

## Special Meeting Minutes

January 5th, 2026

The January 5th, 2026 Special Meeting was called to order following the Reorganization Meeting at 6:55 p.m. by President George Gilbert at the Lansford Borough Town Hall, 1 West Ridge Street, Lansford, Pennsylvania. The meeting was attended by President George Gilbert, Vice President Joseph Genits, President Pro Tempore Michele Bartek, Council Member Joesph Butrie, Council Member Gwyneth Collevchio, Council Member Jack Soberick, and Mayor Denise Leibensperger.

Council Member Bruce Markovich and Solicitor Robert Yurchak were not in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited prior during the Reorganization Meeting at 6:00p.m.

**Public Courtesy-**

Tommy Vadyak of 334 West Abbott Street inquired about the rental license fee on the fee schedule.

Rosemary Cannon of 242 West Ridge Street inquired about files kept by the outgoing Council President.

Motion to amend the agenda for the purpose of reopening the 2026 Budget

Joseph Genits stated that budget meetings should happen on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:00p.m. with a final adoption of the budget happening before the February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 state requirement for budget reopenings.

Motion to reopen the 2026 budget with budget meetings scheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:00p.m.

Motioned by Joseph Genits and seconded by Jack Soberick.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Correspondence-**

Letter from Joseph Pavlis-

George Gilbert read aloud a letter from Joseph Pavlis Lansford Tax Collector, "To Lansford Borough Council, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 After careful consideration, I am not interested in collecting Lansford's garbage and sewer transmission fees. Any questions feel free to contact me. Sincerely, Joseph J Pavlis".

Joseph Genits read aloud a letter from the Office of Carbon County Commissioners, "Dear Ms. Ahner, Pursuant to the agreement between the County of Carbon and the Borough of Lansford dated the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1980 the county is hereby remitting

the sum of \$31,250.00 payable to the Borough of Lansford as twenty five percent of the fourth installment relative to the agreement for purchase and sale between Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad and the County of Carbon dated May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.”

**Motions to Approve**

Motion to accept Zipper Bids.

Motioned by Jack Soberick and seconded by Joseph Butrie.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to award Zipper Bid.

Bids were submitted through Municibid with the awarding of the bid going to the highest bidder automatically.

Two bids were submitted, one from Continental Construction in the amount of \$50,300.00 and the second from Lynn Township in the amount of \$50,200.00.

Motion to accept the highest bid from Continental Construction in the amount of \$50,300.00.

Motioned by Joseph Butrie and seconded by Jack Soberick.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to schedule a meeting with Teamsters for contract negotiation for the public workers.

The meeting will be an executive session with all of council taking place on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:00p.m.

Motioned by Michele Bartek and seconded by Joseph Butrie.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to appoint to the Lansford-Coaldale Joint Water Authority either Robert Greenall, Ryan Eidle, Nicholas J Vavro, Donna Valent, Zachary Gilbert, John Arner, and Lenny Kovatch.

The motion was addressed in the reorganization meeting at 6:00p.m. where council decided the appointment will occur at the January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 monthly meeting.

Motion to accept the resignation from John Tucker for the Coaldale-Lansford-Summit Hill Sewer Authority.

Motioned by Joseph Butrie and seconded Gwyneth Collevchio.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to advertise for letters of interest for the following seats:

One planning commission seat, two alternate civil service commission seats, one zoning hearing board alternate seat, one vacancy board seat, and one Coaldale-Lansford-Summit Hill Sewer Authority seat.

Motion to advertise for all open board seats.

Letters of interest are to be submitted two days prior to borough council meetings.

Motioned by Joseph Genits and seconded by Joseph Butrie.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve a request from the Cancer Society for a volunteer parking spot in front of the Cancer Society Telethon Building at 33 West Ridge Street. The Cancer Society is requesting the fee be waived.

Motioned to table by Joseph Genits and seconded by Jack Soberick.

Motion passed unanimously.

A. Motion to appoint a grant administrator for the following grants:

C000086235	Train Station	\$95,970
C000089378	Grace Community	\$252,466.00
C000092716	Ashton Park Elect Service	\$54,776.00
C000091696	Grace Community	\$62,093.00

Motion addressed in following motion.

B. Motion to appoint a new point of contact for the following:

10523529	Number 9 Mine and Museum	\$98,990.00
10472835	STMP Program	\$79,550.00
10534579	American Fire Co.	\$54,316.64
20251 1263189	Borough of Lansford	\$102,114.00

Motion addressed in following motion.

C. Motion to appoint a grant administrator for the following grants:

2022	GDBG	Demo 316 W Patterson	
		Demo 334 W Bertsch	\$87,730.00
2023	GDBG	Demo 151/1/2 W Ridge	\$118,000
2024	GDBG	Demo 118 W Ridge	\$88,876.00
2025	GDBG	W Ridge Street Repave	\$85,635.00

Motion addressed in following motion.

D. Motion to appoint a new point of contact for the following:

DCED- Regional Police Study, Regional Solid Waste Authority Study, STMP Program

DCNR — Master Park Planner, Ashton Park, Pool, Tennis Courts, JFK Park

DEP — Act 94 Reports, monthly sewer reports.

NEPA/ARC – Funding for Act 537 Plan

EPA-Silberline EC Compliance Report

Motioned to table A, B, C, D items until those four items can be reviewed by Jack Soberick and seconded by Gwyneth Collevechio.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to reopen the 2026 budget and advertise budget meetings on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:00p.m.

Motioned by Michele Bartek and seconded by Joseph Butrie.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motioned by Joseph Butrie and seconded by Jack Soberick.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by President George Gilbert at 7:25p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashley McLaughlin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Ashley McLaughlin

Secretary