SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 22nd, 2026

The July 22nd, 2026 Special Meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by 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, Vice President Joesph Butrie, Council Member Gwyneth Collevechio, President Joseph Genits, Council Member Bruce Markovich. Council Member Jack Soberick, Council Member John Zym, Mayor Denise Leibensperger, and Solicitor Robert Yurchak were not in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Courtesy-

P1. Tommy Vadyak of 334 West Abbott Street spoke about filling in the pool, the police, and that agenda items 7 and 8 should not be on the agenda.

P2. Rosemary Cannon of 242 West Ridge Street inquired about agenda item 1 and about agenda item 4.

P3. Ben Sherry of 524 East Bertsch Street inquired about the planning commission seat vacancy and the process for seat appointment.

Motions to Approve

1. Motion to change Maria Ahner's employment status from full-time to part-time employment beginning July 22nd, 2026 until final termination is agreed with Maria Ahner and the borough. Maria's hourly salary will remain the same as treasurer, but she will not have any benefits beginning tomorrow July 23rd, 2026. Maria has authorization for access to the borough office while employed part-time. Motioned by Michele Bartek and seconded by Gwyneth Collevechio. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Motioned to advertise for hiring a borough treasurer, once a week for three weeks, in the newspaper, borough website, and Facebook page by Michele Bartek and seconded by Bruce Markovich. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Motioned to appoint Eckert Seamans as the labor attorney to represent the borough during the upcoming labor negotiations with the police department by Bruce Markovich and seconded by Michele Bartek. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Motioned to approve Code Officer's Shane Monk's work agreement with the contract to include the number 14 on the first page for notice of discharge by Bruce Markovich and seconded by Michele Bartek. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Motioned to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Lansford Borough Crossing Guards for September 1st, 2026 to August 1st, 2030 by Michele Bartek and seconded by Gwyneth Collevechio. Roll Call Vote: Bartek-Yes, Butrie-No, Collevechio-Yes, Genits-Yes, Markovich-Yes. Motion passed. Yes-4, No-1.
6. Joseph Genits read Randy Schlatter's resignation letter aloud. Motioned to accept the resignation letter dated July 15th, 2026 from police officer Randy Schlatter by Bruce Markovich and seconded by Bruce Markovich. Motion passed unanimously.

Motioned to go off the agenda to approve to advertise for contractor bids for the Ashton Park Project by Michele Bartek. All council agreed.

7. Motioned to approve to advertise for contractor bids for the Ashton Park Project as approved through the PMVB Tourism Impact Project with a maximum amount approved for $8,000.00 in the newspaper, borough website, and Facebook page by Michele Bartek and seconded by Gwyneth Collevechio. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Council did not vote to go off the agenda for motion 8 resulting in no motion passing.

Motioned to adjourn by Joseph Butrie and seconded by Gwyneth Collevechio. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by President Joseph Genits at 7:15p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary