

Laflin Borough Council Mtg.
June 9, 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 – Melissa Werner –
Carl Yastremski – Mayor William Kennedy – Junior Councilmember Anna Marie Gubitose

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: April 14, 2026 and May 12, 2026 Council Meetings

Mr. Marc Malvizzi asked for a motion to table the incomplete minutes for April 14, 2026 and, separately, approve the May 12, 2026 completed minutes.

Motion to Table April 14, 2026: Drew Malvizzi

Second: Joseph Boos

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

Motion to Approve May 12, 2026: Joseph Boos

Second: Drew Malvizzi

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

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

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.
\$161,971.48 plus payroll \$23,495.53

Motion to Approve: Drew Malvizzi

Second: Melissa Werner

Roll Call:

Mr. Carl Yastremski abstained on the Verizon invoice due to his employment status.

Ayes carried and motion passed.

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

Reports

Fire Department Report – Drew Malvizzi

For the month of May 2026 the fire department responded to 16 calls of which 4 were medicals, 3 fire alarms, 1 motor vehicle accident, 2 structure fires, 1 reported structure fire, 2 gas leaks, 1 vehicle fire, and 2 trees down for a total of 118 calls for the year to date.

Manager's Report – Charles Boyd

Mr. Boyd spoke on the recent Memorial Day Ceremony event and the upcoming Saturday, June 13th Community-wide Yard Sale for Laflin Borough that will be advertised in the Citizens' Voice and Times Leader.

Some discussions took place on the recently completed traffic signal upgrades at the intersection of Laflin Road and Rt. 315. One part was defective that activates the lefthand turn up the hill onto Rt.315. It is on order to be replaced.

Discussions took place on the recent court rulings effecting the stormwater fees and how this effects the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority (WVSA). The WVSA advised Mr. Boyd that the court ruling will not affect them as an authority, since a state bill was passed in 2022 allowing fees to be charged by authorities. The recent finding was against a non-authority type municipality.

Mayor's Report – Mayor William Kennedy

Mayor Kennedy thanked everyone that worked on the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Library Association Report – Melissa Werner

The Laflin Library annual newsletter was recently mailed to all residents. Mrs. Werner reviewed the newsletter noting it indicated information on the annual fund drive and donors, along with upcoming library activities.

The library will be hosting Dr. Larry Cook as part of the American 250 celebration who will be talking on the presidents during the Revolutionary War. This will be Thursday, June 18th at 6:30pm at the municipal building.

The Laflin Library will be changing to summer hours on June 23rd.

The summer reading club will be starting on June 23rd for both children and adults. The theme will be "Unearth the Stories" and is all about dinosaurs. There will be a beautiful gift basket for the kids to win and a lot of different prizes for the adults. Everyone that checks out a book will be registered to win one of the many prizes.

Mrs. Werner announced that the fund drive is going very well since letters were only mailed two weeks prior and almost \$2,000 has been raised. She noted that the Laflin Borough community is very supportive of the library.

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 Related to the Agenda

Joseph McCabe, Pinewood Drive – inquired on the number of security cameras covered by the state grant award that will be voted on later in the meeting. Mr. Marc Malvizzi responded to say that in addition to purchasing security cameras there will be upgrades to the existing system. Discussions continued on the various upgrades.

Mr. McCabe suggested undercoating for the new DPW plow truck recently awarded from a state grant.

Mr. McCabe suggested a pickleball court as a future grant idea. He noted that there are many grant options from the state for recreational projects.

Some discussions took place on the location of the property being purchased through the county repository by an out of county resident.

Unfinished Business

A) Accept 2025-'26 LSA Luzerne Grant Awards / Start Costars Bidding –

Prepare Specifications and Bid Projects

- Townwide Security Camera Upgrades Grant at \$145,580
- DPW Plow Truck #2 Grant at \$120,000

Mr. Marc Malvizzi indicated Coccia Ford, Inc. was contacted to start preparing a Costar's proposal with identical specifications to the truck already on order. Mr. Marc Malvizzi believes bidding the security camera awarded grant is the proper way to proceed. This will also allow for more and better ideas on possible options for different camera types. Some discussions followed.

Mr. Marc Malvizzi asked for a motion to approve and accept the grant awards, begin preparing specifications, and put them out to bid.

Motion to Approve: 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) Amend Approval on Roadway Crack Sealing Work Up to \$20,000 –

BenJenn (M. Mayo Striping) \$0.67 Lin. Ft. with Black Beauty (coal slag aggregate adhesive)

BME Sealcoating \$0.75 Lin. Ft.

CB Asphalt Solutions \$1.00 Lin. Ft. with Black Beauty

Mr. Marc Malvizzi discussed the additional bid proposals received after the May council meeting where \$13,250 was approved for roadway crack sealing work. The awarded company from the May 12, 2026 meeting was still the lowest bidder.

Mr. Marc Malvizzi asked for an amended approval to add the additional street to the approved project, up to the budgeted amount of \$20,000, using the low bidder BenJenn (a.k.a. M. Mayo Striping) which is the same contractor approved last month.

Motion to Approve: Drew Malvizzi

Second: Joseph Boos

Roll Call:

Joseph Boos Yes

Drew Malvizzi Yes

Marc Malvizzi Yes

Melissa Werner Yes

Carl Yastremski Yes

Motion passed.

Mr. Boyd noted that BenJenn also agreed to complete the municipal building parking lot and fire side apron and parking area at no additional cost. They reduced the cost of the Black Beauty cost from the previous proposal.

New Business

- A) Approve Laflin Recreation Board New Member –
Maria McElhenny

Mr. Marc Malvizzi asked for a motion to approve, as a new member of the Laflin Recreation Board, the resident Maria McElhenny.

Motion to Approve: Melissa Werner

Second: Drew Malvizzi

Roll Call:

Ayes were unanimous and motion passed.

- B) Hire Part-time Summer Camp Counselors –
Lauren Ivey
Nina Agostini

Mr. Marc Malvizzi asked for a motion to approve the hiring of Lauren Ivey and Nina Agostini as part-time summer camp counselors. They will join Brennen Hagy and Caitlyn Maslar who are returning from last year. Due to the vacation schedule of one counselor, four counselors will be utilized for this year's camp.

Motion to Hire Additional Camp Counselors: Melissa Werner
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.

C) New LSA Grant Project Ideas for 2027 Grant Year –

Some ideas discussed for grant submissions on the next round of the Local Share Account (LSA) grants: electronic digital front display sign at the municipal building at approximately \$40,000; vehicle extrication equipment and accessories for the fire department (Jaws of Life); and Haverford Drive stormwater and paving improvement work.

No Council vote was taken. Discussions only.

D) Luzerne Co. Tax Claim Bureau Repository Sale Bid Offer –

Andrew Hertzler Bid Offer \$500 for 36-F11-00A-07F-000 (Bernie Bartoli Old Property)
Property in Repository since 2019

After noting that some discussions took place during Public Comments Related to the Agenda, Mr. Marc Malvizzi indicated that Laflin Borough would not object to the purchase by Andrew Hertzler to buy the property from Luzerne County. No councilmember voiced a concern with the land transfer.

No Council vote was taken. Discussions only.

Council Comments / For the Good of the Order

The next scheduled Laflin Borough Council meeting will be Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 6pm (second Tuesday in July).

General Public Comments

Joseph McCabe, Pinewood Drive – Spoke on the different Pennsylvania Multimodal Transportation Fund grant programs as possible future funding sources. It was noted by Mr. Boyd that a minimum 30% matching local government funds would be required on these types of grants. Mr. Marc Malvizzi asked Mr. Boyd to provide more details.

Some discussions continued.

Executive Session: No Executive Session.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:37pm.

Motion: Drew Malvizzi

Second: Melissa Werner

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C. Boyd', is written over the printed name.

Charles Boyd, Borough Manager
Laflin Borough

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