

Lafin Borough Council Mtg.

March 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 Samuel M. Sanguedolce, Esq., Leonard A. Sanguedolce, Esq. and Charles Boyd, Borough Manager

Special Presentations: None

Minutes: No meeting minutes present for approval. No action taken.

Treasurer’s Report:

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

Motion to Accept: Anthony D’Eliseo

Second: Carl Yastremski

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 at \$47,746.95 plus payroll \$9,990.59.

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:

Fire Chief Report –

Fire Chief Jody Reinard, who did attend the meeting, did not have anything to report.

Manager's Report –

Mr. Boyd announced that the state ethics forms were received and would be passed out during the meeting. He asked that they be completed and returned to him as soon as possible.

The annual recycling report is down in collection numbers again this year due to changes in reporting by J.P. Mascaro & Sons from last year, and not from changes in the recycling habits of the residents. Mr. Boyd believes mistakes have been made by Mascaro in the past and are now being corrected.

Mr. Boyd spoke on the Patelunas property regarding a bankruptcy hearing that was scheduled at the request of the bankruptcy court. The details of the hearing, and if it already took place, were not given to Mr. Boyd from a phone call made for more information. Although there is a judge's order preventing Mr. Patelunas from attempting to file bankruptcy without the judge's approval, it was assumed that he was trying to do the same. Mr. Boyd would like to see our solicitor(s) follow-up on his attempts to stop the property from being placed on the tax sale. Much discussion continued on the Jerome Patelunas property.

Mayor's Report – No report presented.

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

Motion to Accept: Anthony D'Eliseo

Second: Carl Yastremski

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

A) Williams Transco Gas Pipeline Expansion Right-of-Way Agreement –

Agreement Language 2nd Draft

Borough Monetary Compensation

Borough In-Kind Compensation

After initially starting the discussion to approve the right-of-way agreement language second draft, Solicitor Leonard A. Sanguedolce advised Mr. Benderavich to break in the proceedings and discuss the information in executive session.

Mr. Benderavich agreed and further discussion took place in the executive session at the end of the meeting. Mr. Benderavich continued with the regular meeting.

New Business:

A) Strategic Municipal Group Code Enforcement Resignation –

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve the resignation of Strategic Municipal Group as code enforcement officer.

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

B) Lafin Borough Code Enforcement –
City of Pittston Intergovernmental Agreement Proposal

Mr. Benderavich would like to see an agreement to utilize the City of Pittston for code work and wants Solicitor Leonard Sanguedolce, Esq. to review the intergovernmental agreement prepared by the city. They currently provide code enforcement services to Jenkin Township and Wyoming Borough.

After some discussions on the fees and type of service they provide, Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to review the agreement and work towards having the City of Pittston takeover code enforcement activities for the borough.

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

C) Roadway Pothole Patching & Asphalt Curb Repairs –
Smith Blacktopping Quotes \$3,950.00 for Potholes/Curbs \$1,950 Inkerman Road Patches

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve the quotes for work.

Motion to Approve: Anthony D’Eliseo
Second: Carl Yastremski
Roll Call:
Paul Benderavich Yes
Kyle Costello Yes
Matthew D’Elia Yes
Anthony D’Eliseo Yes
Carl Yastremski Yes
Motion passed.

D) Roadway Crack Sealing Work –

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve up to \$5,700 for labor and materials for crack sealing work.

Motion to Approve crack sealing work up to \$5,700: Anthony D'Eliseo
Second: Carl Yastremski

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

E) Weed Spraying for Vegetation Control –

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve DBI Services up to \$750.00. Mr. D'Eliseo asked for clarification as to the location of the spraying. Mr. Boyd noted the large, important areas being the ballfield hill to Union Street and the retention ditch next to the ballfields with other areas throughout the borough.

Motion to Approve: Anthony D'Eliseo

Second: Carl Yastremski

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

F) Certified Playground Mulch for Borough Building & Creekside Playgrounds –

Costar Quote – River Valley Recreation Blown-In up to \$5,143.60

Frank Hulihan, Cut Rite Lawn Services ... pending

After some discussion on rubber style mulch in place of wood, replacing the 6"x6" border ties, and the problems of timing of installation if we wait for additional quotes, Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve River Valley Recreation at \$5,143.60.

Motion to Approve: Carl Yastremski

Second: Anthony D'Eliseo

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

G) DiamondTex Materials for Ballfields –

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to table purchase of the DiamondTex until quotes are received.

Motion to Approve: Anthony D’Eliseo
Second: Carl Yastremski
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 to discuss the Williams Pipeline project.

Motion for Executive Session: Anthony D’Eliseo at 6:27pm
Second: Carl Yastremski

Motion to reconvene regular meeting by: Anthony D’Eliseo at 6:51pm
Second by: Carl Yastremski
Ayes were unanimous.

Mr. Benderavich noted the information discussed in the executive session was related to the Williams Pipeline agreement and the kind-in services requested. Mr. Benderavich asked for the following motions:

Right-of-Way Agreement Language 2nd Draft

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

Roll Call:

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

Right-of-Way Compensation up to \$350,000

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

Roll Call:

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

Right-of-way In-Kind Services

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

Roll Call:

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

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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