

Lafin Borough Council Mtg.
September 13, 2022
6:00 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

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

Roll Call:

Present: Anthony D'Eliseo, Vice President – Paul Benderavich – Kyle Costello – Marc Malvizzi –
and Mayor William Kennedy

Absent: Carl Yastremski, Council President

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

Special Presentations: None

Minutes: August 9, 2022 Meeting

Mr. D'Eliseo 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: Paul Benderavich

Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. D'Eliseo asked for a motion to accept the report.

Motion to Accept: Paul Benderavich

Second: Marc Malvizzi

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

List of Bills for Approval:

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

\$ 197,369.52 plus payroll \$ 10,374.83.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich

Second: Kyle Costello

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:

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

State Police report was not submitted and will change to a quarterly report 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 announced that the borough acquired the budgeted automated external deliberator (AED) with a wall mounted case. Mr. Boyd hopes to schedule AED training soon with the ZOLL representative.

He announced the Laflin Public Library will hold a 50th year celebration on September 25th to commemorate the occasion. He displayed an ornamental placard from the 45th year celebration. Everyone was invited. It was noted on the unfortunate passing of the former mayor, Dorothy Yazurlo, just prior to the 50th year celebration. She was instrumental in starting and developing the library and, overall, a big part of the community.

Mayor's Report – No report presented

Mr. D'Eliseo asked for a motion to approve the reports.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich

Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

- A) Plow Driver Hourly Rate for Michael Dudeck –
Non-Overtime Rate \$25.00/hr.

Mr. D'Eliseo asked for a motion to table until the next council meeting. Mr. Benderavich noted that the issue will be reviewed with Attorney Mark Bufalino prior to the borough making a decision.

Motion to Table: Paul Benderavich

Second: Marc Malvizzi

Roll Call:

Kyle Costello Yes

Paul Benderavich Yes

Anthony D'Eliseo Yes

Marc Malvizzi Yes

Carl Yastremski Absent

Motion passed.

B) Chestnutwood Stormwater Pipe Replacement Project –
Maplewood Drive to Laflin Road

Mr. Boyd explained the problems with the existing stormwater pipe that were found during the new catch basin inlet installation and verified by camera work done after completion. The existing metal stormwater pipe is rotted-out on the bottom and should be replaced. Mr. D’Eliseo asked for a motion to prepare documents, advertise and bid-out the project.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich
Second: Marc Malvizzi
Roll Call:
Ayes carried and motion passed.

C) Grant Resolutions –

Haverford Drive Milling & Paving with Peachwood Drive Culvert Pipe Replacement
Lower Laflin Stormwater Drainage Ditch & Stormwater Piping Project
New Borough DPW / Plow Pick-up Truck
Storz Fire Hydrant Adaptors
Luzerne Co. ARPA Natural Gas Back-up Generator with Concrete Pad & Fencing
Luzerne Co. Community Development (CDBG) Block Grant for Demolition

Mr. Boyd briefly explained the six (6) grant applications and noted Solicitor Sanguedolce had prepared grant resolutions for each separate grant submission. Mr. Boyd asked if anyone had questions on the wording or amounts of each resolution.

Mr. Malvizzi asked for an explanation and location for the demolition grant. Mr. Boyd responded to indicate that the property would be 877 Union Street rear structure owned by Gary Simerson. A lien will be placed on the property for five years but removed thereafter if ownership doesn’t change.

<u>Haverford Paving</u>	<u>Lower Laflin Stormwater</u>	<u>DPW Truck</u>	<u>Storz Fire Hydrant Adaptors</u>
Motion: P. Benderavich	Motion: P. Benderavich	Motion: P. Benderavich	Motion: P. Benderavich
Second: K. Costello	Second: Marc Malvizzi	Second: K. Costello	Second: Marc Malvizzi
<u>Roll Call:</u>	<u>Roll Call:</u>	<u>Roll Call:</u>	<u>Roll Call:</u>
Kyle Costello _____	_____	_____	_____
Paul Benderavich _____	_____	_____	_____
Anthony D’Eliseo <u>Unanimous</u>	<u>Unanimous</u>	<u>Unanimous</u>	<u>Unanimous</u>
Marc Malvizzi _____	_____	_____	_____
Carl Yastremski _____	_____	_____	_____

<u>Luzerne Co. ARPA Grant</u>	<u>Luzerne Co. CDBG</u>
Motion: P. Benderavich	Motion: P. Benderavich
Second: K. Costello	Second: Marc Malvizzi
<u>Roll Call:</u>	<u>Roll Call:</u>
Kyle Costello _____	_____
Paul Benderavich _____	_____
Anthony D’Eliseo <u>Unanimous</u>	<u>Unanimous</u>
Marc Malvizzi _____	_____
Carl Yastremski _____	_____

D) Inkerman Road Milling, Underdrainage & Paving Project Bid Results –

Don E. Bower, Inc.	\$159,263.60 with add alternative
American Asphalt Paving Co.	\$279,450.00 with add alt.
Linde Corporation	\$218,965.00 with add alt.

Mr. Benderavich explained that the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) will require a change in scope approval from the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) to allow grant funding to be changed from the previously awarded road paving project to this Inkerman Road paving project. Mr. Boyd noted this approval should be given at the November CFA board meeting.

Mr. D’Eliseo asked for a motion to approve the low bidder of Don E. Bower, Inc. contingent upon CFA approval. This motion would include the add alternative underdrainage section bid.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich

Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

E) Inkerman Road Flood Abatement Project Bid Results –

Don E. Bower, Inc.	\$ 90,625.90
American Asphalt Paving Co.	\$151,500.00
Linde Corporation	\$134,830.00

Mr. D’Eliseo asked for a motion to approve the low bidder of Don E. Bower, Inc. for the flood abatement project.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich

Second: Marc Malvizzi

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

New Business:

A) Pinewood Stormwater ARPA Project – Three (3) Additional Catch Basin Repairs –

Don E. Bower, Inc.	\$7,500 (ARPA Grant Funding)	Laflin Road Inlets
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Mr. Boyd stated that repairing additional catch basin inlets on Laflin Road would be a change order for \$7,500 and could be completed under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) federal grant for local municipalities. This would be a change order to the Pinewood/Laflin Road Stormwater project currently under construction.

Mr. D'Eliseo asked for a motion to approve the change order for \$7,500.00.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich

Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Kyle Costello Yes

Paul Benderavich Yes

Anthony D'Eliseo Yes

Marc Malvizzi Yes

Carl Yastremski Absent

Motion passed.

B) Dogwood Drive Hill Road Patching Work -

Don E. Bower, Inc. \$8,000 (Liquid Fuels Fund)

Mr. D'Eliseo asked for a motion to approve \$8,000 to mill and patch sections of Dogwood Drive hill area.

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 Absent

Motion passed.

C) Luzerne Co. SPCA 5yr. Contract for Stray Dogs & Cats -

Mr. Boyd stated that he spoke with Todd Hevner, Executive Director of the SPCA and was assured that feral cats brought to them would not be returned to Laffin Borough if the resident does not want the Trap-Neuter-Return program now offered the facility. It was also noted that the price is slightly higher overall but a discount for the first two years of the contract would actually be lower than the 2022 cost. This will change in years three to five.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich

Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Ayes carried and motion passed.

D) Borough Bldg. Basement Water Sensor for Central Alarm System -

Hillman Security & Fire Technology proposal \$414.00 with monitoring

Mr. D'Eliseo asked for a motion to approve the add-on to our existing alarm system.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich

Second: Marc Malvizzi

Roll Call:

Ayes carried and motion passed.

- E) Borough Bldg. Playground Arborvitaes Replacement –
Replace 5 to 6 Dead Trees Borough DPW \$110/tree

Mr. D’Eliseo asked for a motion to approve the arborvitaes replacement behind the borough building.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich

Second: Kyle Costello

Roll Call:

Ayes carried and motion passed.

- F) Pension Plan 2023 Annual Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMOs) –
Police Pension Plan \$0
Non-Uniform Employee Pension Plan \$7,843.00 (estimated state aid \$4,797.00)

Mr. D’Eliseo asked for a motion to approve the pension MMOs for 2023 operating budget.

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 Absent

Motion passed.

Public Comments: None (no public attendance)

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:16pm.

Motion: Paul Benderavich

Second: Kyle Costello

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charles Boyd, Borough Manager
Lafin Borough

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