Laflin Borough Council Mtg.
October 20, 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 – Mayor William Kennedy – Junior Councilmember Anna Marie Gubitose
Absent: Carl Yastremski
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: September 15, 2026 Council Meeting

Mr. Marc Malvizzi asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the prior month.

Motion to Approve: Drew Malvizzi
Second: Melissa Werner
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: Drew Malvizzi
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. $252,219.50 plus payroll $20,985.55

Motion to Approve: Melissa Werner
Second: Joseph Boos
Roll Call:
Ayes carried and motion passed.

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

Reports

Fire Department Report – Drew Malvizzi

The fire department responded to 18 alarms in September 2026, bringing the year-to-date total to 208 calls. The monthly breakdown consisted of 8 motor vehicle accidents, 5 medical calls, 2 fire alarms, 1 structure fire, 1 reported structure fire, and 1 gas leak.

Manager's Report – Charles Boyd

Mr. Boyd reported on a very large increase from the Pennsylvania American Water Company (PAWC) for the town's fire hydrants monthly fee cost. The yearly increase is approximately $5,000 annually. It was already added to the 2027 Laflin Borough Operating Budget draft proposal on tonight's agenda.

It was reported that Norfolk Southern Railroad will be closing East Saylor Ave. at the Casey-Kassa Coal Co. railroad crossing on October 26th for 3 to 4 days due to a safety issue with the tracks. Mr. Boyd will be attending an emergency meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 11:45am for more details from the Public Utility Commission (PUC). The potential date is October 25th for 3 or 4 days.

The pole barn stormwater trench work restoration was completed by the awarded contractor, GP Sewer & Water, with both Casey-Kassa Coal Co. and Laflin Borough satisfied with the work accomplished. The work performed was greater than expected. Safety fencing might need to be installed along with shrubbery for erosion controls.

Mayor's Report – William Kennedy

Mayor Kennedy noted the upcoming Halloween party sponsored by the Laflin Rec Board on Sunday, October 25, 2026 starting at 2pm. Some discussions took place with it being noted that the Wyoming Area Catholic (WAC) school, currently operating out of the Saint Maria Goretti Church education center, will have a private Halloween event the day before with food trucks.

Library Association Report – Melissa Werner

Ms. Werner announce that the Laflin Library will be attending the Trunk or Treat Halloween Party on Sunday with the Laflin Rec Board. The next scheduled meeting for the Laflin Library Association will be on November 17, 2026. A book club meeting will be held on November 10, 2026 at 1:00pm at J & L Coffeehouse with the featured book being *Yesteryear* by Caro Claire Burke. A gingerbread house decorating party will be on December 4, 2026 at 4:00pm at the church and, working on a partnership with the WAC school, they will be at the church before the event to work with the school kids for a special after school program.

The library will be closed on October 22nd and November 3rd and 4th.

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

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 – asked if the parameters of the refuse collection contract, indicated on the agenda, will be revealed and discussed before a vote is taken. Mr. Marc Malvizzi responded noting that the bid specifications will be identical to the 2021 garbage contract specifications including six garbage bags, bulk item pickup and high liability insurance requirements. Some discussions continued.

He asked why the proposed draft operating budget for 2027 was not posted to the Laflin Borough website. Mr. Boyd responded to say that the 3rd reading of the proposed budget will be posted to the website in December, for the public to review, to avoid confusion on the different versions. Mr. Boyd noted that the current 1st draft is a predecisional document and, to avoid confusion, not posted to the website. A hardcopy (printed) of the proposed 3rd draft budget is available to the public now. Mr. McCabe took exception to that practice and said it was not transparent to the public by not posting to the website. Some arguing over the procedures ensued.

Unfinished Business None

New Business

A) Laflin Borough Refuse Collections Specifications and Bidding –

Mr. Marc Malvizzi explained that the current refuse collection specifications will be used for the new bid specifications for the 2027 garbage contract. The same parameters with six bags and the same recycling will be included so we know apples for apples. He doesn't know what will happen with the bidding but, as everyone knows, the garbage costs have gone up by ten thousand dollars each of the past two years but fees haven't been raised with the cost difference coming out of the general fund. For the 2027 proposed operating budget, the general fund to refuse fund allocation to cover the anticipated cost increase, will be raised from $10,000 to $40,000 annually. Once the actual bids are received in November, the proposed budget could be updated again to better reflect the actual cost increase. Much discussion continued.

Mr. Marc Malvizzi asked if anyone had any additional questions or concerns about the specifications and then asked for a motion to approve putting out the bid request for a four-year contract with two optional extension years.

Motion to Approve: Melissa Werner
Second: Joseph Boos
Roll Call:

Joseph Boos	Yes
Drew Malvizzi	Yes
Marc Malvizzi	Yes
Melissa Werner	Yes
Carl Yastremski	Absent

Motion passed.

B) Authorize 2016 Ford F550 Plow Truck for Sale on Municibid –
Resolution #6 of 2026

Mr. Marc Malvizzi noted that the new replacement 2026 plow truck was delivered to Laflin Borough. This new Ford F550 plow truck is one of two new trucks with the other F550 due for delivery in 2027 with funding provided by Local Share Account (LSA) state grants.

The 2016 F550 will be advertised on Municibid (online auction website) after being publicly advertised in a local newspaper along with other governmental bidding requirements. Mr. Marc Malvizzi believes the estimated value to be at approximately $35,000 with other similar plow truck going for much higher. Some discussions continued.

Mr. Marc Malvizzi asked for a motion to authorize the sale of the 2016 Ford F550 Plow Truck with plow on Municibid by approving Resolution #6 of 2026.

Motion to Approve: Drew Malvizzi
Second: Melissa Werner
Roll Call:

Joseph Boos	Yes
Drew Malvizzi	Yes
Marc Malvizzi	Yes
Melissa Werner	Yes
Carl Yastremski	Absent

Motion passed.

C) 1st Reading of the 2027 Proposed Laflin Borough Operating Budget –

Mr. Marc Malvizzi reviewed the proposed first draft of the Laflin Borough 2027 Operating Budget and noted revenues exceeded budget projections with earned income tax coming in higher than expected. He reviewed the Comcast and Astound cable franchise fees and state grant projects along with the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority (WVSA) saving account funding.

The general fund budget is balanced at $1,675,938 for 2027. The major general fund expenditures were reviewed along with the sewer fund, refuse fund, and state liquid fuels fund budgets.

Mr. Marc Malvizzi asked for a motion to approve the first reading of the proposed operating budget.

Motion to Approve: Drew Malvizzi
Second: Melissa Werner
Roll Call:

Joseph Boos	Yes
Drew Malvizzi	Yes
Marc Malvizzi	Yes
Melissa Werner	Yes
Carl Yastremski	Absent

Motion passed.

Council Comments / For the Good of the Order

Mr. Marc Malvizzi announced the next scheduled council meeting is set for the Tuesday, November 10, 2026 starting at 6pm.

General Public Comments

Joseph McCabe, Pinewood Drive – noted that the Oakwood Park Sewer Project only has five years remaining on the loan repayment. He asked if there is another project slated for Laflin Borough. Mr. Marc Malvizzi said it was talked about some but not in much detail noting that some streets might be next in line for a work project. Mr. McCabe would like to see a project to allow for the elimination of the remaining on-lot septic tanks that many of the homes still have in use. He would like to see the sewer main lines in the roads increased in size to allow for the direct connection of homes and elimination of the on-lot septic tanks still remaining on many residences. He indicated that currently PA DEP will not allow additional homes to be direct connected due to the smaller sized sewer pipes in the roadway. An ongoing dialogue ensued.

Executive Session: No Executive Session.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn at 6:28pm.
Motion: Drew Malvizzi
Second: Joseph Boos
The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charles Boyd, Borough Manager
Laflin Borough

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