

Lafin Borough Council Mtg.

May 14, 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 – Thomas Parry – Junior Councilmember Matthew D’Elia

Absent: Mayor Maureen Zavislak

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

**Special Presentations:** None

**Minutes:**

Mr. Boyd stated the minutes were not emailed out to elected officials prior to the meeting and asked for the March meeting minutes to be tabled until councilmembers have time to review.

Motion to Table: Lisa Natt

Second: Thomas Parry

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: Thomas Parry

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.

\$35,063.91 plus payroll \$17,256.81

Motion to Approve: Thomas Parry

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 updated councilmembers on the status of the new overhead garage door opener for the one fire department bay. A new opener is on order from F&L Garage Doors and should be installed soon. The new opener, along with the previously replaced opener in the other bay, will correct a safety issue and allow for an auto-shut timer to be added. Currently, the one bay door opener does not have the sensor to trigger the reverse motion for safety. The addition of a timer to close the overhead door when the vehicles leave for emergencies will save on heating costs.

The DEP planning module for continuing with the sewer direct connections was returned to Laflin Borough with a list of comments to be addressed. Jerry Loftus, S.E.O. from Pennoni Associates will address the questions and comments from DEP.

**Grant Reports –**

Councilwoman Natt had no new information to report.

**Mayor's Report –**

Mayor Zavislak was absent from the council meeting.

Motion to Approve Reports: Thomas Parry

Second: Lisa Natt

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A) Greenways, Trails and Recreation Grant Resolution for Basketball Court Fence –  
Resolution #4 of 2019

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Boyd noted the 15% funding match requirement from Laflin Borough for this grant application.

Motion to Approve: Lisa Natt

Second: Anthony D'Eliseo

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

- B) CFA Multimodal Grant Resolution for Infrastructure Paving Work –  
Resolution #5 of 2019 – Oakwood / Fordham Paving Grant

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

Motion to Approve: Lisa Natt

Second: Thomas Parry

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

C) Mailbox Plow Damage Compensation Policy –

After some discussion on the various concerns, Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve reimbursement up to a \$200.00 cap with receipts or invoices provided along with proof the damage was caused by the borough plow truck.

Motion to Approve: Lisa Natt

Second: Thomas Parry

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

**New Business:**

A) Jes Niemiec Volunteer Librarian & Building Usage –

Mr. Benderavich asked if anyone had any questions with Jes Niemiec coming in to tutor and volunteer to help Librarian Nancy Coassolo. Councilwoman Natt asked if she would be coming in with Mrs. Coassolo or off-schedule of the library. Ms. Natt believes Jes Niemiec is looking for access to the building after hours.

After some discussion on the various issues, Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to allow for Jes Niemiec to access the library and borough meeting room during normal business hours but no building key will be provided.

Motion to Approve: Anthony D’Eliseo

Second: Lisa Natt

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

B) Creekside Walking Track Asphalt Sealing Quotes –

Perfect Seal	\$1,375.00
Smith Blacktopping	\$2,400.00
Mountaintop Paving	\$2,950.00
Superior Seal Coating	\$3,325.00

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve Perfect Seal at the low bid of \$1,375.00.

Motion to Approve: Lisa Natt

Second: Anthony D’Eliseo

Roll Call:

Paul Benderavich Yes

Anthony D’Eliseo Yes

Lisa Natt Yes

Thomas Parry Yes

Carl Yastremski Yes

Motion passed.

C) Crack Sealing Work for Borough Roadways –

After much discussion on the work required, Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion for Mr. Boyd to investigate with Joe Mullen at Pennoni Associates the best way to proceed with bidding the joint sealing work.

Mr. Benderavich believes the work should be done in September.

Motion to Approve: Thomas Parry

Second: Anthony D’Eliseo

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

D) MS4 Stormwater Catch Basin Inlet Repair on Laflin Road –

near 3 Oak Center Driveway Entrance

Mihalka Trucking and Excavating, Inc.      \$2,700.00

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve Mihalka Trucking and Excavating, Inc. for the catch basin inlet repairs on Laflin Road at the driveway entrance to property of Dr. Imbrogno.

Motion: Thomas Parry

Second: Anthony D’Eliseo

Roll Call:

Paul Benderavich              Yes

Anthony D’Eliseo              Yes

Lisa Natt                              Yes

Thomas Parry                      Yes

Carl Yastremski                  Yes

Motion passed.

E) Sewer Direct Connections to Eliminate Septic Tanks –

Pending DEP Planning Module Approval

GP Sewer & Water (Gino Pivovarnik)              \$1,375.00 w/ Tank Pumping

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to accept GP Sewer and Water at \$1,375.00 after DEP approves the project to continue direct connections of septic tanks in the borough. Gino Pivovarnik previously performed this work for Laflin Borough in the past at \$1,200.00.

Motion to Approve: Anthony D’Eliseo

Second: Thomas Parry

Roll Call:

Paul Benderavich              Yes

Anthony D’Eliseo              Yes

Lisa Natt                              Yes

Thomas Parry                      Yes

Carl Yastremski                  Yes

Motion passed.

F) Security System for Borough Front Entry Door –  
CVI Aiphone Access Control System Proposal \$999.56

Councilman D’Eliseo explained the proposed security system for the front door by stating the door will remain locked at all time. With the new lock mechanism installed last month and the ability to utilize the existing camera feed, Mr. Boyd or the librarian will buzz visitors in by monitoring the front door camera and utilizing the Aiphone controls. This is to secure the building and Mr. D’Eliseo noted many other area municipalities are using similar systems.

Councilwoman Natt and Councilman Yastremski had many questions regarding the effectiveness of the system. After a lengthy discussion on many points, Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve the system quote from CVI at \$999.56.

Motion to Approve: Thomas Parry

Second: Anthony D’Eliseo

Solicitor Sanguedolce, Esq. gave his opinion on Mr. D’Eliseo seconding the motion even though there is the possibility he would immediately abstain from the voting due to his employment relationship. In his opinion Mr. D’Eliseo can second the motion to bring it to a vote since the seconding doesn’t decide the issue.

Roll Call:

Paul Benderavich	<u>Yes</u>
Anthony D’Eliseo	<u>Abstained</u> (due to employment relationship)
Lisa Natt	<u>No</u>
Thomas Parry	<u>Yes</u>
Carl Yastremski	<u>No</u>

Mayor Zavislak was absent and unable to cast a vote to break the tie.

Motion failed.

G) Selling 60 Oakwood Drive Property –  
Advertise and Set Minimum Price

Mr. Benderavich discussed advertising the property for sell and setting a minimum acceptance price based on the appraisal that will be received from J.J. Mantione Appraisals and Realty. Once we receive the fair market price and minimum sell price based on his professional opinion, we will advertise for purchase bids.

Solicitor Sanguedolce suggested discussing with Joe Mantione the need for full disclosure on the real estate disclosure statement what happened at the home with the kids before paperwork is drawn up and put out to the public.

After some additional discussions, Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to table until the next council meeting.

Motion to Approve: Thomas Parry

Second: Lisa Natt

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

## **Public Comments:**

Robert Novak, Hillside Townhouse Association – asked Council to help fix the drainage runoff problem at the top of Haverford Drive near the 4<sup>th</sup> row of townhouse units. At onetime the water runoff was handled by the townhouse French drain swale that was installed by Bob Novak many years ago. Over the years (almost 15yrs.) it has clogged up and can't handle the water runoff. The drainage swale needs to be dugout and a bigger pipe installed. He asked for help from the borough since water comes off Pinewood Drive and he believes contributes the situation. The adjacent property owner is also willing to help cover the cost. Mr. Novak stated the roadway is being eaten away by the water runoff to the point you can now see the first layer of asphalt below the surface.

Mr. Benderavich responded to say that the borough can't get involved on private property but could help by getting the townhouse association in touch with someone that could help them out. Mr. Benderavich doesn't believe that Pinewood Drive is a full contributor to the water runoff problem. The wetland lot is the problem.

Much additional discussion took place. Solicitor Sanguedolce will reach back out to the WVSA to get better answers as to why they are not willing to address the problem since it seems to be a stormwater issue.

Mr. Benderavich asked Mr. Boyd to forward a copy of the borough MS4 Stormwater ordinance to Mr. Novak to present to the wetland lot owner for remedy.

Lisa Natt, Councilwoman – asked Mr. Boyd if any progress occurred with getting PennDOT back to correct a water runoff problem across the street from her home at 17 Main Street. The road surface water runoff doesn't make it to the catch basin on the other side of the state road and flows towards her driveway causing damage.

PennDOT has been out to the property to inspect the same on at least two occasions but has not completed the work. Mr. Boyd will reach out to them again since the work only requires a gradall excavator to fix the problem.

Matt D'Elia, Junior Councilperson – updated councilmembers on a recent meeting he had with Mr. Boyd and Christine Dettore, DCNR Regional Advisor concerning the Rails to Trails grant program. During the meeting it was pointed out that the municipalities must have a 50% funding match in order to qualify. We have the opportunity to apply for either a DCNR Rails and Trails grant or a DCED Greenways Trails grant with a 15% match but a lower limit on funding.

Additional discussion took place on the engineering feasibility study, access to grant money by other towns, in-kind service by municipalities' DPW personal, and title problems with a section of the railway right-of-way.

## **Executive Session:**

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues.

Motion for Executive Session: Thomas Parry at 7:02pm

Second: Carl Yastremski

Motion to reconvene regular meeting by: Anthony D'Eliseo at 7:13pm  
Second by: Lisa Natt  
Ayes were unanimous.

Atty. Samuel Sanguedolce noted the information discussed in the executive session was related to the Memorial Day Ceremony change and borough employee court appearances.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 7:14pm.

Motion: Thomas Parry  
Second: Lisa Natt  
The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Charles Boyd, Borough Manager  
Laflin Borough