

**Lansford Borough Council
Special Meeting
January 18, 2022**

Call to Order

A special meeting of Lansford Borough Council for general purposes was held 7:30 p.m. January 18, 2022, 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: Jennifer Staines, William Chuma, President Bruce Markovich, Vice President John Turcmanovich, Gwyneth Collevchio, Jay Doyle. Mayor Hugh Vrablic and Martin Ditsky were not in attendance.

Executive Session

The sale of the Railroad and the purchase of the train station were discussed.

Bruce Markovich mentioned that it was to put it on a 10 yr. cycle from Jim Thorpe to Tamaqua. We will need to hire a consultant to help us with Economic Development.

Rose

Public Courtesy –

Rose Mary Cannon – 242 W. Ridge St. Asked what are the plans on purchasing the railroad?

Bruce Markovich mentioned We would like to use it as an anchor for Economic Development to put it on a 10-year cycle to get it rehabbed to get the trains back in town and use it as a visitors' center. Hopefully to get overflow tourists out of Jim Thorpe and Tamaqua and get them into to town.

Rose Mary asked what kind of work will need to be done?

Bruce mentioned that we will apply for a grant to hire a consultant that can tell what work needs to be done and what it should look like we need someone with experience.

Rose Mary Cannon asked Where is the money coming from?

Bruce said that we can put \$10,000.00 down and apply for grants down apply for grants we are not taking possession for almost one year. We need \$75,000 towards the Station and \$50,000 for the Zimmerman building once we get it we intend to sell it as is immediately the rest of the property is land.

Rose Mary mentioned that it sounds wonderful however there are so many things like the pool.

The borough garage, the police station floor these are already on your plate and not finished in the Borough yet. Just seems that it is one more thing on your plate.

Bruce responded with Do you have any other plans for Economic Development?

Rose Mary responded with no with these major projects on your plate it is a major concern I am just expressing my opinion. No one was awarded the contract for the pool yet. The engineer was to come up with specs. For the pool I don't think that ever took place.

Bruce mentioned that we did award the contract to the pool to Joseph Hutta and that Friend of the Pool were paying for it he was to replace the piping.

Rose Mary asked when was Hutta awarded the contract?

Bruce said October and mentioned again that Friends of the Pool are paying for it.

New Business

a) Slusser Law Firm

A motion was made by John Turcmanovich, second by Jennifer Staines to authorize Attorney Christopher Slusser and Slusser Law Firm to commence legal proceedings on behalf of the Borough of Lansford and against Carbon County regarding the sale of the Railroad. Jay Doyle was opposed. Motion passed.

- b) Railroad Station
A motion was made by Jay Doyle, second by Gwyneth Collevecchio to authorize the Borough Solicitor to draft a proposed agreement to purchase the Railroad Station and adjoining properties along Dock Street from Ken Hill for a price not to exceed \$150,000. William Chuma was opposed. Motion passed.

- c) Ordinance No 2022-01
A motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jay Doyle to adopt Ordinance # 2022-01 Prohibiting Activities in John F. Kennedy Memorial Park. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- d) Advertisement for Assistant Borough Secretary
A motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jay Doyle to advertise for the position of Assistant Borough Secretary, working hours and pay rate to be determined based upon experience. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- e) American Fire Company #1
A motion was made by Gwyneth Collevecchio, second by John Turcmanovich to pay American Fire Company #1 for their bills totaling \$7,201.81 from July to Dec. of 2021. All were in favor. Motion passed.

A motion is needed to go off the agenda to hire a different Surveyor for the Borough Garage the one we had gave us three different days to come and do it and never showed up for any of them. We need to get boundary line down there. We contacted Brinkash & Assoc. to do the survey and the gave us a quote of \$3800.00.

A Motion was made by Gwyneth Collevecchio to go off the agenda there was a second (I do not know who made the second). All were in favor. Motion passed.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich to hire Brinkash & Assoc. for a price of \$3800.00 to do the survey for the Borough Garage. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Adjournment- at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Butrie

Secretary Treasurer