

# Lafin Borough Council Meeting

June 9, 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 – Matthew D’Elia – Kyle Costello –  
Mayor William Kennedy

Absent: Anthony D’Eliseo

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

**Special Presentations:** None

**Minutes:** March 10, 2020 and May 12, 2020 Meetings (April 14, 2020 meeting cancelled due to coronavirus pandemic)

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

Motion to Approve: Carl Yastremski

Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

### **Treasurer’s Report:**

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

Motion to Accept: Carl Yastremski

Second: Matthew D’Elia

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.

\$19,935.08 plus payroll \$10,179.08

Motion to Approve: Carl Yastremski

Second: Matthew D’Elia

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

Mr. Boyd noted the invoice listed for Selective Insurance that represented the additional coverage on the umbrella policy. Coverage increased from \$1 million to \$3 million dollars per vote by council at the March 10, 2020 meeting.

**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 noted the completion of weed spray by DBI Services for vegetation control throughout the borough in select locations. This is done annually at our ballfields and roadsides.

An upcoming public meeting with Williams Transco Pipeline for public comment was noted for June 29, 2020 at the Irem Pavilion in Dallas, PA. Mr. Boyd indicated that the recommendations of the borough at our January meeting with Transco representative may not have been incorporated in the proposed plans.

Mr. Boyd reminded Council of the Jerome Patelunas trespassing hearing scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the court of Magistrate [Cronauer](#) in south Wilkes-Barre.

**Mayor's Report –**

No report given.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to accept the reports as presented.

Motion to Accept Reports: Carl Yastremski  
Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A) State of Emergency Declaration due to COVID-19 –  
Resolution #5 of 2020

Solicitor Sanguedolce noted the declaration was already passed by motion at the prior council meeting. The resolution memorializes the declaration. Solicitor Sanguedolce read the resolution for the record.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve Resolution #5 of 2020.

Motion to Approve: Carl Yastremski  
Second: Matthew D'Elia

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

**Agenda New Business:** None

**Non-Agenda New Business:**

A) Appointment of Andrew M. Holter to Emergency Management Agency Coordinator –

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to appoint Andrew M. Holter to the EMA Coordinator position to fill the vacancy left from the resignation of Michael D’Elia. Mr. Benderavich just found out that Mr. Holter would accept the position.

Motion to Appoint: Carl Yastremski

Second: Matthew D’Elia

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

B) Set Authorization Price for Borough Building & Rt. 315 Sign Lawn Restoration –

After much discussion on the restoration projects, Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve authorizing Mr. Boyd, in consultation with Mr. Yastremski and Mr. Benderavich, for an expenditure up to \$10,400.00 on restoration work to complete both projects.

Motion to Approve: Carl Yastremski

Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

**General Comments:**

Mr. Yastremski asked Mr. Boyd the status on obtaining estimates for power washing certain borough owned properties. Mr. Boyd responded to indicate contractors are still being sought to bid on cleaning the storage shed at the ballfields along with the bleachers, sidewalks and both borough owned pavilions. Only certain contractors have the right equipment and, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the power washers were shutdown.

Mr. Yastremski asked if Andrew Holter, Code Officer is still inspecting the town on a regular basis for the borough. Mr. Benderavich responded that both Mr. Holter and Jared Aigeldinger, Fire Driver/Maintenance person check the town weekly. Mr. Boyd noted Mr. Aigeldinger looks for permit issues with Mr. Holter looking for grass and property maintenance issues.

Mr. Benderavich spoke on the borough building closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency and asked councilmembers opinions on a time frame to reopen. Discussions took place on installing a half-door to the borough office, removing the chairs, and the inability of council to run the office if Mr. Boyd becomes sick with the coronavirus. The library members are concerned with the current state of the pandemic but will need to make their own decision on opening after council opens the borough to foot traffic.

Mr. Benderavich addressed the fire department situation on the closure due to the pandemic with Chief Jody Reinard who was present at the council meeting. Mr. Benderavich reiterated the need for the fire department personnel to disperse shortly after fire calls, training and parade events; no socializing and gatherings. In order to prevent the spread of coronavirus, councilmembers want to continue keeping the borough office, library and fire department areas closed unless absolutely required.

**Public Comments:** None

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 6:18pm.

Motion: Carl Yastremski

Second: Kyle Costello

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Charles Boyd, Borough Manager  
Lafin Borough