

Laflin Borough Council Mtg.

August 9, 2022

6:00 P.M.

**MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Roll Call:**

Present: Carl Yastremski, President – Anthony D’Eliseo, Vice President – Paul Benderavich – Kyle Costello –  
Marc Malvizzi – Mayor William Kennedy

Absent: None

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

**Special Presentations:** None

**Minutes:** July 14, 2022 Meeting

Mr. Yastremski asked if everyone reviewed the meeting minutes and if anyone had any questions or comments. He asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich

Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

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

Motion to Accept: Paul Benderavich

Second: Anthony D’Eliseo

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

**List of Bills for Approval:**

Mr. Yastremski asked if anyone had any questions or comments then asked for a motion to approve the bills.

\$ 37,869.36 plus payroll \$ 9,270.61.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich

Second: Anthony D’Eliseo

Roll Call:

Councilman D’Eliseo abstained on the CVI invoice due to employment.

Councilman Malvizzi abstained on the Schaedler Yesco invoice due to employment.

Ayes carried and motion passed.

**Correspondences (e-mailed to Council during the month)**: No discussion.

**Reports:**

Laflin Volunteer Fire Dept. report was emailed to councilmembers. No discussion.

State Police report was not submitted and will change to a quarterly reports for future council meetings due to new procedures by PSP that will only provide statistic through the PSP Community Dashboard.

**Manager's Report –**

Mr. Boyd reported that the recreation camp that ended on August 5<sup>th</sup> was a successful program. Everything went well and he hopes the program can continue next year.

The installation of internet, cable TV and telephone service by Astound by RCN is completed at the borough building. Everything is working fine. Cell phone numbers are on hand for RCN technicians should a problem arise. Comcast is disconnected and will provide a refund.

The Pinewood Drive Stormwater project is moving along with a few problems on catch basin and manhole layouts and other issues. These problems are being resolved in the field. Crews are hitting rock but not as bad as anticipated. However, the trench work didn't make it to the knoll of the hill yet so more rock can be encountered.

Councilman Benderavich questioned if a clarification answer was received from Don E. Bower, Inc. on paving the beginning section of Pinewood Drive off Laflin Road that was not originally included in the project manual. This section was impacted with the trench work for stormwater. The project manager, Eric Haines, indicated they would pave the entirety of Pinewood Drive at no additional cost to the borough.

**Mayor's Report –** No report presented.

Councilman Yastremski stated for the record that he wanted to applauded the Pennsylvania State Police for work on two recent burglaries in the borough that were solved. It was remarkable that the burglaries were solved within 72 or 96 hours. He noted that in other municipalities this is an ongoing issue but within 72 hours the PSP had a suspect in the July 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> burglary.

Councilman Yastremski asked for a motion to accept the reports as presented.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich

Second: Anthony D'Eliseo

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A) Oakwood Drive Community Block Party Road Closure -  
Saturday, September 10, 2022 from 2pm to 10pm  
Special Event Insurance Coverage

Councilman Costello advised that the insurance certificate will be in place and will provide a copy to borough listing Laflin Borough as a certificate holder.

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to approve the road closure.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich

Second: Anthony D'Eliseo

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

- B) Municipal Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) –  
Pennonni Associates, Inc.                      \$2,500

Mr. Boyd stated that he believes using a professional to prepare the initial plan would give the borough a good base to work from and allow for ease of future modifications and updating.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich

Second: Marc Malvizzi

Roll Call:

Kyle Costello                      Yes

Paul Benderavich                      Yes

Anthony D'Eliseo                      Yes

Marc Malvizzi                      Yes

Carl Yastremski                      Yes

Motion passed.

Mr. Boyd noted that a promulgation and new resolution will be needed after the emergency operation plan is completed and approved by the Laffin Borough. Solicitor Sanguedolce indicated he would start preparing the information necessary.

**New Business:**

- A) Stormwater Basin and Culvert Pipe Rehab near Union Street Bridge –  
Outside Lower Laffin Creekside Community Playground  
GP Sewer & Water      \$6,350

Mr. Yastremski asked if anyone had questions and understood the project. He asked for a motion to approve GP Sewer & Water at \$6,350.00.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich

Second: Marc Malvizzi

Roll Call:

Kyle Costello                      Yes

Paul Benderavich                      Yes

Anthony D'Eliseo                      Yes

Marc Malvizzi                      Yes

Carl Yastremski                      Yes

Motion passed.

B) Luzerne Co. American Rescue Plan Act Grant Submission – County Funding

Mr. Benderavich recommended applying for a natural gas generator to power the entire municipal building since it can be used during an emergency such as a blackout or a fire situation. The building can be used for emergency operations.

Mr. Yastremski concurred with the generator. Once the guidelines become know, other ideas can be explored.

Mr. Boyd suggested voting on the natural gas generator and to continue looking into new ideas since the submission deadline could cause a problem if it is before the next scheduled town council meeting.

Mr. Benderavich made a motion to apply for the borough building generator.

Motion: Paul Benderavich

Second: Anthony D’Eliseo

Roll Call:

Kyle Costello Yes

Paul Benderavich Yes

Anthony D’Eliseo Yes

Marc Malvizzi Yes

Carl Yastremski Yes

Motion passed.

Mr. Benderavich clarified that a 5% or 15% grant match would be required from the borough, if awarded. Mr. Boyd noted he would revise the motion since nobody objected to the grant match.

C) Security Cameras for Town Entry Points –

CVI – Lower Playground/Inkerman Rd. / Rt.315 Entrances \$15,655.00

CVI – Old Mill Rd. & Fordham Rd. Entrances Solar Cameras \$11,052.00

Robert Stella Electrical Rt.315 Service Panel / Pole Barn Cable \$ 4,895.00

MK Gavlick Electrical, Inc. Utility Pole Installation Rt.315 Sign \$ 3,000.00

Mr. Yastremski explained the reasoning for looking into additional cameras for town entry points. He noted during the recent car break-ins that the Pennsylvania State Police investigated by finding security cameras owned by residents that may have relevant video footage. Mr. Yastremski believes the borough can make it easier on the PSP by having cameras at different areas of town and being able to share the video with them.

Mr. Yastremski continued and noted that due to grant awards for various projects in town, Laflin Borough has general funds that could be available for added camera protection.

Some discussions continued on the need for additional security cameras; internet connectivity by cable or cellular service; power supply for the remote cameras; the installation of a new utility pole at the Laflin Road/Rt. 315 sign; the use of license plate cameras and storage of data; location of new cameras; use of solar powered cameras on Fordham Road and Old Mill Road that are moveable; and residents’ objections, if any.

Solicitor Sanguedolce suggested entering into Executive Session to consult with the borough solicitor to discuss issues where complaints are possible.

Motion for Executive Session: Paul Benderavich

Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

Motion to reconvene regular meeting.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo

Second: Paul Benderavich

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

Atty. Leonard Sanguedolce noted the information discussed in the executive session was related to potential residents' complaints on cameras and Costar bidding requirements.

Mr. Yastremski continued with the regular meeting and asked for a motion to approve the CVI proposal for cameras at the Lower Laffin playground, Inkerman Road and Rt.315 entrances at \$15,655.00.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich

Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Kyle Costello Yes

Paul Benderavich Yes

Anthony D'Eliseo Abstained

Marc Malvizzi Yes

Carl Yastremski Yes

Motion passed.

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to approve the CVI proposal for Old Mill Road and Fordham Road solar powered cameras at \$11,052.00.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich

Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Kyle Costello Yes

Paul Benderavich Yes

Anthony D'Eliseo Abstained

Marc Malvizzi Yes

Carl Yastremski Yes

Motion passed.

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to approve the R. Stella Electrical proposal for Rt.315 service panel and pole barn cable work to Inkerman Road at \$4,895.00.

Motion to Approve R. Stella Electrical proposal: Paul Benderavich  
Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Kyle Costello	<u>Yes</u>
Paul Benderavich	<u>Yes</u>
Anthony D'Eliseo	<u>Abstained</u>
Marc Malvizzi	<u>Yes</u>
Carl Yastremski	<u>Yes</u>

Motion passed.

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to approve the MK Gavlick Electrical proposal for Rt.315 and Laflin Road utility pole installation at \$3,000.00.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich  
Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Kyle Costello	<u>Yes</u>
Paul Benderavich	<u>Yes</u>
Anthony D'Eliseo	<u>Abstained</u>
Marc Malvizzi	<u>Yes</u>
Carl Yastremski	<u>Yes</u>

Motion passed.

D) Additional Security Camera Borough Bldg. Playground –  
CVI Proposal                      \$638.00

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to approve the CVI proposal for an additional camera at the borough building rear. He noted it would cover a playground camera blind spot.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich  
Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Kyle Costello	<u>Yes</u>
Paul Benderavich	<u>Yes</u>
Anthony D'Eliseo	<u>Abstained</u>
Marc Malvizzi	<u>Yes</u>
Carl Yastremski	<u>Yes</u>

Motion passed.

**Other Non-agenda Items:**

Mr. Yastremski noted the agenda was completed and asked for anything else for the Good of the Order.

Mr. Boyd spoke on looking into a basement water sensor for the borough building. The monitored central alarm system has an open slot to accept an additional detector that can be utilized. This could help prevent water damage on issues arising from a water line break or a malfunctioning water heater.

Mr. Yastremski reminded councilmembers to let Mr. Boyd know of any issues needed to be addressed for future agendas by the Friday before the council meeting so that they could be considered.

**Public Comments:** None

**Executive Session:** An executive session was held mid-meeting as noted above during agenda item 'C'.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 6:36pm.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo

Second: Paul Benderavich

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charles Boyd, Borough Manager  
Laflin Borough

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