

Lafin Borough Council Mtg.  
February 9, 2021  
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 Leonard Sanguedolce, Esq. and Charles Boyd, Borough Manager

**Special Presentations:** None

**Minutes:** January 12, 2021 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 advised no Treasurer’s Report will be presented.

**List of Bills for Approval:**

Mr. Benderavich asked if anyone had any questions or comments then asked for a motion to approve the bills.  
\$43,061.50 plus payroll \$8,534.30.

Motion to Approve: Anthony D’Eliseo

Second: Carl Yastremski

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 noted the proclamation by Mayor William Kennedy for a State of Emergency in Laflin Borough due to the measurable snowfall on January 31, 2021 and after. If it becomes available, Laflin Borough will seek reimbursement from the state to cover the additional cost associated with that event.

Mr. Boyd informed councilmembers of damage to a mobile basketball hoop by the borough plow truck. Councilman Costello indicated his neighbor's unit was hit by the dump body on the truck and, he believes, the resident is looking for reimbursement for damages. Much discussion followed by councilmembers with a determination, at a later date, after a reimbursement cost is submitted.

The Laflin Library Association annual budget surplus for 2020 was indicated at \$1,417.00 due to the pandemic year and less hours worked by the librarian, Nany Coassolo. Typically, this balance is given to the library association, but it is in the range of a few hundred dollars on average. Mr. Boyd noted the 2019 balance given was \$174.00. After some discussions, Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve the typical average of \$250.00 to be given. Mr. Yastremski stated the balance would be used for the painting and new flooring for the borough building that would benefit the library.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo

Second: Carl Yastremski

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

**Mayor's Report – No Report Presented**

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

Motion to Approve: Anthony D'Eliseo

Second: Carl Yastremski

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A) DEP Sewer Direct Connection Planning Module Application Withdrawal – Resolution #3 of 2021

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve.

Motion to Approve: Anthony D'Eliseo

Second: Carl Yastremski

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

- B) 2021 Refuse Collection Fee –  
Ordinance #1 of 2021      \$290.00 Face / \$280.00 Discount

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve.

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

**New Business:**

- A) Approval of the 2021 Luzerne Co. 10yr. Solid Waste Management Plan –  
Resolution #4 of 2021

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve.

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

- B) Emergency Sewer Manhole Repair at ‘S’ Turns on Main Street –  
Stell Enterprises, Inc.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve.

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

- C) Oakwood Drive Stormwater Improvements –  
Catch Basin Inlets and Stormwater Piping

Mr. Benderavich said this project would coincide with the Williams Transco pipeline compensation and depend on the timing of the same. Oakwood Drive is the worse remaining road with drainage issues that should be addressed at the minimum. Past estimates indicated catch basins and stormwater piping connected to Old Mill Road would be around \$70,000. to \$80,000. This vote would approve the specifications that Joe Mullen, Borough Engineer has already determined and, once gas pipeline funding becomes available, to approve putting it out to bid. Joe Mullen’s project cost estimates would determine the final amount of inlets.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve.

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

D) Annual Laflin Borough Recreation Board Allocation –

After some discussions on the current Rec Board fund balance and potential limited activities in 2021, Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to withhold the Rec. Board allocation for 2021 due to the pandemic year.

Motion to Approve: Anthony D’Eliseo

Second: Carl Yastremski

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

**Public Comments:** None

**Executive Session:**

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

Motion for Executive Session: Anthony D’Eliseo at 6:19pm.

Second: Matthew D’Elia

Motion to reconvene regular meeting by: Anthony D’Eliseo

Second by: Carl Yastremski

Ayes were unanimous.

Mr. Benderavich indicated for the record the executive session discussions with Solicitor Len Sanguedolce were for the Williams Gas Pipeline expansion agreement.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to allow Len Sanguedolce to negotiate and to also disclose our information with Jenkins Township.

Motion to Approve: Anthony D’Eliseo

Second: Carl Yastremski

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 6:52pm.

Motion: Anthony D’Eliseo

Second: Carl Yastremski

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charles Boyd, Borough Manager  
Laflin Borough

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