

Special Meeting Minutes

January 27th, 2026

The January 27th, 2026 Special Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Joseph Genits at the Lansford Borough Town Hall, 1 West Ridge Street, Lansford, Pennsylvania. The meeting was attended by President Pro Tempore Michele Bartek, Council Member Joesph Butrie, Council Member Gwyneth Collevchio, Council Member Bruce Markovich, Council Member Jack Soberick, and Mayor Denise Leibensperger.

President George Gilbert, and Solicitor Robert Yurchak were not in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Joseph Genits stated that residents are to use the contactus@lansfordboro.com email to contact the borough as both secretaries can access that email and how received emails would be listed on the monthly agenda.

Public Courtesy-

- P1. Tommy Vadyak of 334 West Abbott Street thanked council member Bartek for including agenda item number nine and inquired about the status of the complaints he submitted to the borough.
- P2. Joseph Genits spoke about the snow removal process.
- P3. Joseph Butrie spoke about vehicles parking during snow removal.
- P4. Mayor Denise Leibensperger spoke about how all things pertaining to the police department must go through her.
- P5. Cookie Vadyak of 334 West Abbott Street inquired about if any help was provided to the elderly with moving their cars for the snow removal.

Joseph Genits stated that motion number one (1), motion to tentatively adopt the 2026 budget is being done early as one of the council members might have to leave the meeting early.

Motioned by Jack Soberick and seconded by Joseph Genits. Rollcall vote, Michele Bartek, No; Joseph Butrie, Yes; Gwyneth Collevchio, No; Joseph Gentis, Yes; Bruce Markovich, No; Jack Soberick, Yes. Split vote with Mayor Denise Leibensperger breaking tie voting Yes. Motion passed. Yes-4, No-3

Motion to advertise the tentatively adopted 2026 budget for ten days by Josph Butrie and seconded by Jack Soberick. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence-

C1. Joseph Genits read aloud the letter of resignation from Council President George Gilbert

Motioned to accept resignation by Joseph Butrie and seconded by Michele Bartek.
Motion opposed by Jack Soberick. Motion passed by majority.

Motion to advertise to accept letters of interest for the vacant seat of council due to President George Gilbert resigning by Jack Soberick and seconded by Joseph Butrie.
Motion passed unanimously.

C2. Joseph Genits read aloud the letter from Joseph Pavlis stating non-interest in collecting delinquent taxes and that Portnoff will continue to collect delinquent taxes for the borough

Motions to Approve

2. Motion to approve to send Detective Josh Tom for training on April 20th and 21st, 2026 at a cost of \$445.00-request by Denise Leibensperger

Cost to be paid out of police training budget.

Motioned by Michele Bartek and seconded by Gwyneth Collevchio. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Motion to approve to send Officer in Charge Shawn Nunemacher to training from September 21st, 2026 to October 2, 2026 at a cost of \$1,359.00-request by Denise Leibensperger

Cost to be paid out of police training budget.

Motioned by Michele Bartek and seconded by Jack Soberick. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Motion to approve two proposals from High Mountain Hardware, Inc for rekeying the Police Station, one proposal costing \$3,109.46 by.-request by Denise Leibensperger

Motioned by Jack Soberick and seconded by Joseph Butrie. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Motion to purchase 2 parts(seat covers) for the 2025 truck and 2022 truck from Tasca Ford at a cost of \$798.00.-request by Joseph Butrie

Motioned by Joseph Butrie. Motion died due to lack of second.

6. Michele Bartek stated there are multiple skill games within the borough and that she feels the borough needs to revisit the Skill Game Ordinance as it would be beneficial to the borough.
7. Michele Bartek spoke about the handicap parking ordinance and that she feels the ordinance needs to be revised and updated to address the spaces for the business district of Ridge Street.
8. Michele Bartek spoke about the police department needing radios and that she wants council to approve the purchase of radios from Green Communications at the next council meeting. Council agreed to table the purchase of the radios until the February council meeting.
9. Michele Bartek spoke about wanting the council to consider requiring all people that are interested in open board seats to be current with all borough bills before being considered for the open board seat position. Council agreed to table until the February council meeting.
10. Michele Bartek stated that members of council have not been receiving all correspondence pertaining to the Diaz Lawsuit and that must be addressed as all council members should be receiving all correspondence.

Council discussed executive sessions and if one should occur before the next council meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Motioned by Jack Soberick and seconded by Joseph Butrie. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Vice-President Joseph Genits at 8:35p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ashley McLaughlin

Secretary