

**Lansford Borough Council
Special Meeting
March 30, 2021**

Call to Order

A special meeting of Lansford Borough Council for general purposes was held 4:00 p.m. March 30, 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, Marie Ondrus, Gwyneth Collevchio, Mayor Michele Bartek and Solicitor Robert Yurchak.

Public Courtesy: No residents attended.

Executive Session

President Markovich called for an executive session at 4:05 p.m. to review the Silberline Environmental Covenant to be recorded with the deed for 201 East Dock Street, a public works department grievance, and the resignation of Joe Lyons, Overwatch Technologies.

Back on the record at 4:35 p.m.:

Streetscape Project:

Council reviewed the specifications of a streetlight from Spring City Electrical Mfg. Co., style name Washington/Armory Square, 44" high on a 17" pole. Eight LED streetlights to be erected. **A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Bob Silver, to approve the Washington/Armory Square style of luminaire and lamp post for the streetscape project in the unit block of W. Ridge Street. All were in favor, Motion passed.**

Pool Project:

Contractor Joe Hutta found a leak in the Ashton Pool skimmer system. An eight-inch PVC pipe collapsed about three feet below ground towards the pumphouse.

A Motion was made by Bob Silver, second by John Turcmanovich, to have Joe Hutta excavate and repair the pool leak with a two week start time and completed within thirty days thereafter. All were in favor except for Martin Ditsky who was opposed. 6 yes, 1 no, Motion passed.

A list of Bathroom/Repairs/Updates for restrooms at Ashton Park Pool was reviewed.

A Motion was made by Bob Silver, second by Gwyneth Collevchio, to solicit quotes using the list of Bathroom/Repairs/Updates for improvements to the restrooms at Ashton Hill Park. All were in favor, Motion passed.

General Business:

Bruce Markovich reported that a vacant house at 614 E. Patterson Street, parcel #122A -22-F33, has collapsed. The owner Louis Cuoco, last known address 56 W. Broadway in Jim Thorpe, is deceased and there is no evidence of an estate. Peter Radocha Excavating will provide an estimate to demolish the house. It is half of a double home (614 & 616 E. Patterson Street). The borough may apply for Carbon County 2021 CDBG grant funds for the demolition.

There was discussion about insurance coverage on three homes sustaining damage in a fire on March 15th at 332 W. Bertsch Street, Parcel# 122A-25-K21, owner Maira Aquila.

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by John Turcmanovich, to have Attorney Yurchak draft/amend Residential Rental License Ordinance 2007-13 to require fire insurance on rental properties in Lansford. All were in favor, Motion passed.

Following concern about the borough's ownership of certain parcels in the borough, specifically a parcel along the Route 209 bridge near Andrewsville and the Andrewsville Street gate access to PPL power lines, Bruce Markovich will get a cost estimate from ARRO Consulting to create a map of borough properties.

William Chuma said street sweeping is expected to begin next week.

Silberline Sales Agreement:

A Motion was made by John Turcmanovich, second by William Chuma, to sign the Sales Agreement, property donated to the borough per the Sales Agreement, including the Environmental Covenant, to acquire ownership of parcels 122-22-V3.01, 122-22-V3.02 and 122-22-V3.05, 201 East Dock Street, Lansford, from Silberline Manufacturing Co., Inc. Voting in approval of the acquisition were John Turcmanovich, William Chuma, Bruce

Markovich, Bob Silver, and Gwyneth Collevecchio. Martin Ditsky and Marie Ondrus were opposed. 5 yes, 2 no. Motion passed.

Public Works Grievance

A Motion was made by William Chuma, second by Bob Silver, to deny a grievance by Mario Marconi and go into nonbinding arbitration between the borough and public works Teamsters Union 773 regarding a seniority and past practice work issue. All were in favor except Martin Ditsky who was opposed. 6 yes, 1 no. Motion passed.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by William Chuma, second by Bob Silver, at 5:12 p.m. and everyone disbursed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Seigendall

Secretary Treasurer