

## Special Meeting Minutes

March 26th, 2026

The March 26th, 2026 Special Meeting was called to order at 6:01 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 Collevecchio, President Joseph Genits, Council Member Bruce Markovich Council, Council Member Jack Soberick, Council Member John Zym, and Mayor Denise Leibensperger.

Solicitor Robert Yurchak was not in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Joseph Genits spoke about how Nicole Beckett from Lafayette College will be speaking to council for an executive summary presentation.

Nicole Beckett from Lafayette College provided some of her work background, and her work focuses on helping local governments. Nicole spoke about the issues with local governments and the current issues Lansford Borough faces. It was discussed about the importance of good communication between the council and the public, clear roles and responsibilities, organizational structure, professional development and training, council alignment and decision, staff support and retention, and public trust and dynamic. It was spoken about the importance of the items spoken about as they reduce the risk and liability to the borough.

**Public Courtesy-**

- P1. Tommy Vadyak of 334 West Abbott Street inquired about East Front Street project, Powell Street Project, and other items within the borough.
- P2. Cookie Vadyak of 334 West Abbott Street spoke about the swing post at Ashton Park needing to be secured.
- P3. Erin Soberick of 237 West Ridge Street inquired about insurance coverage for the Diaz Lawsuit.

**Correspondence-**

- C1. Letter from Water Authority to the borough about sidewalk hole drilling and that the borough releases the Water Authority from any claims for damage to the sidewalk, curbing, and/or street, and from any injury to any person. Council spoke about the

borough handicap form needing to include releasing liability from the Lansford Borough and Water Authority for any holes drilled for handicap signs.

- C2. Special Event Form from Lansford Alive for Sumer Concert Series at John F Kennedy Park on the following dates: June 7,14, 21, 28; July 5, 12,19, 26; August 2, 9, 16, 23; and September 6, 13, 20, 27 from 4:00p.m for set up,(music beginning at 6:00p.m.) to 9:00p.m.(Music ending at 8:00p.m.). Concerts held in September will run from 5:00p.m.

Motioned by Joseph Butrie and seconded by Michele Bartek. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Motions to Approve**

1. Motioned to approve the quote of \$6,500.00 from Francis Hutta for roof repair for the borough hall building by Michele Bartek and seconded by Jack Soberick. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Motioned to ratify sending the Sewer Authority a letter of support for their Mechanical Bar Screen System Improvements Project by Jack Soberick and seconded by Michele Bartek. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Motioned to advertise for material bids for street repairs by Joseph Butrie and seconded by Michele Bartek. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Motioned to approve Resolution 2026-07 for price adjustment of bituminous materials for small quantities by Joseph Butrie and seconded by Michele Bartek. Motion passed unanimously.
5. A discussion was held about the current street signs and their locations needing to be reviewed and changes to the signs and locations made as needed.
6. Motioned to approve Dennis Anderson up to work 600 hours as a part-time seasonal employee at \$20.00 an hour as needed to begin as soon as possible under the direction of the Public Works Department by Gwyneth Collevchio and seconded by Jack Soberick. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Council discussed the sidewalk on the corner of West Ridge Street and Tunnel Street and that the property owner would be responsible for the sidewalk. Motioned to send a letter to the American Legion to notify them about the damage to their handicap

sidewalk and making it known to them that it is their responsible to repair the sidewalk, letter to come from the code officer by Michele Bartek and seconded by Joseph Butrie. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Motioned to send Sergeant Shawn Nunemacher to the “Taser Energy Weapon Instructor Course” held on 6/08/2026 & 6/09/2026 from 8:00am to 5:00p.m. at the Carbon County 911 Center at a cost of \$895.00 by Joseph Butrie and seconded by Michele Bartek. Motion passed unanimously.
9. Motioned to approve estimate of \$3,630.21 by Lowe & Moyer Garage, Inc Fogelsville, to make emergency repairs to the 2014 International 700 (Mileage 21, 699 miles) by Jack Soberick and seconded by Michele Bartek. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The meeting was adjourned by President Joseph Genits at 7:47p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ashley McLaughlin

Secretary