

Budget Meeting Minutes

September 17th, 2025

The September 17th, 2025 Budget Meeting was called to order at 5:46p.m. by President Bruce Markovich at the Lansford Borough Town Hall, 1 West Ridge Street, Lansford, Pennsylvania. The meeting was attended by President Pro Tempore Michele Bartek, Council Man Joseph Butrie, Council Woman Gwyneth Collevchio, President Bruce Markovich, Council Woman Jennifer Staines, Treasurer Maria Ahner, and Borough Accountant Lacey Gonzalez.

Council Man George Gilbert, Council Man Jack Soberick, and Mayor Hugh Vrablic were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Lacey Gonzalez spoke about the council packet which includes the streetlight bill and that the current tax mill for streetlight could be reduced given the amount of mills needed to cover the electric cost is less.

Lacey Gonzalez inquired to council what they would like the streetlight mill to be.

Lacey Gonzalez spoke about the sanitation budget overview for 2026 and that the bills were based on 1,800 bills collected.

Council and Lacey Gonzalez spoke about the sanitation collection rate and the amount of uncollected bills.

Maria Ahner spoke about the bill increase affecting bill collection.

Council spoke about the process of collecting delinquent sanitation bills.

Bruce Markovich spoke about the office wanting to reduce the amount of billing with sanitation being billed twice a year and the sewer transmission and January Sanitation bill coming in the same envelope to help reduce cost.

Council discussed the amount of money owed on delinquent sanitation bills and that a figure is not available for the last quarter as it was just billed.

Council discussed the sanitation billing and the amount of money collected.

Council and the public discussed whether it would be beneficial to post the names of those with delinquent sanitation bills in the newspaper and if that would help increase collection.

Lacey Gonzalez spoke about the sewer transmission fund and that a higher interest rate for the fund was negotiated. The collection rate for sewer transmission is very high and there are not many delinquent sewer transmission bills.

Lacey Gonzalez spoke about the credit card fee budget line item.

Joseph Butrie spoke about needing a larger budget for the rental equipment budget line item due to the cost of rental equipment.

Lacey Gonzalez inquired if council will be making any major equipment purchases in 2026.

Lacey Gonzalez spoke about the increase in collection cost for rental fees.

Lacey Gonzalez spoke about her decreased involvement with the office and that her invoice has gone down.

Lacey Gonzalez stated that council is going to have to decide how involved they want her to be involved in future budget meetings.

Lacey Gonzalez spoke about having to leave due to the time and that the meeting started 15 minutes late.

The meeting was adjourned by Bruce Markovich at 6:33p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ashley McLaughlin

Secretary