

Special Meeting Minutes

July 15th, 2025

The July 15th, 2025 Special Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Bruce Markovich at the Lansford Borough Town Hall, 1 West Ridge Street, Lansford, Pennsylvania. The meeting was attended by President Bruce Markovich, President Pro Tempore Michele Bartek, Council Man Joesph Butrie, Council Woman Gwyneth Collevchio, Council Man George Gilbert, Council Man Bruce Markovich, Council Man Jack Soberick, Council Woman Jennifer Staines, Mayor Hugh Vrablic, and Solicitor Robert Yurchak.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Courtesy-

Tommy Vadyak of 334 West Abbott Street spoke about various issues he sees within the borough.

Joe Genits of 210 West Front Street inquired about the budget to date on what the borough pays Lacey Gonzales.

Rosemary Cannon of 242 West Ridge Street inquired about the real estate taxes line-item budget and how that number was calculated.

Denise Leibensperger of 164 West Ridge Street spoke about how the state is offering a lot of technology products and that currently incentives are being offered to many boroughs and townships to help with officers such as paying for officers ACT 120.

Rosalique Kopp of 27 Jones thanked Michele Bartek for finding a name for her for a garage owner that she was having issues with.

Rosalique Kopp thanked Jennifer Staines for helping her find a number for the garage owner that she was having issues with that lives in New York.

Motions to Approve**Discussion on the current 2025 Budget**

Maria Ahner spoke about the public works budget line items.

Maria Ahner spoke about the administrative budget line items and revenue the borough has been collecting.

Maria Ahner spoke about the code enforcement budget line items.

Maria Ahner spoke about cost of stamps having just increased.

Maria Ahner spoke about the street department budget line items.

Maria Ahner spoke about the increases in the public works budget line items.

Maria Ahner spoke about the police budget line items and revenue that has been collected.

Maria Ahner spoke about the fire tax budget line item.

Motion to approve Tamaqua Transfer contract assignment to Casella. -request by Mun. Admin

Motioned by Jack Soberick and seconded by Joseph Butrie.

Motioned passed unanimously.

Discussion/Motion to approve the body camera policy-request by Mun. Admin

Motioned by Joseph Butrie and seconded by Jack Soberick.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve to increase Shane Monk's pay rate to \$27.50, starting the next payroll cycle. -request by George Gilbert

Motioned by Jennifer Staines and seconded by George Gilbert.

Motion passed unanimously.

To authorize Arro Engineering to place a second advertisement for street milling bids.

Motioned by Joseph Butrie and seconded by George Gilbert.

Motion passed unanimously.

To notify civil service to begin the process to produce a eligibility list for the position of police officer

Motioned by Joseph Butrie and seconded by Michele Bartek.

Motion passed unanimously.

To advertise for the position of police officer

Motion to advertise for both full-time and part-time police officers.

Motioned by Jack Soberick and seconded by Michele Bartek.

Motion passed unanimously.

To accept the insurance settlement offer of \$141,307 for the street sweeper and \$20,258 for the Vac Track

Motioned by Joseph Butrie and seconded by Gwyneth Collevchio.

Motion passed unanimously.


Motion to Adjourn-

Motioned by Gwyneth Collevchio and seconded by Jack Soberick.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Ashley McLaughlin

Secretary