

**Laflin Borough Council Mtg.
January 13, 2026
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 – Carl Yastremski – Mayor William Kennedy –

Absent: Councilmember Melissa Werner and Anna Gubitose, Junior Council Person

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: December 9, 2025 and January 5, 2026 Reorganization 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: Joseph Boos

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. \$75,907.71 plus payroll \$20,227.04.

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 December of 2025 the Laflin Volunteer Fire Department responded to 22 alarms of which 5 were medicals, 4 fire alarms, 7 motor vehicle accidents, 2 structure fires, 2 calls reported as structure fires, 1 c/o alarm, and 1 gas leak for a total of 229 alarms responded to for all of 2025.

Manager's Report – Charles Boyd

Mr. Boyd reminded elected officials of the upcoming need to bid out the garbage and recycling collections contract this summer for a new contract that will be due in February 2027. The bid specifications will need to be reviewed and modified to include any changes approved by Council.

Mr. Boyd reminded elected officials to complete and return to him the required state ethics financial disclosure forms that were just handed-out. They are due to be filed at the Laflin Borough office by May 1st.

He noted for the record the recently awarded Local Share Account (LSA) state grant award for \$127,994 for a new plow truck.

Mayor's Report – Mayor William Kennedy

Mayor Kennedy congratulated the Laflin Volunteer Fire Department members and Laflin Recreation Board members for another fantastic Christmas party. He also said many have reported to him on the great work the road crews have done during the winter storms.

Library Association Report – No Report Present (absent)

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

Motion to Accept Reports: Joseph Boos

Second: Drew Malvizzi

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

Public Comments Related to the Agenda

No public comments.

Unfinished Business

A) LSA Statewide Grant C000095324 Ford F550 Plow Truck Purchase –

After explaining the grant award for a new plow truck and the need to still determine a few specification requirements, Mr. Marc Malvizzi asked for a motion to approve the purchase of a Ford F550 plow truck up to the \$127,994 grant award amount.

Motion to Approve the Plow Truck Purchase: 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>Absent</u>
Carl Yastremski	<u>Yes</u>

Motion passed.

B) Property Purchase Offer from Jesse Miers for Union Street Vacant Lot Property –

Mr. Marc Malvizzi explained the location of the vacant lot up for sale to the Borough as being behind 2 Chestnutwood Drive and fronting on Union Street next to the Creekside Park ballfields. The property was recently purchased at the Luzerne Co. Upset Tax Sale for approximately \$2,468 by Jesse Miers. Mr. Marc Malvizzi surmised that the property was probably bought at tax sale as sight unseen and the new owner then realized that it might be unbuildable. The Borough owns other parcels that border the land and this could be purchased to protect the land in town and to ensure it stays a certain way (wooded).

Mr. Marc Malvizzi suggested a counteroffer to the proposed \$6,000 made by Jesse Miers to Laflin Borough. His initial thought was to counteroffer at \$4,500 with up to \$500 in closing costs to be paid by Laflin Borough. He then opened up the discussion to other elected officials to provide comments. Some discussions continued.

Mr. Marc Malvizzi asked for a motion for a counteroffer of \$4,500 with the Borough covering up to \$500 in closing costs.

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>Absent</u>
Carl Yastremski	<u>Yes</u>

Motion passed.

New Business

A) Dogwood Drive Hill Stormwater Sinkhole Repairs –

WVSA Stormwater Savings Account

1. 90' ADS 15" Pipe from Basin to Embankment up to \$18,000
2. Basin to Basin 15" ADS Pipe with Road Cut & Pave \$4,400

Mr. Marc Malvizzi explained the location and condition of the recently opened large sinkhole at the bottom of Dogwood Drive in the dirt area. A rioted stormwater pipe caused the problem and was inspected by the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority (WVSA) who determined the old galvanized stormwater pipe was rioted and in need of replacement.

He explained that the Borough has a fund held by the WVSA from rain tax fees (stormwater fees paid by residents to the WVSA) that could be used to make repairs. After reviewing the details of the proposal from the WVSA, he asked for a motion to approve the repairs as proposed with payment from the WVSA Municipal Savings Account at \$22,400.

Motion to Approve: Joseph Boos

Second: Drew Malvizzi

Roll Call:

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

Motion passed.

B) Peachwood Drive Stormwater Catch Basin Inlet Design –

Approve Engineering Design and Cost Estimate /// Right-of-Way Easement

Mr. Marc Malvizzi explained the issues still present at the bottom of Haverford Drive that he believes are the townhouses' responsibility due to their stormwater system failing. The Borough tried helping them throughout the summer which helped mitigate the problem. There is an area that ponds with the stormwater pipe being blocked and rioted out next to Peachwood Drive. Laflin Borough has an extra concrete stormwater inlet basin leftover from the recent Lower Laflin Stormwater project that could be used in this wooded pond area. The thought was to install and connect this newly installed inlet about 10' from the existing roadway basin. It would be utilized as an overflow basin, inside the pond area, to keep the water buildup at a lower level. Much discussion continued.

Mr. Marc Malvizzi asked for a motion to approve having the Borough Engineer determine feasibility, right-of-way locations, and provide an initial cost estimate.

Motion to Approve: Drew Malvizzi

Second: Joseph Boos

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

C) Laflin Borough Commercial Liability Insurance Package Renewal for 2026 –

with Workers' Compensation and Cyber Liability Coverage

Assured Partners of Northeast PA	\$37,681
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Knowles Insurance	\$35,854
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Mr. Marc Malvizzi noted the insurances will need to be renewed by February 13, 2026. This year Laflin Borough received two proposals for the commercial liability package with workers' compensation and cyber liability coverages. Mr. Malvizzi noted that representatives from both insurance brokers were in attendance and were present to answer any questions elected officials had regarding the proposal presented.

Mr. Malvizzi asked Solicitor Sanguedolce as to the best way to address and/or discuss the questions councilmembers had regarding the differences found in the proposals. Solicitor Sanguedolce responded by indicating Council could enter into executive session and review the policies, which could take a few hours, or typically what is done would be to form a committee to review the proposals and obtain answers to any questions. A recommendation then could be presented at the next scheduled council meeting in February. Further discussions continued.

After noting the proposals as very complete and close in price but having some differences in deductibles and other areas along with many questions pending from a few councilmembers, Mr. Marc Malvizzi asked for a motion to table the agenda item until next month.

Motion to Table: Drew Malvizzi

Second: Joseph Boos

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

Solicitor Sanguedolce advised Mr. Malvizzi that a motion and vote will be needed to first add to the agenda to form an insurance recommendation committee to review the proposals and obtain answers to any questions. Separately, a motion will be needed to approve the committee and add individuals to the committee.

Mr. Marc Malvizzi asked for a motion to add to the agenda the need to form an insurance committee to make recommendation on the insurance proposals.

Motion to Add to the Agenda: Drew Malvizzi

Second: Joseph Boos

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

Mr. Marc Malvizzi asked for a motion to form the insurance review committee comprised of Mr. Boyd, Solicitor Sangudolce, Councilmember Joseph Boos and Councilmember Carl Yastremski to make recommendations on the proposals presented.

Motion to Approve Committee: Drew Malvizzi

Second: Joseph Boos

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

Members of the committee can take questions from other elected officials to obtain answers to their questions along with comparing the proposals for equivalent provisions. The committee would get it all together and form a recommendation to Council at the February 13, 2026 meeting.

Council Comments / For the Good of the Order

Next scheduled council meeting is set for February 10, 2026 at 6pm.

No further council comments presented.

General Public Comments

No public comments.

Executive Session: No Executive Session.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:22pm.

Motion: Drew Malvizzi

Second: Joseph Boos

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charles Boyd, Borough Manager
Laflin Borough

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