

**Lansford Borough Council
Special Meeting
July 22, 2019**

Call to Order

A special meeting of Lansford Borough Council was held 5:30 p.m., July 22, 2019, at borough hall, 1 W. Ridge Street, Lansford, to consider applications for part time public works employees and for general purposes. The meeting was called to order by President Jared Soto and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Rollcall was taken by Secretary/Treasurer Jill Seigendall with all council members present: John Turcmanovich, Bruce Markovich, William Chuma, Jared Soto, Bob Silver, Marie Ondrus, Irma Leibensperger, and Mayor James Romankow. Solicitor Michael Greek did not attend. Two Lansford residents were in the audience.

Public Courtesy

Rose Mary Cannon, 242 W. Ridge Street, asked when an advertisement was published in the newspaper to hire a part time public works employee. President Soto explained that at the June 12, 2019 regular meeting a motion was made to advertise however it was never done. Applications were received because of the Times News Newspaper article about the June 12th meeting.

Unfinished Business

1. **Hiring part time employees for the public works department.** Marie Ondrus requested an executive session and at 5:34 p.m. Jared Soto called an executive session.
The group came out of executive session at 5:39 p.m.

A Motion was made by William Chuma to hire Tyler L. Miller as a part time public work's employee, to be called as needed, approximately 16 to 24 hours per week, not to exceed 40 hours in a two week period, at \$11.00 per hour. The Motion was second by Irma Leibensperger. All were in favor except Marie Ondrus who voted No. 1 – No. 6 - Yes. Motion passed.

2. **Tree removal** -William Chuma explained three estimates for tree removal at borough playgrounds: Deitrich's Tree Service \$5,175.00, Dunn's Tree Service \$2,000.00, J.M.S. Treeworks, LLC \$5,200.00

A Motion was made by Bob Silver to accept the bid of \$2,000.00 from Dunn's Tree Service providing the work can be accomplished by this Friday and Saturday, July 26 & 27, 2019. The Motion was second by Irma Leibensperger. All were in favor, Motion passed.

Bruce Markovich explained that an assessment of the trees by Steven Ziegler of PA. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) shows 29 trees need to be removed in the borough's three parks; Ashton Park, Kennedy Park and East End Playground. The plan is to apply for a DCNR Grant for tree removal and pruning with a letter of intent to the Treevitalize Program in May 2020.

3. **Mulch for parks:** Two estimates for 22 cu. yds. were received: Home Depot, Kids Karpel mulch \$935.00 delivered, Guer's Topsoil & Mulch \$884.00 delivered.

A Motion was made by Bob Silver to order mulch, as needed, from Guer's Topsoil & Mulch Products, Inc., at an estimated cost of \$884.00 for 22 cu. yds. The Motion was second by Irma Leibensperger. All were in favor, Motion passed.

4. **Draft Resolution 2019-06 Salary Schedule** for nonunion workers was reviewed to consider changes to the pay rates for part time police employees.

A Motion was made by William Chuma to advertise for part time police officers, to include in the advertisement "includes working all shifts, weekends and holidays". The motion was second by Irma Leibensperger. All were in favor, Motion passed.

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A Motion was made by William Chuma to approve Resolution 2019-06, increasing the pay rate for part time police officers from \$16.00 to \$18.00/hr. to \$21.00 to \$23.00/hr. using the same hours of service increases, to be effective immediately for all part time officers. The Motion was second by Bob Silver. All were in favor, Motion passed.

5. **Project Engineer for Sewer Project at 400 E. Snyder Avenue.** An existing borough sewer line was found to be located at 400 E. Snyder Avenue and the borough is considering repairing or relocating the line. Sewer engineering services, including a survey of the line, is needed. Fee Schedules for Lehigh Engineering of Pottsville, and Keystone Consulting Engineers of Kresgeville, were reviewed.

A Motion was made by William Chuma to contact Keystone Consulting Engineers to provide engineering services to complete the sewer project at 400 E. Snyder Avenue. The Motion was second by John Turcmanovich. On roll call vote: Bruce Markovich, No; John Turcmanovich, Yes; William Chuma, Yes; Jared Soto, Yes; Bob Silver, No; Marie Ondrus, No; Irma Leibensperger, No. 4 - No, 3 - Yes. Motion Failed.

A Motion was made by Bob Silver to contact Lehigh Engineering to provide engineering services to complete the sewer project at 400 E. Snyder Avenue. The Motion was second by Irma Leibensperger. On roll call vote: Bruce Markovich, Yes; John Turcmanovich, No; William Chuma, No; Jared Soto, Yes; Bob Silver Yes; Marie Ondrus, Yes; Irma Leibensperger, Yes. 2 - No, 5 - Yes. Motion Passed.

6. Jared Soto explained that at the July 10, 2019 meeting it was unclear whether the Copier purchase for the borough office was to be a 36 month lease using the fair market value (FMV) or \$1.00 at the end of the lease. The cost of the printer is \$3,011.00. FMV monthly payment is 93.41 totaling \$3,362.76 in payments plus FMV at the end of the lease. \$1.00 buyout lease is \$103.50 per month totaling \$3,726.00 and \$1.00 to purchase machine at the end of the lease.

Irma Leibensperger made a motion to purchase the copier outright for \$3,011.00. The Motion was second by Bob Silver. All were in agreement. Motion passed.

Bob Silver was absent from the June 12, 2019 regular meeting and questioned the decision to advertise for applicants to be appointed borough health (food) inspector. He is opposed to appointing another inspector and prefers to let the state inspect any food establishments.

New Business – no new business

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Silver, second by Jared Soto, at 6:15 p.m. and everyone disbursed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Seigendall,
Secretary/ Treasurer