.

B. Residential Rental Inspections

Bruce Markovich said he spoke with ARRO Consulting and Lehigh Engineering about performing inspections for Residential Rental Housing. Both companies were willing to do the inspections however need borough administration to setup the appointments. The borough also heard from Tim Goida of A.D. Home inspections. On his business card a basic inspection fee is \$325.00.

F. Secretary Treasurer's Resignation Letter of April 15, 2021

A Motion was made by Gwyneth Collevchio, second by John Turcmanovich, to accept Secretary Treasurer Jill Seigendall's Letter of Resignation with regret. All were in favor, Motion passed.

G. Right to Know Requests

John Turcmanovich spoke about pending Senate Bills 312 & 552 regarding Right To Know Requests and the PA Office of Open Records. The bills would allow for fees for commercial requests and limit vexatious requests that seek to harass or punish a public agency. The bills are expected to be brought up for a vote in the Senate State Government Committee by the end of April. At the current time, the borough can only charge .25 cents per copy.

A Motion was made by John Turcmanovich, second by William Chuma, to have Attorney Yurchak write a letter of support urging the passage of PA Senate Bills 312 & 552 to be sent to the borough's senator and the authored senators Chris Dush (Senate Bill 552) and Michele Brooks (Senate Bill 312). All were in favor, Motion passed.

H. Policy for mayor's attendance at executive sessions

A Motion was made by John Turcmanovich, second by William Chuma, to have Attorney Yurchak write a policy governing the Mayor's attendance at future executive sessions. On Roll Call vote: Martin Ditsky, No; Gwyneth Collevchio, Yes; Bruce Markovich, Yes; William Chuma, Yes; Bob Silver, No; John Turcmanovich, Yes. Motion passed, 4 Yes, 2 No.

I. President Markovich asked for a motion to exclude the mayor from the executive session.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich, to exclude Mayor Bartek from the executive session because the topic had no bearing on the police department. On Roll Call vote: Martin Ditsky, No; Gwyneth Collevchio, Yes; Bruce