

Lafin Borough Council Mtg.

March 10, 2020

6:00 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

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

Roll Call:

Present: Paul Benderavich, President – Carl Yastremski, Vice President – Anthony D’Eliseo – Matthew D’Elia – Kyle Costello – Mayor William Kennedy

Absent: None

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

Special Presentations: None

Minutes: January 6, 2020 Reorganization Meeting

Mr. Benderavich asked if everyone reviewed the meeting minutes and if anyone had any questions or comments. Asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes.

Motion to Approve: Anthony D’Eliseo

Second: Matthew D’Elia

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report:

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

Motion to Accept: Matthew D’Elia

Second: Anthony D’Eliseo

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.

\$ 51,554.03 plus payroll \$ 6,488.64.

It was noted that the Stell Enterprise, Inc. invoice for \$1,053.00 was added to the list of bills after the draft list was emailed to councilmembers for review.

Motion to Approve: Anthony D’Eliseo

Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Councilman D’Eliseo abstained on the CVI invoice due to employment.

Ayes carried and motion passed.

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

Reports:

State Police and Laflin Volunteer Fire Dept. reports were emailed to councilmembers. No discussion.

Manager's Report –

Mr. Boyd advised that the sewer line on Manchester Drive was scoped with a video camera in anticipation of the upcoming paving work that is tentatively scheduled to start around April 6th. The camera work indicated the sewer line and manholes are in good shape. A preconstruction meeting is scheduled for March 31st if any elected official would like to attend.

The transfer of 60 Oakwood Drive from Laflin Borough to Kyle Costello was completed.

Mr. Boyd reviewed, under the MS4 Stormwater report category, an emergency repair that was done on a catch basin on Laflin Road near the intersection of Rt.315 by Stell Enterprises Inc. Another catch basin might need emergency repairs at 93 Laflin Road due to a problematic manhole and catch basin inlet combination. Mr. Boyd inspected all the catch basin inlets on Laflin Road and found many to be in disrepair. WVSA will be contacted to complete the repairs on 3 or 4 each year.

Mayor Kennedy as agreed to organize the Communitywide Yard Sale event and a date will be chosen for June.

The new traffic signal project at Rt.315 and Pittston Avenue was awarded to Latona Trucking Inc. by PennDOT. Lane installation should start this spring and all lane work should be completed by fall. The actual traffic light will be subcontracted out to Kuharchik Construction Inc. with completion anticipated in the fall.

Mr. Boyd spoke about the recently received insurance umbrella premium quotes from Tyler Salerno, Assured Partners of Northeast PA. The umbrella policy limit was questioned at the last meeting and quotes were obtained from our insurance carrier.

\$1,000,000: \$ 862.00 (Current Limits of Umbrella Liability)
\$2,000,000: \$1,730.00
\$3,000,000: \$2,246.00
\$4,000,000: \$2,919.00
\$5,000,000: \$3,591.00

Much discussion continued by councilmembers on the umbrella premium increase.

After discussions, Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to increase the coverage on the umbrella policy to \$3 million.

Motion to Approve the Umbrella Increase: Anthony D'Eliseo

Second: Matthew D'Elia

Roll Call:

Paul Benderavich Yes

Anthony D'Eliseo Yes

Matthew D'Elia Yes

Kyle Costello Yes

Carl Yastremski Yes

Motion passed.

Mayor's Report – No report

Unfinished Business:

- A) 911 Readdressing Ordinance / 1005 Inkerman Road –
Gary Wargo 42 Main Street to 1005 Inkerman Road

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve changing 42 Main Street to 1005 Inkerman Road. Solicitor Sanguedolce will finalize an ordinance on all address changes and have advertised for approval at the next council meeting.

Motion to Approve: Anthony D'Eliseo
Second: Carl Yastremski

Roll Call:

Paul Benderavich	<u>Yes</u>
Anthony D'Eliseo	<u>Yes</u>
Matthew D'Elia	<u>Yes</u>
Kyle Costello	<u>Yes</u>
Carl Yastremski	<u>Yes</u>

Motion passed.

- B) Salary Resolution #1 of 2020 –

Solicitor Sanguedolce read the entire resolution. Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve the salary resolution.

Motion to Approve: Anthony D'Eliseo
Second: Matthew D'Elia

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

New Business:

- A) Spring Asphalt Curb Damage and Small Pothole Repairs –
Haverford Drive Surface Repairs

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve road repairs for curbs and small potholes throughout town.

Motion to Approve: Anthony D'Eliseo
Second: Carl Yastremski

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

B) DiamondTex for Creekside Park Ballfields –

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve the DiamondTex for both Creekside Park ballfields utilizing Bear Creek Nursey.

Motion to Approve: Anthony D’Eliseo

Second: Carl Yastremski

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

C) Annual Weed Spraying for Vegetation Control –

DBI Services 1yr. \$713.00 3yrs. \$699.00

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve DBI Services for a one-year contracted rate of \$713.00.

Motion to Approve: Matthew D’Elia

Second: Carl Yastremski

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

D) Sprucewood Drive Curbing Reconstruction Estimates –

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve obtaining quotes from the awarded contractor on the Manchester Paving Project, Don E. Bower, for curb replacement on Sprucewood Drive. The borough can approve a change order (bidding requirements) to the awarded project for the contractor to complete replacement if under 15% of the total cost on the Manchester project. The existing curbs installed under a prior paving project, by former council, were inadequate.

Motion to Approve: Anthony D’Eliseo

Second: Carl Yastremski

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

Mr. Bord will measure and provide lineal footage estimates to Don E. Bower, Inc. so that an estimated can be provided for approval by council.

E) Landscaping Renovations for Front of Borough Bldg. & Borough Sign Area at Rt. 315 –

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve obtaining quotes from Midway Garden Center for landscaping renovations at the borough building front and around the sign at Laflin Road and Rt. 315. Mr. Benderavich noted that this was already provided for in the 2020 Operating Budget.

Motion to Approve: Anthony D’Eliseo

Second: Matthew D’Elia

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

General Comments:

Councilman D'Eliseo ask about the status of the Patelunas property completion on clearing the trailers and final grading of the property along with how the trespassing charges are being dealt with for the employee at Stell Enterprises, Inc.

A hearing is scheduled with Magistrate Judge Cronauer. Much discussion followed.

Mr. Boyd, Borough Manager explained a problem with the State Liquid Fuel Funds that arose after a recent inspection by John Mazur, PennDOT Municipal Financial Consultant. PennDOT is indicating we made an error in paying for both lease payments on the 2016 and 2019 plow trucks in the same year from the state fund. Only a percentage of the state funds can be put towards equipment purchases and the borough exceeded the set limit. The Liquid Fuels Fund account will need to be reimbursed from the General Fund Account at approximately \$9,800.00. Only the 2019 plow truck remains with a lease payment of approximately \$21,000.00 and a portion of that payment will need to come from the General Fund at approximately \$11,000.00.

Public Comments:

Richard Dunstan, applicant, introduced himself to councilmembers and gave a brief background on himself and his qualifications for the posted fulltime maintenance/fire driver position job opening. After some discussions, Councilman D'Eliseo thanked him for attending.

Executive Session:

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to leave the regular meeting and enter executive session to discuss personnel issues.

Motion for Executive Session: Anthony D'Eliseo at 6:28pm.
Second: Carl Yastremski

Motion to reconvene regular meeting by: Matthew D'Elia
Second by: Kyle Costello

Atty. Samuel Sanguedolce noted the information discussed in the executive session was related to personnel issues regarding the potential hiring of a fulltime maintenance and fire driver person. Solicitor Sanguedolce advised a motion will be needed to appoint a hiring committee for that position.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to appoint Jody Reinard, Charles Boyd, Mayor Kennedy, and himself for the hiring committee. Councilman D'Eliseo, who had to leave the meeting, will be asked to join at a later date.

Motion to Approve Hiring Committee: Matthew D'Elia
Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

Councilman D'Eliseo left the council meeting prior to reconvening.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:53pm.

Motion: Matthew D'Elia

Second: Kyle Costello

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charles Boyd, Borough Manager
Lafin Borough