

Lafin Borough Council Mtg.
March 12, 2019
6:00 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG RECITED.

Roll Call:

Present: Paul Benderavich, President – Anthony D’Eliseo, Vice President – Carl Yastremski – Lisa Natt –
Junior Councilmember Matthew D’Elia

Absent: Thomas Parry and Mayor Maureen Zavislak

Also Present: Solicitor Samuel Sanguedolce, Esq. and Charles Boyd, Borough Manager

Special Presentations: None

Minutes: Tabled

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to table the prior month’s meeting minutes until completed next month.

Motion to Table: Anthony D’Eliseo

Second: Lisa Natt

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report:

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to accept the report.

Motion to Accept: Anthony D’Eliseo

Second: Lisa Natt

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

List of Bills for Approval:

Mr. Benderavich asked if anyone had any questions or comments then asked for a motion to approve the bills.

\$ 40,808.05 plus payroll \$ 8,172.61

Motion to Approve: Anthony D’Eliseo

Second: Lisa Natt

Roll Call:

Anthony D’Eliseo abstained on CVI invoice due to employment relationship.

Ayes carried and motion passed.

Correspondences (e-mailed to Council during the month): No discussion.

Reports: Fire report was emailed to Council. No discussion.

Manager's Report –

Mr. Boyd reviewed the bulk road salt deliveries for the winter months and advised the Costar contract quantity was reached at 300 tons. Deliveries have been slow to arrive with many deliveries arriving the day before a winter snow event.

Northeast Revenue Services will continue to send notices to all delinquent sewer and trash properties but now will address the large delinquent accounts that have large balances over a long period of time. Notices of possible sheriff sale will be sent as usual and all properties still having a balance over \$2,500.00 will have title searches completed for sheriff sale.

Mr. Boyd noted restitution was received from Michael Flanagan in the amount of \$2,321.18.

Much discussion took place on the status of demolition and blighted properties in general.

Mayor's Report – None

Grant Report –

Councilwoman Natt asked if any of the grant ideas from last meeting should be submitted. A basketball fence was proposed for the entire court along with a few other ideas. Councilman D'Eliseo would like to see a grant submitted for the basketball court fencing. Mr. Benderavich asked Lisa Natt to work with Greg Gulick to make application for the grant with the 15% borough match.

Some discussion took place on the intent of the fencing and if it should be locked at night. Councilman D'Eliseo indicated it will be for safety reasons and not to lock the court after hours. Mr. Benderavich asked Mr. Boyd to obtain updated basketball fence installation quotes.

Additional discussion took place on redesigning the specs. for the salt shed grant to bring the bid quotes down to fall in line with the grant award. The salt shed land lease agreement was further discussed and Mr. Benderavich requested that Solicitor Sanguedolce finalize the agreement so that it can be signed before the grant bids are put out to bid again. Mr. Benderavich asked for the terms to be renegotiated for as long as possible.

Motion to Approve Reports: Lisa Natt

Second: Carl Yastremski

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

A) Bids Received on Advertised 2010 Ford F550 Plow Truck for Sale –

Smith Blacktopping	\$31,501.00	C&D Angelo, LLC	\$21,550.00
Kathy Thomas	\$29,500.00	DeNaples Auto Parts	\$12,650.00
Eric Thomas	\$26,970.00	Wilkes-Barre Twosp.	\$ 9,999.99
Joseph Usefara	\$23,880.00	Vincent D. Kasa, Jr.	\$ 9,500.00

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to accept the high bidder Smith Blacktopping at \$31,501.00.

Motion to Approve Smith Blacktopping: Anthony D'Eliseo

Second: Lisa Natt

Roll Call:

Paul Benderavich Yes

Anthony D'Eliseo Yes

Lisa Natt Yes

Thomas Parry Absent

Carl Yastremski Yes

Motion passed.

B) DEP Sewer Planning Module Submission for Septic Direct Connections – Resolution #3 or 2019

Solicitor Sanguedolce indicated he reviewed the resolution that Mr. Boyd sent to him and found it to be in order. Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve the resolution as prepared.

Motion to Accept: Anthony D'Eliseo

Second: Lisa Natt

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

C) SWIF Revision to Worker's Comp. Insurance Limits –

Mr. Benderavich asked for motion to approve the increased limits to \$500,000.00 for each area of the worker's compensation policy. This was recommended by Assured Partners to allow for the umbrella insurance to cover over the worker's compensation policy. The increased cost will be \$151.00 per year.

Motion to Approve: Lisa Natt

Second: Anthony D'Eliseo

Roll Call:

Paul Benderavich Yes

Anthony D'Eliseo Yes

Lisa Natt Yes

Thomas Parry Absent

Carl Yastremski Yes

Motion passed.

New Business:

A) Annual PennDOT Street Sweeping Maintenance Agreement –

S.R. 2026 – Laflin Road and Main Street \$397.11

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve the agreement.

Motion to Accept: Lisa Natt

Second: Anthony D'Eliseo

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

- B) Pole Barn Apron Gravel Installation –
Three (3) Tri-axle Loads w/Spreading by Ray Lauer

Mr. Benderavich tabled the pole barn discussion until a future date, after the salt shed work is completed, to determine if it is still necessary. The installation of the new salt shed might address the problems.

- C) Laflin Road and Maplewood Drive Road Section Reconstruction –
Subgrade Drainage Issues

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve the asphalt patching on Laflin Road (a.k.a. Inkerman Road) near the Wargo residence and on the bottom of Maplewood Drive near the intersection with Chestnutwood. He advised Mr. Boyd to get requirements to fix the drainage issue on Maplewood Drive from Pennoni Associates and then get pricing. Laflin Road will only need to be patched at this time.

Motion to Accept: Anthony D’Eliseo

Second: Lisa Natt

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

Public Comments:

Betty Szumski, 106 Cedarwood – inquired about the borough noise ordinance again. The humming noise is still causing issues at around 6am from U.S. GreenFiber at the Passan Drive warehouses. This has been an ongoing issue that was reported to Mr. Boyd in the past. It is very loud around 6am in the morning and continues for about an hour. She believes it could be the machine start up noise. She believes the noise level drops a bit after that but continues all day long. She understands that the noise doesn’t rise above the decibel level but she wanted to know if the noise ordinance restricts any noise at certain times of the day.

Much discussion continued on the open dock doors that should be shut in her opinion. It was decided to have Andrew Holter, Code Enforcement Officer check the noise and dock doors at early morning hours and report back to council.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:33 pm.

Motion: Anthony D’Eliseo

Second: Lisa Natt

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charles Boyd, Borough Manager
Laflin Borough