

Laflin Borough Council Mtg.
March 11, 2025
6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting
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 – Mayor William Kennedy

Absent: None

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: February 11, 2025 Meeting

Mr. Marc Malvizzi asked for a motion to approve the prior month 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: Joseph Boos

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.
\$58,885.39 plus payroll \$12,260.14.

Motion to Approve: Drew Malvizzi

Second: Melissa Werner

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 February 2025 the fire department responded to 16 alarms in which there were 4 medicals, 1 fire alarm, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 1 structure fire, 1 miscellaneous incident, 1 reported structure fire, 1 carbon monoxide issue, 2 gas leaks, and 1 car fire with a total of 28 alarms for the year ending February 28, 2025.

Manager's Report – Charles Boyd

Mr. Boyd reported on the borough building lighting upgrades to LED and the scheduled installation of the flooring in the main hallway, baths, closets, and foyer areas.

Tree trimming work will be started in town by Asplundh for ppl on the electric company power lines. Verizon was contacted regarding the trees laying on the cable wires at the Rt.315 turning lane. Verizon responded to say the trees would not be their responsibility and put it back on the property owners to remove the trees. Discussions continued on who has responsibility for the trees – whether it be the property owners, PennDOT or Verizon. Solicitor Sanguedolce has a contact at the Pennsylvania Utility Commission (PUC) and he will reach out to him to determine if something can be done about Verizon removing the trees.

Mayor's Report –

Mayor Kennedy thanked the road department for the hard work done this past winter for snow plowing and salting during inclement weather. He noted that he is receiving a lot of positive comments on the road department's performance.

Mr. Marc Malvizzi thanked Mike Dudeck, DPW and Councilmember Boos on monitoring the salt deliveries for accuracy. They found a delivery that was short of materials. After a quick investigation by the borough, the trucking company provided a full tri-axle load of salt as a replacement at no charge.

Library Association Report – Melissa Werner

The library will have an association meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 6:30pm where plans will be discussed for the upcoming Library Week starting April 6, 2025.

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

Motion to Accept Reports: Drew Malvizzi

Second: Joseph Boos

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

Public Comments Relating to the Agenda:

Joseph McCabe, Pinewood Drive – asked if the plow driver, that is shown on the agenda to be hired, will also be a fire department driver. Mr. Marc Malvizzi responded no. He will only be hired as a plow driver.

Mr. McCabe will like to see indicators (signs) for participants of the Community-wide Yard Sale this year. Last year, while he was cooking breakfast on his cooktop in his garage and not involved in the event, many people

approached him asking if he is participating in the yard sale. This was a problem and disturb him while he was in his garage. Some discussions on the subject continued with an audience member stating he should just put up a sign himself to let the shoppers know he isn't involved. Other ideas put forth were reestablishing the yard sale locations map, online registration list of participants, and checking with the local newspapers for free signs and banners. Mayor Kennedy will research ideas.

Unfinished Business:

A) Creekside Community Park Ballfield / Walking Track Pavilion Project –
Construction Project Completion Deadline Jerry Chilewski

Mr. Marc Malvizzi explained the situation on start delays with the current contractor awarded the pavilion installation project. Mr. Marc Malvizzi and Mr. Boyd discussed a deadline by phone with Mr. Chilewski and, basically, told him the project needs to be done by April 25th. Mr. Marc Malvizzi expressed low confidence from the call that it will get done in time for spring baseball practice. Mr. Boyd added similar feelings from all past calls with the contractor.

Mr. Marc Malvizzi expressed the need for the project to be started before the next council meeting or another contractor should be obtained. Discussions continued on the subject with Solicitor Sanguedolce indicating a letter should be sent to the contractor. Since no contract was signed by the contractor after being awarded the project, he will research the meeting approval and prepare a letter to be sent.

Discussion only. No vote was taken.

New Business:

A) Hire Part-time Plow Driver –
Gregory M. Serafin, Jr.

Mr. Marc Malvizzi noted that current plow driver John Vernagis, who did a lot of plowing for the town in the past, wasn't available as much this year. Another guy needs to be added to the list. The application for the applicant was sent to all councilmembers prior to the meeting for review.

Mr. Marc Malvizzi asked for a motion to approve the hiring of Gregory M. Serafin, Jr. as a part-time, as needed, plow driver for Laflin Borough.

Motion to Hire: Melissa Werner

Second: Drew Malvizzi

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) Hire 2025 Rec Board Summer Camp Counselors –
Brenna Hagy - Carly Costello - Michael Giamber

Mr. Marc Malvizzi noted that all elected officials should have received the applicants' applications and information. The positions are approximately 9 hours per week at \$16.00 per hour for the summer program. He then asked for a motion to hire and votes were taken on the three applicants separately.

Applicant: Brennan Hagy
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.

Applicant: Carly Costello
Motion to Hire: Drew Malvizzi
Second: Melissa
Roll Call:
Joseph Boos Yes
Drew Malvizzi Yes
Marc Malvizzi Yes
Melissa Werner Yes
Carl Yastremski Yes
Motion passed.

Applicant: Michael Giamber
Motion to Hire: Joseph Boos
Second: Drew Malvizzi
Roll Call:
Joseph Boos Yes
Drew Malvizzi Yes
Marc Malvizzi Yes
Melissa Werner Yes
Carl Yastremski Yes
Motion passed.

C) Memorial Day Ceremony / Community-wide Yard Sale / Summer Rec Camp –

A program will be prepared for the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony similar to last year's event with hot dogs and hamburgers. Mrs. Werner asked for any veteran names, that may not be on the current list, to be forwarded to her for addition. Mr. Marc Malvizzi is looking to increase the attendance back to the former large numbers from years past.

The Community-wide Yard Sale will be advertised for Saturday, June 21st. The event will be advertised in the Times Leader, Sunday Dispatch, and Citizen's Voice newspapers.

Discussion only. No vote was taken.

Council Comments / For the Good of the Order:

Nexted council meeting is scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month - April 8, 2025 at 6pm.

General Public Comments:

Michael Dudeck, DPW Employee – Volunteered to help out at the upcoming Memorial Day event and thanked councilmembers and other volunteer firefighters, in attendance, for their support during the recent passing of his mother.

Joseph McCabe, Pinewood Drive – spoke about a social media post by Carly Costello, Laflin Recreation Board, concerning a joint event being held by the Rec Board and St. Maria Goretti Church Youth Group. He believes it is a separation of church and state violation in the way it is posted and how it is organized.

Mayor Kennedy responded to say that the Laflin Recreation Board utilizes the church reception hall for their events at no charge. Both groups decided to work together for one event at the same time.

Mr. McCabe asked if any tax funds will be used for the party event. It is also being broadcast by the municipality. Mrs. Werner believes the Recreation Board posting is just inviting Laflin residents and church parishioners.

Solicitor Sanguedolce initially didn't see a problem with the joint event and advertising of the same, but will look into it further.

Executive Session: No Executive Session.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:17pm.

Motion: Drew Malvizzi

Second: Joseph Boos

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charles Boyd, Borough Manager
Laflin Borough

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