

Special Meeting Minutes

July 1st, 2025

The July 1st, 2025 Special Meeting was called to order at 4:33 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 Bruce Markovich, Council Man Jack Soberick, Council Woman Jennifer Staines, Mayor Hugh Vrablic, and Solicitor Robert Yurchak.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Courtesy-

Larry Wittig from Tamaqua Transfer spoke about how he was approached by Casella Waste Systems from Vermont to purchase Tamaqua Transfer and that an agreement was signed with them Thursday for settlement on August 1st, 2025.

Larry Wittig spoke about how Casella will honor Lansford Borough's current garbage contract.

Richard Pavlick of 307 West Abbott Street spoke about how he feels there needs to be an updated code for electric vehicles as he has not been allowed to run an electrical cord from his house to his electrical motorcycle without being cited by the code officer for blocking the sidewalk.

Rosemary Cannon of 242 West Ridge Street inquired about why names are not next to agenda items showing who placed which items on the agenda as the agenda usually includes that information.

Tommy Vadyak of 334 West Abbott Street spoke about the three-strike law and that about a camper that is parked on Abbott Street.

Donald Whildin of 415 East Abbott Street spoke about some of the problems on Abbott Street.

Joe Genits of 210 West Front Street spoke about how the Code Enforcement Officer can enforce quality of life violations.

Debra Michlovsky of 216 West Abbott Street spoke about an issue she has been having with noisy neighbors and inquired about how she can have this issue resolved as she has submitted multiple complaints to the borough.

Patrick Walsh of 242 East Abbott inquired if the 3-minute rule for the audience speaking can be enforced as public comments seem to go for a long time.

Rosalique Kopp of 27 Jones spoke about how she received a ticket for parking near her house for the first time but that another vehicle on that same block was parked illegally yet no ticket was given to that vehicle.

Motions to Approve

Motion to decertify the current civil service eligibility list due to procedural issues.

The council spoke throughout the meeting about the civil service commission and about how the civil service commission is supposed to follow certain procedures during the hiring of Police Officers.

Motioned by Jack Soberick and seconded by Michele Bartek.

A Roll Call Vote was called.

Motion was favored by Michele Bartek, Gwyneth Collevchio, Bruce Markovich, and Jack Soberick.

Motion was opposed by Joseph Butrie and Jennifer Staines.

Motion passed by majority vote.

Motion to hire Randy Schlatter as a full-time police officer, the appointment will be provisional based upon his passing background, polygraph and physiological examinations.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made to go off the agenda to discuss hiring Amie Barclay at a future meeting.

Motioned by Jennifer Staines and seconded by Jack Soberick.

Bruce Markovich stated that council cannot go off the agenda for hiring but that if council wants, the motion can be added to the next meeting agenda.

Motion to appoint a member of council to fill the unexpired term of Jay Doyle.

The Court has already warranted Jay Doyle's Council Seat Vacant.

Motion was made to appoint George Gilbert to fill the unexpired term of Jay Doyle.

Motioned by Jennifer Staines and seconded by Jack Soberick.

Motion passed unanimously.

Hugh Vrablic read the Oath of Office to George Gilbert.

George Gilbert was officially sworn into office as a new borough council member.

Motion to advertise for persons to fill the unexpired term of Jay Doyle

Motioned to withdrawal by Joseph Butrie and seconded by Jack Soberick.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to authorize the position of Code Enforcement Officer to issue Quality of Life, Code Enforcement and Property Maintenance Tickets

Motioned by Gwyneth Collevechio and seconded by Michele Bartek.

Motion was favored by Gwyneth Collevechio, Michele Bartek, Bruce Markovich, Jack Soberick, and Joseph Butrie.

Motion was opposed by Jennifer Staines.

Motion passed by majority vote.

Motion to authorize juvenile probation offenders to clear pathways in Kennedy Park on July 3rd.

Motioned by Gwyneth Collevechio and seconded by Jack Soberick.

Motioned passed unanimously.


Motion to Adjourn-

Motioned by Joseph Butrie and seconded by Jack Soberick.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Ashley McLaughlin

Secretary