

Lafin Borough Council
Reorganization Meeting
January 6, 2020
6:00 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

The Honorable Judge David W. Lupas gave the oath of office to Anthony D’Eliseo, Matthew D’Elia, Kyle Costello, and William Kennedy immediately prior to the opening of the reorganization meeting.

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

Mr. Benderavich temporarily called the meeting to ordered and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited. After requesting roll call, Mr. Benderavich turned the meeting over to Mayor William Kennedy.

Roll Call:

Present: Paul Benderavich – Carl Yastremski – Anthony D’Eliseo – Matthew D’Elia – Kyle Costello –
Mayor William Kennedy Absent: None

Also Present: Assistant Solicitor Jessica Pleskach, Esq. and Charles Boyd, Borough Manager

Reorganization:

Mayor Kennedy asked for a nomination for President of Council. Councilman D’Eliseo nominated Councilman Benderavich as President.

Nomination: Paul Benderavich for Council President

Roll Call:

Paul Benderavich	<u>Abstain</u>	
Anthony D’Eliseo	<u>Yes</u>	
Carl Yastremski	<u>Yes</u>	
Matthew D’Elia	<u>Yes</u>	
Kyle Costello	<u>Yes</u>	Nomination was confirmed.

Councilman Benderavich thanked fellow elected officials for their vote of confidence and took charge of the council meeting.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a nomination for Council Vice President. Councilman D’Eliseo nominated Councilman Yastremski for Vice President.

Nomination: Carl Yastremski for Council Vice President

Roll Call:

Paul Benderavich	<u>Yes</u>	
Anthony D’Eliseo	<u>Yes</u>	
Carl Yastremski	<u>Abstain</u>	
Matthew D’Elia	<u>Yes</u>	
Kyle Costello	<u>Yes</u>	Nomination was confirmed.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a nomination for President Pro Tem. Councilman Yastremski nominated Councilman D'Eliseo for Vice President.

Nomination: Anthony D'Eliseo for President Pro Tem

Roll Call:

Paul Benderavich	<u>Yes</u>	
Anthony D'Eliseo	<u>Abstain</u>	
Carl Yastremski	<u>Yes</u>	
Matthew D'Elia	<u>Yes</u>	
Kyle Costello	<u>Yes</u>	Nomination was confirmed.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to reaffirm Irene Wendoloski for Vacancy Board Chair.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo

Second: Carl Yastremski

Roll Call

Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to reaffirm Charles Boyd as Borough Manager.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo

Second: Carl Yastremski

Roll Call

Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to retain Sanguedolce Law Firm as Borough Solicitor.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo

Second: Carl Yastremski

Roll Call

Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to retain Joe Mullen, Pennoni Associates as Borough Engineer.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo

Second: Carl Yastremski

Roll Call

Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to retain Jerry Loftus, Pennoni Associates as Sewage Enforcement Officer.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo

Second: Carl Yastremski

Roll Call

Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to retain Michael D’Elia as Emergency Management Coordinator.

Motion: Anthony D’Eliseo
Second: Carl Yastremski
Roll Call
Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to retain Andrew Holter as Floodplain Coordinator.

Motion: Anthony D’Eliseo
Second: Carl Yastremski
Roll Call
Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to retain Charles Boyd as Right-to-Know Officer.

Motion: Anthony D’Eliseo
Second: Carl Yastremski
Roll Call
Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to reaffirm current Laflin Recreation Board Members.

David Genovese, Christine Abbey, Angela Reese, Linda Gubitose, and Lorraine Zbierski

Motion: Anthony D’Eliseo
Second: Carl Yastremski
Roll Call
Carl Yastremski abstained due to family relationship with a member
Ayes carried and motion passed.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to reaffirm current UCC Board of Appeals Members.

Kenneth Stella, Alexander Lolli, Michael A. D’Elia, and Andrew Shedlock, Sr.

Motion: Anthony D’Eliseo
Second: Carl Yastremski
Roll Call
Matthew D’Elia abstained due to family relationship. Ayes carried and motion passed.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to retain Greg Gulick, G&R Consulting as Permit Officer and Tino Nocchi, East Mountain Inspections as Building Inspector.

Motion: Anthony D’Eliseo
Second: Carl Yastremski
Roll Call
Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to retain Andrew Holter, Strategic Management Group as Code Enforcement Officer.

Motion: Anthony D’Eliseo
Second: Carl Yastremski Roll Call: Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to retain Samuel M. Sanguedolce, Esq. as Co. Earned Income Tax Delegate.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo
Second: Carl Yastremski
Roll Call
Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a volunteer to fill the vacant position of Grant Coordinator.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to table until an individual is selected.

Motion to Table: Anthony D'Eliseo
Second: Carl Yastremski
Roll Call
Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to Abolish the Laflin Borough Neighborhood Crime Watch Group.

Mr. Benderavich made this recommendation due to lack of participation by residents.

Motion to Abolish Chairman and Group: Anthony D'Eliseo
Second: Carl Yastremski
Roll Call
Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to appoint a Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority MS4 Stormwater Steering Committee Representative. Mayor William Kennedy volunteered and a motion was made.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo
Second: Carl Yastremski
Roll Call
Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to retain Gino Pivovarnik, GP Sewer & Water for Septic Tank Direct Connection Conversations after DEP approval of planning module.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo
Second: Carl Yastremski
Roll Call
Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to confirm the monthly council meeting schedule for the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm for regular monthly meetings and work sessions on an as needed basis prior to the regular meeting at 5:30pm.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo
Second: Carl Yastremski
Roll Call:
Ayes were unanimous and motion carried

Mr. Benderavich ask for a motion to retain Fidelity Deposit and Discount Bank; PLGIT; PNC and TD Ameritrade with the signatories as remaining the same: Charles Boyd, Boro Manager; Paul Benderavich, Council President and Anthony D'Eliseo, Councilman.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo
Second: Carl Yastremski
Roll Call:
Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

General Business:

A) Treasurer's Report –

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Motion to Accept: Anthony D'Eliseo
Second: Carl Yastremski
Roll Call:
Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

B) List of Bill –

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve the bill list as presented.

Motion to Approve: Anthony D'Eliseo
Second: Carl Yastremski
Roll Call:
Anthony D'Eliseo abstained from the CVI invoice due to employment.
Ayes carried and motion passed.

C) Commercial Liability Insurance Package Renewal for 2020 –

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to table the insurance renewal until the February meeting.

Motion to Table: Anthony D'Eliseo
Second: Carl Yastremski
Roll Call:
Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

D) Salary Resolution #1 of 2020 –

Assistant Solicitor Jessica Pleskach, Esq. advised to table this resolution and the TAN resolution per Solicitor Sam Sanguedolce. Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to table until Solicitor Sanguedolce finalizes resolution.

Motion to Table: Anthony D’Eliseo
Second: Carl Yastremski
Roll Call:
Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

E) Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) Resolution #2 of 2020 –

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to table until Solicitor Sanguedolce finalizes resolution.

Motion to Table: Anthony D’Eliseo
Second: Carl Yastremski
Roll Call:
Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

F) DEP Planning Module Submission for Septic Direct Connections Resolution #3 of 2020 –

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve the resolution after a brief explanation to newly elected councilmembers of the history on working with DEP for the septic conversion approvals.

Motion to Approve: Anthony D’Eliseo
Second: Carl Yastremski
Roll Call:
Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

G) Advertise for Full-Time Maintenance / Fire Driver Position –

Mr. Benderavich gave a brief explanation to newly elected councilmembers Kyle Costello and Matthew D’Elia, who did not attend the prior month executive session, on the need to fill vacancies with the fire drive / maintenance position. Different options on how to best fill the position were discussed at the prior month meeting and a motion is needed to advertise both positions. A part-time maintenance position and a full-time maintenance/ fire drive position without benefits.

Motion to Approve: Anthony D’Eliseo
Second: Carl Yastremski
Roll Call:
Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:26pm.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo

Second: Carl Yastremski

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charles Boyd, Borough Manager
Laflin Borough