

**Lansford Borough Council
Special Meeting
January 25,2023**

Call to Order

The Special Meeting of Council was held 6:00 p.m. January 25, 2023, 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, William Chuma, President Bruce Markovich, Jay Doyle, Gwyneth Collevecchio, Jennifer Staines. John Turcmanovich and Mayor Hugh Vrablic were not in attendance.

Lacey Gonzalez was also in attendance from LGH Accounting

Public Courtesy – There was none.

New Business

a) Meeting with the American Fire Company #1 of Lansford.

Bruce asked if Lacey could give everyone a refresher.

Lacey went on to explain that by our budget the delinquent over time plus interest for 2023 there is \$ 45,675.00 for the Fire Company now of that.

Tax Collector

Worker's Comp

Liability Insurance

Rest distributed.

In 2022 there was \$45,670

Everything was the same.

Tax Collector

Workers Comp \$13,000 \$13,890.

Liability Insurance \$16,000 \$18,400

Chief Joe Greco asked why the worker's comp insurance went up so much in 2022.

There is \$10,000 left in Fire for receipts.

We asked that they turn the invoices to be paid get turned in quarterly from now on and then we would let them know how much was already spent and the new balance.

Joe Greco mentioned that if they reach the budgeted amount in invoices then they do not expect to be paid for them.

b) LC Joint Water Authority – one seat (5 yr. term) – letters from: George Krajnak Jr., Tommy Vadyak, Chris Ondrus.

Martin Ditsky asked when the appointment is made, and they meet at the Water Authority.

Bruce mentioned that in 2015 whoever was on Council at that time had the ability to change the Water Authority Charter at that time.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jennifer Staines to accept the letter of interest from George Krajnak Jr. for the seat on the LC Joint Water Authority.

c) Motion to re-advertise for one seat on the Planning Commission (4yr. term) –

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Jay Doyle to re-advertise for the open seat on the Planning Commission. All were in favor. Motion Passed.

- d) Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-01 asking the County Commissioners to adopt Act 152-2016, to authorize the Carbon County Recorder of Deeds office to collect the sum of \$15.00 from each property transfer, said funds to be deposited in a County wide Blight Demolition Fund.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Gwyneth Collevchio adopt Resolution 2023-01 asking the County Commissioners to adopt Act 152-2016. Martin Ditsky was opposed. Motion passed.

- e) Motion to purchase three fingerprint scanner time clocks. To be installed in the Police Dept., Borough Garage, and the Borough Office. Costs not to exceed \$500.00 per machine.

There are some employees that are coming in subsequently late and still putting in for a full day.

A Motion was made by Jay Doyle, second by Gwyneth Collevchio to purchase three fingerprint scanner time clocks at costs not to exceed \$500.00. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- f) Motion to waive remaining salary steps for Officer Callen Rich. Callen is at 85% now he is doing a terrific job.

A Motion was made by Jay Doyle, second by Gwyneth Collevchio to waive remaining salary steps for Callen Rich and go to 100% as of next pay period starting January 29, 2023.

- g) Motion to hire George Howe as a part-time police officer.

George will be hired as a part time police officer not as a full time one therefore the Civil Service Commission is not needed.

A Motion was made by Jay Doyle, second by William Chuma to hire George Howe as a part-time Police Officer.

William Chuma mentioned that he went to the COG meeting on January 24, 2023, and at that COG meeting he asked 10 Council members from all over Carbon County if they knew what a mil was equal to in their Borough. One of them said a mil. Was \$13,000.00 another one said a mil was \$60,000.00 that was Palmerton out of 10 people only 2 people made a guess.

A Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. was made by Jay Doyle, second by William Chuma. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Adjournment

Executive Session

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Butrie

Secretary Treasurer