

Lafin Borough Council Mtg.

April 13, 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 – Kyle Costello –
Mayor William Kennedy

Absent: Anthony D’Eliseo and Matthew D’Elia

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

Special Presentations: None

Minutes: February 9, 2021 Council 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: Carl Yastremski

Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report:

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

Motion to Approve: Carl Yastremski

Second: Kyle Costello

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.

\$108,053.60 plus payroll \$13,191.10.

Motion to Approve: Carl Yastremski

Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

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 reminded elected officials of the need to complete the state financial ethics form by May 1, 2021.

Mr. Boyd briefly mentioned the letter (emailed to councilmembers) and complaint calls received again on the problems with feral cats in town. He believes the new code enforcement agreement, if accepted, will help to address this problem.

Mayor’s Report – No report presented

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

Motion to Accept: Carl Yastremski

Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

- A) Nonuniform Employee and Police Pension Plan Updates –
 Act 44 Professional Services Procedures Resolution
 Borough Manager as Pension Plan Chief Administrator Officer Resolution
 Elimination of Employee Contributions Resolution

Mr. Benderavich asked for motions to approve the resolutions as indicated.

Act 44 Professional Services Procedures

Motion to Approve: Carl Yastremski

Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Paul Benderavich Yes

Kyle Costello Yes

Matthew D’Elia Absent

Anthony D’Eliseo Absent

Carl Yastremski Yes

Pension Plan Chief Administrator

Motion to Approve: Carl Yastremski

Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Yes

Yes

Absent

Absent

Yes

Eliminate Employee Contributions

Motion to Approve: Carl Yastremski

Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Yes

Yes

Absent

Absent

Yes

- B) Pittston City Intergovernmental Code Enforcement Agreement –

2015 International Property Maintenance Code Ordinance

Resolution Approving the Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement

Mr. Benderavich asked for motions to approve the property maintenance ordinance and the agreement with Pittston City. Solicitor Sanguedolce also recommended a motion to approve Mr. Benderavich, Council President to sign the agreement.

2015 International Property Maintenance Code Ordinance

Motion to Approve: Carl Yastremski
Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Paul Benderavich Yes
Kyle Costello Yes
Matthew D’Elia Absent
Anthony D’Eliseo Absent
Carl Yastremski Yes

Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement Resolution

Motion to Approve: Carl Yastremski
Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Yes
Yes
Absent
Absent
Yes

Authorizing Paul Benderavich to Sign Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement

Motion to Approve: Carl Yastremski
Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Yes
Yes
Absent
Absent
Yes

C) Lafin Borough Sign at Lafin Road & Rt.315 – Cut Rite Lawn Service Quote

After some discussions on the fieldstone and river stone style walls below the sign, Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve the original fieldstone quote for \$2,400.00.

Motion to Approve: Carl Yastremski
Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Paul Benderavich Yes
Kyle Costello Yes
Matthew D’Elia Absent
Anthony D’Eliseo Absent
Carl Yastremski Yes

Motion passed.

New Business:

A) 2021 Summer Rec. Camp / Memorial Day Ceremony / Community-wide Yard Sale –

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to cancel the summer camp program; cancel the Memorial Day event; not sponsor the community yard sale event; and keep the borough building closed until June 15, 2021 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Individual property owners and residents can still have their own yard sale event.

Motion to Approve: Carl Yastremski
Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Paul Benderavich Yes
Kyle Costello Yes
Matthew D’Elia Absent
Anthony D’Eliseo Absent
Carl Yastremski Yes

Motion passed.

B) Advertise Bid Specifications for Oakwood Drive MS4 Stormwater Project – American Rescue Stimulus Plan

1. Stormwater Work Only w/ 7 Catch Basins & Partial Concrete Gutter Removal
2. Stormwater Work & Complete Road Restoration w/Asphalt Curbing in place of Concrete Gutters

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to advertise the bid specifications for both options.

Motion to Approve: Carl Yastremski

Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

C) DiamondTex for Creekside Ballfields –

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve the DiamondTex for the ballfields.

Motion to Approve: Carl Yastremski

Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

Public Comments: None

Executive Session:

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to leave the regular meeting and enter executive session to discuss the Williams Transco Pipeline agreement.

Motion for Executive Session: Carl Yastremski at 6:15pm

Second: Kyle Costello

Motion to reconvene regular meeting by: Carl Yastremski at 6:32pm

Second by: Kyle Costello

Ayes were unanimous.

Mr. Benderavich noted for the record that the information discussed in the executive session was related to the terms of the agreement with Williams Transco on the pipeline expansion. He indicated that a vote could be done at the next meeting after Solicitor Sanguedolce further completes a review of the right-of-way agreement.

The Vincent Kasa railroad bed land donation was also discussed in executive session. Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to allow Solicitor Leonard Sanguedolce, Esq. to handle whatever is needed to accept the land donation and complete the legal work for the same.

Motion to Approve: Carl Yastremski

Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Paul Benderavich Yes

Kyle Costello Yes

Matthew D'Elia Absent

Anthony D'Eliseo Absent

Carl Yastremski Yes

Motion passed.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:34pm.

Motion: Carl Yastremski

Second: Kyle Costello

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charles Boyd, Borough Manager
Laflin Borough

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