

Lafin Borough Council Mtg.

May 11, 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 A. Sanguedolce, Esq. and Charles Boyd, Borough Manager

Special Presentations: None

Minutes: No minutes presented for approval. No action taken.

Treasurer’s Report:

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

Motion to Accept: Carl Yastremski

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.

\$27,184.62 plus payroll \$11,342.39.

Motion to Approve: Carl Yastremski

Second: Anthony D’Eliseo

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 informed councilmembers about another meeting held on 4/27/21 with Williams Transco Pipeline representatives regarding work requested of the gas company on borough owned land as per the referenced email sent to all elected officials. PA DEP will be contacted by the gas company to determine if the requested in-kind services will be possible under the permits applied for by the gas company.

The Pittston City Code Enforcement agreement was approved by the city and they have been out in Laflin Borough investigating complaints. Citations have been issued by them and they have a clearly marked car identifying them as code enforcement. One of the three code enforcement staff members is a part-time employee that lives in Laflin Borough.

The Laflin Borough building remodeling is completed with pictures and video sent to all elected officials. Mr. Boyd needs to move back into the office. Mr. Boyd will need a few pieces of updated furniture since some items fell apart while trying to move them. Mr. Benderavich noted much of the furniture is secondhand items obtained during the spring cleanup days back in 2008 and 2009 and needs to be updated.

The Oakwood Drive stormwater project contractor pre-bid meeting was held May 10, 2021 to discuss the project layout and seven stormwater catch basin inlets. The bids will be received in two parts. The stormwater work with inlets, piping and trench repairs will be bid. An add-alt bid will be requested to mill and pave the entire road after the stormwater is installed.

Mr. Boyd announced that updated information was provided by the federal government on the stimulus package funds that are soon to be available. An email was sent to all elected officials earlier in the month.

DiamondTex installation and mulch installation have been completed at the ballfields and playgrounds.

Inkerman Road pothole patching has been completed with other areas of the borough to be done soon.

Mayor's Report – No report presented.

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

Motion to Approve: Carl Yastremski

Second: Anthony D'Eliseo

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A) Lafin Recreation Board Appointments –

Holly Courter

Tara D’Amico

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to appoint Holly Courter and, separately, Tara D’Amico.

Motion to Appoint Holly Courter: Carl Yastremski

Second: Anthony D’Eliseo

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Motion to Appoint Tara D’Amico: Carl Yastremski

Second: Anthony D’Eliseo

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

B) Future Roadway Crack Sealing Work –

Crafco, Inc. Materials \$1,400.00/pallet

Mr. Boyd noted the price includes freight and delivery. After completing another five roads this year, the borough ran out of materials. Mr. Boyd would like to complete more roads in the fall if the budget allows. Mr. Benderavich indicated we are behind due to last year’s work not getting done.

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve the \$1,400. for the pallet.

Motion to Approve: Carl Yastremski

Second: Anthony D’Eliseo

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Motion passed.

C) Borough Building Telephone System –

MC Communications \$3,653.16

Mr. Benderavich asked for a motion to approve the new telephone system at \$3,653.16.

Motion to Approve: Carl Yastremski

Second: Anthony D’Eliseo

Roll Call:

Paul Benderavich Yes

Kyle Costello Yes

Matthew D’Elia Yes

Anthony D’Eliseo Yes

Carl Yastremski Yes

Motion passed.

Other Non-agenda Items:

Solicitor Sanguedolce, Esq. provided an update on the Vincent Kasa railroad bed land donation. He spoke to Chris Kasa regarding a title search that was started and everything is in motion. Chris Kasa agreed to let Len Sanguedolce, Esq. represent both sides in preparing the documents and he indicated to him that there will be no cost to Vincent Kasa.

Solicitor Sanguedolce is still determining what type of title insurance policy to obtain since it is a donation but the borough must be able to defend the title and not be responsible for certain liabilities. Solicitor Sanguedolce asked Mr. Boyd if he can check with the borough insurance carrier to determine if PA DEP or other environmental issues that come up at a later date are covered in the current policy.

Councilman Yastremski asked for a status update on the Jerome Patelunas and Janet Moll properties for the upcoming tax sale. He noted that Mr. Patelunas is barred from claiming bankruptcy until December of this year and it is critical that it gets into the Judicial Sale in August. Mr. Yastremski asked Solicitor Sanguedolce to follow-up on it so it doesn't get through the cracks again.

Mr. Boyd indicated he still doesn't have a definitive answer on J. Patelunas and that the Janet Moll property still needs to go before the judge. This should happen in June.

Public Comments: None

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:09pm.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo

Second: Matthew D'Elia

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charles Boyd, Borough Manager
Lafin Borough

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