

**LANSFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**May 29, 2019**

**5:30 p.m.**

**1 W. Ridge Street**

**Special Meeting** – to consider a sewer project in Edgemont and possible property purchase for a borough garage

**Call to Order** – By Jared Soto at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call:

Bruce Markovich – Present	President Jared Soto – Present
Pres. Pro Temp John Turcmanovich – Present	V. President – Irma Leibensperger – Absent
William Chuma – Present	Marie Ondrus – Present
Bob Silver - Present	Mayor James Romankow – Absent
	Solicitor Michael Greek - Absent

**Public Courtesy** (please stand, state name & address, and keep remarks to 3 minutes):

Tommy Vadyak, 334 W. Abbott Street, said it is wrong to correct the sewer line problem in Edgemont because it is on private property. Regarding purchasing or swapping property on Dock Street with the Lansford Coaldale Joint Water Authority to build a borough garage, he asked if the deed was researched, was engineering work done, specked out, and designed to suit that property.

Chris Ondrus, 10 Edgemont Road, regarding the sewer issue, said a previous project was done in 1999-2000, the issue was discussed (the sewer line ran through laurel bushes and everyone signed an easement to have the line corrected and the borough maintains those lines) and he contends even though the property is private, the line has been cleaned out several times by the borough because sewage was backing up into a home and the residents pay a sewage transmission fee. He is wondering why two manholes purchased in 2016 for the project are at the old borough garage property? He said the project was started two years ago but was stopped and he does not know why. There is no mention of it in the minutes.

**1. New Business**

- A. **Sewage Project in Edgemont;** to move the borough sewer line out from under Edgemont Lodge and relocated the line under Edgemont Road. It was established that:
- Two manholes are at the old borough garage and no one knows why.
  - Edgemont Lodge, vacant Since April 2014, is experiencing sewage backup.
  - A private homeowner in Edgemont has been experiencing sewage backup over the past several years and has called the borough office for help. The borough public works department has opened the line or called Roto-Rooter to open the line several times over the past 10 years.
  - Councilman Turcmanovich wants to have a better plan; consult an engineer and cost analysis.
  - Bob Silver said this has been looked at by a previous council and engineer and they are doing the identical project except the line would run directly under the road instead of the side of the road. The borough needs piping, stone and an excavator for the borough public works department to complete the project.

**A Motion was made by Bob Silver to commence the sewer main relocation project at Edgemont, by hiring an excavator, with a driver/ helper from Peter J. Radocha Excavating at a cost of \$100.00 per hour for 40 hours; an anticipated total cost of \$4,000.00. The Motion was second by William Chuma.**

**On roll call vote: Bruce Markovich, yes; John Turcmanovich, no; William Chuma, yes; Jared Soto, yes; Bob Silver, yes; Marie Ondrus, no. Motion passed, 4 yes, 2 no.**

B. **Public Works Garage** – A letter was sent to the Lansford Coaldale Joint Water Authority asking them to meet with council about bordering parcels 122-22-V.3.03 owned by Lansford Borough and 122-22-V3.08 owned by the Water Authority on borough mapping.

President Soto said he heard from an Authority member that Water Authority Attorney James Nanovic will be sending a letter to Council explaining they are willing to meet and discuss the terms of the Borough's acquisition of the parcel 122-22-V3.08., however nothing has been received at the borough office to date.

2. Adjournment – on motion by Bob Silver, second by Jared Soto at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jill Seigendall*  
Secretary Treasurer