

**Larksville Borough
Council Meeting
December 2, 2025**

Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Lehman with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Roll Call: Vice President Austra, Ms. Davis, Mr. Hooper, President Lehman, Solicitor Malak, and Ms. Valatka. Absent were Mr. Hudak, Ms. Miller, Ms. Stochla, and Mayor Zawadski.

Motion to approve the minutes from previous meetings on November 6th, 18th, and 25th by Vice President Austra, seconded by Mr. Hooper. Ayes have it. Motion passes.

Correspondence

Email from Benesch regarding Hill Lane Project. An extension was granted until 12-30-25 due to casting the end walls in place. There will be a pre con meeting weather dependent on Dec 4, 5, or 8. Equipment will start to be moved in around the same time.

Officer Report

Mayor-none

Solicitor-no formal report

Fire-none

EMA-none

Ambulance-44 calls mtd, 607 ytd.

Recreation-Ms. Davis stated Santa is coming to see the kids Friday and the tree lighting in Saturday.

Road-none

Engineer-none

Code-Mr. Thomas reported 14 inspections, 2 court hearings, and a few letters went out.

Public Comments

Mr. Feeley-E. State St. lived here for 45 years. The garbage fees are killing us. I live on Social Security. President Lehman stated we have a 5-year contract. No one bid for our business. The price went up \$50 per household and the price from the hauler went up about \$70,000 for the year. Larksville trash is one of the cheapest in the valley. Nanticoke is \$5 per bag. Plymouth is \$4 a bag. Edwardsville is \$675 yearly. There was discussion about getting away from recycling also to get rid of the bulk item. All this trash usually is thrown on the sides of our roads. You must buy a trash sticker by ordinance. We have approximately 180 vacant properties. If we pick up our own garbage the price would be higher. Trash would need to be picked up every day of the week, and we must buy 3 trucks and personnel to man the trucks.

Mr. Feeley stated fireworks are shot off on a regular basis. President Lehman advised him to call State Representative Alec Ryncavage and ask why they voted to legalize fireworks. We will have our Solicitor check into what we can do.

Mr. Fenner-Lisa Dr.stated the plow guys always plow 4 feet from the curb. All the neighbors are complaining. I go out with the snow blower, they come by and everything is covered again. President Lehman stated he will look into it.

Mr. Nichol-Barney St.-asking what the price for trash stickers will be. \$425 regular and \$400 for seniors. President Lehman said trash falls under the Health and Safety Act and we must pick it up. Mr. Nichol asked if Larksville is getting out of the garbage business? President Lehman said no. Mr. Nichol said Mascaro is getting paid to do the work. President Lehman said Mascaro will not police how many bags are picked up. Mr. Nichol said there should be a way to fix this. President Lehman asked Mr. Nichol why when he and his daughter were on Council this was not fixed. Mr. Nichol said it was due to the bond issue. President Lehman said it is the same now. Mr. Nichol said why doesn't Mascaro have a rep here to collect the money. This would be an additional fee. President Lehman stated we have residents that are putting out additional bag, Mascaro picks up 3 bags, then the resident calls back and states their trash was not picked up. Mascaro has to drive back to pick up the additional bags which is costly. It is very frustrating. President Lehman stated if some of the 180 vacant properties are rented, it will help decrease the trash fee. Mr. Nichol said he hopes taking credit card payments will help.

Executive Session was not needed.

Old Business-none

New Business

Motion to adopt Resolution 12 to increase the yearly trash fees to \$425 and \$400 for seniors by Mr. Hooper, seconded by Ms. Davis.

Roll Call: Vice President Austra yes, Ms. Davis yes, Mr. Hooper yes, President Lehman yes. Motion passes.

Motion to adopt Resolution 13 to increase rental registration fees to \$200 and inspection fees to \$250 by Vice President Austra, seconded by Mr. Hooper.

Roll Call: Vice President Austra yes, Ms. Davis yes, Mr. Hooper yes, President Lehman yes. Motion passes.

Motion to advertise the reorganization meeting to be held January 2, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. by Ms. Davis, seconded by Vice President Austra. Ayes have it. Motion passes.

Motion to authorize payment of bills and payroll as funds become available by Mr. Hooper, seconded by Ms. Davis. Ayes have it. Motion passes.

Announcements:

The next meeting for Larksville Borough Council will be held on January 6, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Further Business- Budget meeting will be held December 9th, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. to pass the budget.

Adjournment at 6:45 p.m. by Ms. Davis, seconded by Vice President Austra. Ayes have it.