

Budget Meeting Minutes

September 3rd, 2024

The September 3rd, 2024 Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:05p.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, and Code and Ordinance Enforcement Officer Shane Monk.

Council Man Jack Soberick, and Mayor Hugh Vrablic were not in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Bruce Markovich stated this is the first budget meeting of the year.

Zoning/Ordinance

Jennifer Staines spoke about the Code and Ordinance Officer Shane Monk possibly getting a vehicle like a truck to replace the current car that is being used for Code and Ordinance enforcement.

Jennifer Staines spoke about including Shane Monk's salary into the budget and about him becoming a full-time employee.

Shane Monk stated that possibly down the road he is going to need more work uniforms.

Joseph Butrie spoke about Shane Monk needing a rain jacket.

Shane Monk stated that he does not need a camera due to having a borough cell phone to take pictures.

Bruce Markovich stated that money should be placed in the budget for training and additional training for Shane Monk.

Council agrees with giving Shane Monk a better work vehicle due to the condition of the vehicle.

Council discussed and estimated budgeting around \$30,000 for a Code and Ordinance vehicle.

Jay Doyle spoke about the high cost of used vehicles.

Police Chief Kyle Woodward inquired about if leasing a vehicle would be something the council would consider.

Michele Bartek spoke about giving Shane Monk the old police truck and giving the police the new vehicle.

Bruce Markovich spoke about getting prices for vehicles.

Bruce Markovich spoke about budgeting around \$3,000 for Shane Monk's training.

Bruce Markovich spoke about estimating a budget of a little more then \$1,000 for Shane Monks Uniform.

Michele Bartek inquired about if Shane Monk can give citations yet.

Shane Monk stated he is waiting for his ID number and that he provided a letter to the Magistrate to acquire his ORR number.

Joseph Butrie inquired about what an ORR number is.

Kyle Woodward described what the ORR number is and that they are needed to file citations.

Public Works

Jay Doyle spoke about how a new dump truck is needed for the borough workers due to the red one's poor condition.

Jay Doyle spoke about wanting to take the dump off the red truck and putting a utility body on the truck so the truck can be reused but not for dumping due to its condition.

Joseph Butrie spoke about the work that has been done to the red truck and he agrees that the truck could have other uses besides dumping.

Bruce Markovich spoke about the money possibly for the truck being split between liquid fuels, sewer transmission, and a USDA Grant.

Public Safety

Michele Bartek stated she would like budgeted for a new police vehicle.

Michele Bartek spoke about grants that are going to be coming out for police vehicles.

Michele Bartek spoke about wanting to budget to increase the part-time police officers pay due to the officers not having received a raise since 2019.

Michele Bartek spoke about wanting to hire more full-time and part-time employees.

Michele Bartek spoke about wanting to have a total of nine police officers.

Michele Bartek spoke about how the police budget over previous years has been cut and that she would like it to be increased.

Kyle Woodward spoke about how the police department budget needs to be looked at.

Michele Bartek spoke about off setting officer costs by possibly offering the officers different healthcare policies that they can choose from.

Kyle Woodward spoke about the benefits other boroughs provide to officers and that many borough's offer officers health benefits for two years after they retire.

Michele Bartek spoke about the current police station building and how the police department needs to be moved.

Michele Bartek spoke about possibly using the Silberline Building as a police station and having an impound lot on the property.

Borough Secretary Maria Ahner spoke about how if other boroughs were to combine with Lansford Borough on healthcare plans the insurance costs to the borough could be reduced.

Jay Doyle inquired about the amount of police applications that were submitted.

Michele Bartek spoke about the Civil Service Commission and the process of police applications.

Michele Bartek spoke wanting bodycams in the police budget.

Michele Bartek spoke about wanting to increase the police uniform budget to \$1,000.

Kyle Woodward spoke about the vests that the police use and the memory storage problem that comes with bodycams.

Maria Ahner spoke to council about how a tab can be added to the borough website to allow for tickets to be paid through the website.

Parks and Recreation

Gwyneth Collevichio spoke about wanting the grass taken off the walkways at Kennedy Park.

Gwyneth Collevichio spoke about wanting lights for Kennedy Park.

Gwyneth Collevichio spoke about how the basketball courts need to be fixed if they are going to be used.

Jay Doyle spoke about the conditions of the basketball courts in the borough.

Joseph Butrie spoke about an email he received about getting a quote for resealing basketball courts.

Municipal Administration

Bruce Markovich spoke about a color printer needing to be added to the budget due to an increase in grants requesting colored images.

Maria Ahner spoke about the AGA compliance and how the borough website is going to need to be updated so it is complying and allows those with disabilities the ability to use the borough website.

Maria Ahner spoke about how the website annual membership is going to be going from \$700.00 to \$1,100.00.

Gwyneth Collevichio inquired about putting lights at Kennedy Park.

Council discussed the possible areas that money could be taken to fund putting lights in the Kennedy Park.

Lacey Gonzalez spoke about what would be discussed at the next meeting and agreed with council on the areas that would be focused on.

The meeting concluded at 6:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ashley McLaughlin

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer