

The special meeting of Lansford Borough Council for general purposes was held 6:00 p.m. Monday, September 26, 2016 at the borough hall, 1 W. Ridge Street. President Martin Ditsky called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by secretary treasurer Jill Seigendall. Attending were council president Martin Ditsky, vice president Rose Mary Cannon, vice president pro temp Colin Jones, councilmen Matthew Walsh, Joseph Butrie, Jared Soto, and John Turcmanovich. Mayor James Romankow and solicitor Michael Greek were absent. Resident Donald Gildea and Times News reporter Chris Reber were in the audience.

PUBLIC COURTESY

Councilman Butrie asked Chris Reber not to publish his wife's name in the paper when she is not attending the meeting, as Reber had published her name in an article after the Sept 14th meeting. Chris Reber acknowledged the request.

Councilman Colin Jones asked for the status of the dilapidated "Palace" building, 101 W. Bertsch Street. The building is missing windows and it is a public hazard. Rose Mary Cannon spoke to zoning/ code officer Steve Meylach, palace owner Joe Bennett and demolition foreman Frank Martin in the borough office and was told that the palace building was condemned and once the demolition of St. Ann's building is complete, the demolition company plans to demolish the Palace building next.

NEW BUSINESS

- Martin Ditsky read **Resolution 2016-12**; approving Lansford Alive's LSA grant application for improvements (street lights, poles & electric panel) to the downtown business district (unit block of W. Ridge Street) totaling \$179,025.00. **A motion was made by Rose Mary Cannon to adopt Resolution 2016-12, second by Matthew Walsh, all were in agreement except Joe Butrie, motion passed.**
- **Rose Mary Cannon made a motion to do away with the complete reading of each Resolution, that Ditsky just give pertinent information for each resolution being considered, second by Matthew Walsh; all were in agreement, motion passed.**
- Martin Ditsky summarized **Resolution 2016-11**, approving the borough's LSA grant application for construction of a new borough garage in the amount of \$309,260.00. **Motion was made by Colin Jones to adopt resolution 2016-11, second by Matthew Walsh, all were in agreement, motion passed.**
- Martin Ditsky summarized **Resolution 2016-10**, approving the Friends of Recreation LSA grant application for reconstruction and renovations of the community pool at the Ashton Hill playground totaling \$950,000.00. **Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-10 was made by Jared Soto, second by Rose Mary Cannon, all were in agreement except Joe Butrie, motion passed.**
- Martin Ditsky summarized **Resolution 2016-13**, naming the borough secretary/treasurer as the borough's confidential contact for Berkheimer tax information. **John Turcmanovich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-13, second by Rose Mary Cannon, all were in agreement, motion passed.**
- Ditsky read the letter of resignation from Samantha Yasson, 40 Coal St., resigning from the Civil Service Commission. Her seat expires 12/31/2018. **Rose Mary Cannon made a motion to accept the resignation and send Samantha a letter thanking her for her service. Motion second by John Turcmanovich, all were in favor, motion passed. Additionally, Cannon made a motion to advertise to fill the vacancy, second by Colin Jones, all were in favor, motion passed.**

Ditsky announced that the public safety meeting scheduled for this evening at 7:00 p.m. has been cancelled. At 6:15 p.m. council retired to executive session to discuss personnel issues. Council returned to public session at 6:25 p.m. Matthew Walsh Thanked Lansford Alive for organizing the September 24th Fall Festival event.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:30 p.m. by John Turcmanovich, second by Rose Mary Cannon, all were in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Seigendall
Secretary/Treasurer