

Laflin Borough
Special Council Mtg.
August 6, 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 and Solicitor
Also Present: Charles Boyd, Borough Manager

Unfinished Business:

A) Reject All Prior Paving Project Bids for 2019 –

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to reject all prior bids for Manchester and Oakwood/Fordham.

Motion to Reject: Thomas Parry

Second: Anthony D’Eliseo

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

B) Laflin Borough 2019 Paving Project –

Project Selection & Advertisement / New Specifications to Rebid

Mr. Benderavich asked councilmembers’ opinion on which paving project should be considered this year. It was noted Oakwood Drive has significant stormwater work that needs to be completed with the paving work. Councilman Yastremski indicated he would be in favor of going with Manchester Drive. Manchester Drive is less expensive and can be done with replacing the concrete gutters with asphalt and asphalt curbs.

Councilwoman Natt asked if the project would be completed with General Fund money and if there is enough to cover the cost. Mr. Benderavich responded in the affirmative for both questions indicating a conservative number of approximately \$180,000.00 buffer. Councilwoman Natt agreed that Manchester Drive would be a good project if the funding is available.

It was clarified that the vote would be to advertise and put the road project out to rebid and not approve the work to be done. Grants will still be submitted for paving work as is normally done.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to advertise for rebids on Manchester Drive paving with the new specification of eliminating the concrete gutters and replacing with 4" machine laid asphalt curbing. Maplewood Drive would be included as an add-alternate option.

Motion to Approve: Lisa Natt

Second: Carl Yastremski

Roll Call:

Paul Benderavich Yes

Anthony D'Eliseo Yes

Lisa Natt Yes

Thomas Parry Yes

Carl Yastremski Yes

Motion passed.

New Business:

- A) 60 Oakwood Drive Purchase Cancellation –
\$1,000.00 Deposit

Mr. Benderavich recommended not returning the deposit since the borough has expenses for advertising, legal fees and time involved in selling the property. It was noted that Bruce Phillips, Esq. felt it was a breach of contract and the borough was not obligated to return the deposit. He recommended letting Mr. Murphy out of the contract.

Councilwoman Natt questioned if the borough should return a portion of the deposit after expenses are covered. Some discussion took place on figuring the time involved and actual total expenses.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to retain the \$1,000.00 deposit.

Motion to Approve: Carl Yastremski

Second: Thomas Parry

Roll Call:

Paul Benderavich Yes

Anthony D'Eliseo No

Lisa Natt No

Thomas Parry Yes

Carl Yastremski Yes

Motion passed.

Other Non-Agenda Items:

- B) Vincent Kasa Pole Barn/ Salt Shed Property Purchase –

Mr. Benderavich referred to the estimate that came in today from J.J. Mantione Appraisal and Realty Group, Inc. on the Casey-Kassa property for the pole barn and salt shed. He asked if everyone saw the email and had a chance to review Joe Mantione's estimate. The borough needs the property to proceed with the salt shed grant and Mr. Benderavich believes the entire 1-acre parcel is needed and not just part of the property that

Vincent Kasa is proposing to sell. Mr. Benderavich recommended a \$10,000.00 offer for the full 1-acre tract of land based on the report received the day of the meeting.

Some discussions followed on subdivision cost and time, extra room the borough would have in the future and the value of the land.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to offer \$10,000.00 for the entire 1-acre tract of land.

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.

Public Comments: None

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:10 pm.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo

Second: Thomas Parry

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charles Boyd, Borough Manager
Laflin Borough