

Laflin Borough  
Council Reorganization Meeting  
January 3, 2022  
6:00 P.M.

**MEETING MINUTES**

The Honorable Judge David W. Lupas gave the oath of office to Carl Yastremski and Marc Malvizzi immediately prior to the opening of the reorganization meeting. Charles Boyd, Tax Collector was absent due to COVID protocols.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG RECITED**

Mayor Kennedy called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited. Roll Call was taken by Mayor Kennedy.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Carl Yastremski – Anthony D’Eliseo – Kyle Costello – Marc Malvizzi – Mayor William Kennedy  
Absent: Matthew D’Elia and Charles Boyd, Borough Manager (Mr. Boyd partially joined by phone)  
Also Present: Solicitor Leonard Sanguedolce, Esq. and Judge David W. Lupas for the swearing-in ceremony.

**Reorganization:**

Mayor Kennedy asked for a nomination for Council President. Councilman D’Eliseo nominated Councilman Carl Yastremski as President.

Nomination: Carl Yastremski for Council President

Roll Call:

Anthony D’Eliseo	<u>Yes</u>	
Carl Yastremski	<u>Abstained</u>	
Matthew D’Elia	<u>Absent</u>	
Kyle Costello	<u>Yes</u>	
Marc Malvizzi	<u>Yes</u>	Nomination was confirmed.

Mayor Kennedy congratulated Council President Carl Yastremski and gave him the floor. Mr. Yastremski thanked fellow elected officials and took charge of the council meeting.

Mr. Yastremski asked for a nomination for Council Vice President. Councilman Costello nominated Councilman Anthony D’Eliseo for Vice President.

Nomination: Anthony D’Eliseo for Council Vice President

Roll Call:

Anthony D’Eliseo	<u>Abstained</u>	
Carl Yastremski	<u>Yes</u>	
Matthew D’Elia	<u>Absent</u>	
Kyle Costello	<u>Yes</u>	
Marc Malvizzi	<u>Yes</u>	Nomination was confirmed.

Mr. Yastremski asked for a nomination for President Pro Tem. Councilman D’Eliseo nominated Councilman Kyle Costello for President Pro Tem.

Nomination: Kyle Costello for President Pro Tem

Roll Call:

Anthony D’Eliseo	<u>Yes</u>	
Carl Yastremski	<u>Yes</u>	
Matthew D’Elia	<u>Absent</u>	
Kyle Costello	<u>Abstained</u>	
Marc Malvizzi	<u>Yes</u>	Nomination was confirmed.

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to reaffirm Irene Wendoloski for Vacancy Board Chair.

Motion: Anthony D’Eliseo

Second: Marc Malvizzi

Roll Call

Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to reaffirm Charles Boyd as Borough Manager.

Motion: Anthony D’Eliseo

Second: Marc Malvizzi

Roll Call

Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to retain Leonard Sanguedolce, Esq. and Sanguedolce Law Offices as Borough Solicitor.

Motion: Anthony D’Eliseo

Second: Marc Malvizzi

Roll Call

Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to retain Pennoni Associates as Borough Engineer.

Motion: Anthony D’Eliseo

Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call

Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to retain Jerry Loftus, Pennoni Associates as Sewage Enforcement Officer.

Motion: Anthony D’Eliseo

Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call

Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to retain Paul Benderavich as Emergency Management Coordinator.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo  
Second: Kyle Costello  
Roll Call  
Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to retain Paul Benderavich as Floodplain Coordinator.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo  
Second: Kyle Costello  
Roll Call  
Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to retain Charles Boyd as Right-to-Know Officer.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo  
Second: Kyle Costello  
Roll Call  
Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to reaffirm current Laflin Recreation Board Members.

Suzanne Kennedy, Carly Costello, Tara D'Amico, Holly Courter and Angela Reese

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo  
Second: Kyle Costello  
Roll Call  
Kyle Costello abstained due to family relationship with a member.  
Ayes carried and motion passed.

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to reaffirm current UCC Board of Appeals Members.

Kenneth Stella, Alexander Lolli, and Andrew Shedlock, Sr.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo  
Second: Marc Malvizzi  
Roll Call  
Ayes carried and motion passed.

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to retain Greg Gulick, G&R Consulting as Permit Officer and Tino Nocchi, East Mountain Inspections as Building Inspector.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo  
Second: Marc Malvizzi  
Roll Call  
Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to retain the City of Pittston as Code Enforcement Office.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo  
Second: Marc Malvizzi  
Roll Call: Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to retain Charles Boyd as County Earned Income Tax Delegate.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo  
Second: Marc Malvizzi  
Roll Call  
Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to retain Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority MS4 Stormwater Steering Committee Representative. Retain Charles Boyd

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo  
Second: Marc Malvizzi  
Roll Call  
Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to retain Gino Pivovarnik, GP Sewer & Water for Septic Tank Direct Connection Conversations after DEP approval of planning module.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo  
Second: Marc Malvizzi  
Roll Call  
Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to confirm the monthly council meeting schedule for the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm for regular monthly meetings and work sessions on an as needed basis prior to the regular meeting at 5:30pm.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo  
Second: Kyle Costello  
Roll Call:  
Ayes were unanimous and motion carried

Mr. Yastremski ask for a motion to retain Fidelity Deposit and Discount Bank; PLGIT; PNC and TD Ameritrade with the signatories as: Charles Boyd, Borough Manager; Carl Yastremski, Council President and Anthony D'Eliseo, Vice President.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo  
Second: Kyle Costello  
Roll Call:  
Anthony D'Eliseo Yes (abstained for voting for himself)  
Carl Yastremski Yes (abstained for voting for himself)  
Matthew D'Elia Absent  
Kyle Costello Yes  
Marc Malvizzi Yes  
Motion Passed.

**General Business:**

A) Treasurer's Report –

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to TABLE the treasurer's report as it is too early in the month for necessary documents to have been received to produce the report.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo

Second: Marc Malvizzi

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion carried.

B) List of Bill –

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to TABLE the bill list as it is too early in the month to present invoices. Not all monthly invoices have been received prior to the meeting.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo

Second: Marc Malvizzi

Roll Call:

Ayes carried and motion passed.

C) Salary Resolution #1 of 2022 –

Solicitor Leonard Sanguedolce summarized the resolution and asked newly elected Councilman Malvizzi if he had the opportunity to review the resolution. Mr. Malvizzi responded in the affirmative. Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to adopt the resolution.

Motion to Adopt Resolution: Anthony D'Eliseo

Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Anthony D'Eliseo Yes

Carl Yastremski Yes

Matthew D'Elia Absent

Kyle Costello Yes

Marc Malvizzi Yes

Motion Passed.

D) Lafin Borough Building COVID Pandemic Closure –

After recommending a 30-day closure of the borough building to prevent Mr. Boyd from illness due to the increased cases of COVID-19, Mr. Yastremski opened up the floor for discussion. Much discussion followed on a 30-day pause for public access and the fire department not gathering unless needed. Also discussed were: if it was necessary to close the building and, if so, the legal way to close the building for public access, if agreed upon.

After some discussions on the need for an emergency declaration, it was determined that the original declaration was never rescinded and, therefore, was still valid. Discussions turned to the need to appoint the council president as the authority to close the borough building. A phone call was made to Mr. Boyd, who was absent from the meeting due to COVID protocols, to determine the wording of the original declaration on who was authorized to declare closure.

It was decided to operate under the original emergency declaration and, by motion, close the building by vote. Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to close the borough building until the next council meeting in February when the situation could be re-evaluated.

Motion: Anthony D’Eliseo

Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Anthony D’Eliseo Yes

Carl Yastremski Yes

Matthew D’Elia Absent

Kyle Costello Yes

Marc Malvizzi Yes

Motion Passed.

**Public Comments:** None

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 6:28pm.

Motion: Anthony D’Eliseo

Second: Kyle Costello

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Charles Boyd, Borough Manager  
Lafin Borough