

Laflin Borough Council Mtg.
January 10, 2023
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 –

Absent: Mayor Kennedy

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

Special Presentations: None

Minutes: Minutes for December 13, 2022 not ready to present. No vote was taken.

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.

\$ 108,645.63 plus payroll \$ 7,852.61

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich

Second: Anthony D’Eliseo

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.

Pennsylvania State Police no longer provide a written reports to the municipalities.

Manager's Report –

Mr. Boyd reminded elected officials about completing and returning the state ethic financial forms to him as soon as possible. They are due by May 1, 2023. Everyone was given hardcopies in their mail slots.

Mr. Boyd noted the upcoming primary elections for May and reminded elected officials running for office to pick-up nominating packets at Voter's Services in Wilkes-Barre.

The PennDOT Green Light-Go traffic signal grant was discussed and mentioned that it will be further discussed and voted on later in the meeting.

Mayor's Report – No Report (Absent)

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to approve the reports.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich

Second: Anthony D'Eliseo

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

A) Internet Service Provider for Rt.315 & Laflin Road Security Cameras –

Revised from December 2022

Mr. Boyd confirmed that Astound by RCN will provide service in place of Verizon Wireless as previously discussed at the prior council meeting. No vote taken.

B) Pennsylvania Commonwealth and Municipal Traffic Signal Agreement –

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to approve the PennDOT state agreement that basically clarifies that Laflin Borough is responsible for the traffic signal at Rt.315 and Laflin Road.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich

Second: Anthony D'Eliseo

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

C) PennDOT Green Light-Go Traffic Signal Grant Program Resolution –

Resolution #2 of 2023

20% Municipal Fund Match

After noting the resolution was for approving a grant submission for traffic signal funding for Rt.315 & Laflin Road, Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to approve the resolutions.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich

Second: Anthony D'Eliseo

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

D) Motion to Approve Agreement between Previous Council and Daniel Evancho –

Mr. Yastremski indicated that this agenda item will be discussion at the end of the council meeting after a brief executive session. He continued with New Business.

New Business:

A) Laflin Borough Salary Resolution –
Resolution #1 of 2023

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to approve.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich
Second: Anthony D'Eliseo

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>Yes</u>

Motion passed.

B) Hire Part-time Plow Driver –
John Vernagis \$25.00/hr.

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to hire John Vernagis at \$25.00 per hour as needed.

Motion to Hire: Paul Benderavich
Second: Anthony D'Eliseo

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>Yes</u>

Motion passed.

C) Commercial Weed Spraying for Vegetation Control –
DeAngelo Contracting Services \$3,800 for 2023

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to approve DeAngelo Contracting Services for weed control spraying.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich
Second: Anthony D'Eliseo

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

D) Laflin Borough Commercial Liability Insurance Package Renewal for 2023
with Workers' Compensation and Cyber Liability Insurance
Assured Partners of Northeastern PA \$28,292 Renewal

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to approve Assured Partners of Northeastern, PA for the 2023 insurance package renewals at \$28,292.00 per their proposal.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich

Second: Anthony D'Eliseo

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>Yes</u>

Motion passed.

Other Non-Agenda Items:

E) Motion to Add to Agenda - Security Camera at Walking Track Footbridge –

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to approve adding to the agenda a vote or discussion on an additional security camera for the park walking bridge.

Solicitor Leonard Sanguedolce, Esq. interjected to note that the proposal was received less than 24 hours prior to the council meeting.

Motion to Add: Paul Benderavich

Second: Marc Malvizzi

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

F) Motion to Approve Additional Security Camera at Walking Track Footbridge in Lower Park –

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to approve adding an additional camera at the walking track pedestrian footbridge per the CVI proposal of \$1,651.05.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich

Second: Marc Malvizzi

Roll Call:

Kyle Costello	<u>Yes</u>
Paul Benderavich	<u>Yes</u>
Anthony D'Eliseo	<u>Abstained</u> Due to Employment with CVI
Marc Malvizzi	<u>Yes</u>
Carl Yastremski	<u>Yes</u>

Motion passed.

Public Comments:

Melissa Werner, 28 Fairfield Drive – As president of the Laflin Library Association, she thanked Laflin Borough Council for providing the prior year's library budget surplus balance to the library and for giving Nancy Coassolo a rate increase.

Some discussions took place regarding the flooring condition, and potentially changing the flooring, in the Laflin Library.

Executive Session:

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to leave the regular meeting and enter executive session to discuss the former Laflin Borough Council's agreement with former police officer Daniel Evancho, Jr.

Motion for Executive Session: Paul Benderavich at 6:12pm
Second: Anthony D'Eliseo
Ayes were unanimous.

Motion to reconvene regular meeting by: Paul Benderavich at 6:31pm
Second by: Anthony D'Eliseo
Ayes were unanimous.

Atty. Leonard Sanguedolce noted for the record that the information discussed in the executive session involved the validity of an agreement between a previous Laflin Borough Council and Daniel Evancho, Jr.

Mr. Yastremski asked for a motion to approve the previous agreement, made by a prior council board with former police officer Daniel Evancho, Jr., pertaining to monthly pension payments.

Motion to Approve: Paul Benderavich

Second: Anthony D'Eliseo

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>Yes</u>

Motion passed.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:32pm.

Motion: Anthony D'Eliseo Second: Paul Benderavich
The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charles Boyd, Borough Manager
Laflin Borough

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