

Lafin Borough Council Mtg.

June 11, 2024

6:00 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

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

Roll Call:

Present: Marc Malvizzi, President – Joseph Boos, Vice President – Drew Malvizzi – Melissa Werner –
Carl Yastremski –

Absent: Mayor William Kennedy

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

Mr. Boyd read to meeting attendees the Sunshine Act notification as stated on the council meeting agenda.

Special Presentations: None

Minutes: April 9, 2024 and May 14, 2024 Council Meetings

Mr. Marc Malvizzi 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: Drew Malvizzi

Second: Joseph Boos

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Marc Malvizzi asked for a motion to accept the report.

Motion to Accept: Melissa Werner

Second: Drew Malvizzi

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

List of Bills for Approval:

Mr. Marc Malvizzi asked if anyone had any questions or comments then asked for a motion to approve the bills. \$ 81,208.83 plus payroll \$ 17,025.35

Motion to Approve: Drew Malvizzi

Second: Joseph Boos

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

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

Reports:

Fire Department Report – Drew Malvizzi

In the month of May the fire department responded to 19 alarms with the breakdown as 6 medicals, 6 fire alarms, 5 motor vehicle crashes, 1 working structure fire and 1 public assist.

Manager's Report – Charles Boyd

Mr. Boyd spoke on the newspaper notice published in the Times Leader by Wilkes-Barre Materials to notify the public regarding their blasting schedule. Some discussions followed.

He spoke on the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority (WVSA) saving fund for stormwater related items which is currently pledged to the lower Laflin stormwater project.

The Chestnutwood Drive stormwater project was finalized with the completion of grass restoration and asphalt curb repairs where Button Oil Company ignored the road closed signage and drove over the corner curbing last year during the construction. Button Oil paid for the repairs.

The yard sale will be June 22, 2024 and advertised in the Sunday Dispatch, Times Leader, and Citizens' Voice newspapers along with a post on Nextdoor Laflin and the borough website.

MS4 Stormwater Report – Marc Malvizzi

Mr. Marc Malvizzi added information for the stormwater report to note the grant awards received from the state for \$225,000 for outfall and drainage ditch work at the Creekside Park ballfield / walking track area. An award for \$18,000 was received for a backhoe attachment and utility trailer.

Mayor's Report – No report (absent)

Library Association Report – Melissa Werner

The library has changed to summer hours. The library will be open Monday through Friday 9am to 12:30pm and Saturdays 9am to 1pm. The summer hours are in effect until August 31st.

The summer reading club begins on June 15th. Several programs are planned in conjunction with the summer rec camp. Carbon County Environmental Education Center will have eagles and another day with owls with a third program planned with Pocono Wildlife Center. An ice cream truck will be visiting at the end of July.

Local author Barbara Taylor, who wrote her third book *Rain Breaks No Bones*, will have a reception in October that is hosted by the Laflin Library.

Council President's Report – Marc Malvizzi

Spoke prior on the Local Share Account grants received from the state casino money.

Mr. Marc Malvizzi asked for a motion to accept the reports.

Motion to Accept Reports: Drew Malvizzi

Second: Josph Boos

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

Public Comments Relating to the Agenda:

Joseph McCabe, 4 Pinewood – asked what has changed with the pedestrian bridge repairs since now the borough is only going to do a gusset repair. Mr. Marc Malvizzi responded to indicate the borough is looking for a temporary repair so that grants can be looked into for a new bridge. He continued to explain the situation.

Mr. McCabe asked if there is any cost to the borough for insurance regarding the Oakwood Drive Community Block party. Mr. Boyd responded to say that the organizing residents are responsible for obtaining and providing the borough with a certificate of insurance listing Laflin Borough as a holder.

Unfinished Business:

- A) Revised Laflin Borough Salary Resolution –
Resolution #7 of 2024 Summer Camp Counselor Rates

Mr. Marc Malvizzi explained the changes approved at the prior month’s meeting and noted all three camp counselors will be paid the same at \$15.00 per hour. He asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

Motion to Approve: Drew Malvizzi
Second: Melissa Werner

Roll Call:

Joseph Boos	<u>Yes</u>
Drew Malvizzi	<u>Yes</u>
Marc Malvizzi	<u>Yes</u>
Melissa Werner	<u>Yes</u>
Carl Yastremski	<u>Yes</u>

Motion passed.

- B) Creekside Community Park Pedestrian Walk Bridge Repairs –
Reject Informal Written / Telephonic Repair Bids from May 11, 2024
Rescind Approval to Formally Bid Repairs from May 11, 2024
Approve Temporary Metal Plate Installation Approved by Engineer up to \$3,500

After a brief explanation and discussion, Mr. Marc Malvizzi asked for a motion to approve rejecting the informal written telephonic bids, rescind approval to formally bid repairs, and approve the installation of a temporary aluminum plate (not to exceed \$3,500) to reopen the pedestrian walk bridge.

Motion to Approve: Drew Malvizzi
Second: Joseph Boos

Roll Call:

Joseph Boos	<u>Yes</u>
Drew Malvizzi	<u>Yes</u>
Marc Malvizzi	<u>Yes</u>
Melissa Werner	<u>Yes</u>
Carl Yastremski	<u>Yes</u>

Motion passed.

New Business:

A) Hire Laflin Borough 2024 Part-time Summer Camp Counselors –

Josh Smargiassi

Ella Hoban

Mr. Marc Malvizzi reviewed both applications and then asked for a motion to approve the hiring of Josh Smargiassi and, separately, Ella Hoban for the camp counselor positions at \$15 per hour.

Josh Smargiassi

Motion to Hire: Melissa Werner

Second: Drew Malvizzi

Roll Call:

Joseph Boos Yes

Drew Malvizzi Yes

Marc Malvizzi Yes

Melissa Werner Yes

Carl Yastremski Yes

Motion passed.

Ella Hoban

Motion to Hire: Melissa Werner

Second: Drew Malvizzi

Roll Call:

Joseph Boos Yes

Drew Malvizzi Yes

Marc Malvizzi Yes

Melissa Werner Yes

Carl Yastremski Yes

Motion passed.

B) Oakwood Drive Block Party Road Closure –

Saturday, September 7, 2024

Mr. Marc Malvizzi noted that the road closure is at no cost to the borough as previously stated during Public Comments on the Agenda. He then asked for a motion to approve.

Motion to Approve: Melissa Werner

Second: Joseph Boos

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

C) Appoint New Laflin Borough Sewage Enforcement Officer (S.E.O.) –

John Belles, PennDel Environmental, Inc. S.E.O. #03431

Mr. Marc Malvizzi noted the borough's former S.E.O. passed away last year. After noting Mr. Belles was recommended by Pennoni Associates and performed review work and inspections for the new home on Cedarwood Drive as a temporary replacement through Pennoni Associates, he then asked for a motion to approve the appointment of John Belles as the new, permanent S.E.O. for Laflin Borough at his rate schedule.

Motion to Appoint: Drew Malvizzi

Second: Joseph Boos

Roll Call:

Joseph Boos Yes

Drew Malvizzi Yes

Marc Malvizzi Yes

Melissa Werner Yes

Carl Yastremski Yes

Motion passed.

D) 2024-2025 LSA Grant Project Ideas –

Mr. Marc Malvizzi recommended the Creekside Community Park pedestrian walk bridge as the first candidate for a new grant submission. Mr. Boyd recommended also submitting for funding to mill and repave Haverford Drive and Broadway Street. Mr. Drew Malvizzi will speak to Ron Ralston of State Rep. Jimmy Haddock's office for specifics on what might be more apt to be approved for future funding ideas. Some discussions continued.

Council Comments / For the Good of the Order:

Mr. Marc Malvizzi reminded everyone on the next council meeting set for July 9th.

Mrs. Melissa Werner thanked Mr. Marc Malvizzi for the Memorial Day program and indicated it was a wonderful event. Some discussions continued.

General Public Comments:

Joseph McCabe, 4 Pinewood – asked if there is a problem with the high curbs recently installed on Pinewood Drive since they are blowing-out in some sections. Mr. Boyd acknowledge the problem and indicated the contractor, Don E. Bower, Inc., will be returning to make repairs to the slumping curbs in a few locations.

He asked about the status of the municipal security camera policy that will allow residents to view the boroughwide camera system. Mr. Boyd responded to say that the draft policy will not allow for residents to view camera footage and, currently, only the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) can review the cameras after a resident notifies them of an incident. After further discussions, Mr. Marc Malvizzi asked Solicitor Sanguedolce to finalize the new camera policy.

Mr. McCabe wanted councilmembers to consider applying for grants for the drainage basin repairs around the walking track. Mr. Marc Malvizzi responded to say that the newest grant awarded the borough was already approved for that use. Further discussions continued.

Executive Session: No executive session held.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:31pm.

Motion: Melissa Werner

Second: Drew Malvizzi

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charles Boyd, Borough Manager
Laflin Borough

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