

**Larksville Borough
Council Meeting
January 6, 2026**

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, Mr. Chase, Ms. Davis, Mr. Hooper, Ms. Stochla, President Lehman, Mayor Zawadski Solicitor Malak, and Ms. Valatka. Absent was Mr. Hudak.

President Lehman stated Larksville Borough Council and all department heads wanted to recognize Ms. Valatka for doing an outstanding job. She goes above and beyond. She hears all the complaints about ashes, trash, taxes, snow plowing, etc. and does it with a smile on her face. I want to present her with a plaque. Ms. Valatka thanked everyone for the plaque.

Motion to approve the minutes from previous meetings on December 2, 16, 22 2025 and January 2, 5, 2026 by Mr. Hooper, seconded by Ms. Davis. Ayes have it. Motion passes.

Correspondence

Mr. Chase submitted a letter of resignation from the Planning Commission Board to Council. President Lehman stated any Larksville resident who would like to be on this Commission, reach out to Ms. Valatka.

Officer Report

Police Commission-none

Solicitor Malak stated he was working on drafting and editing resolutions for the landlord fees, tax rate health inspections, and building fees. He also researched an ordinance for amendment. There were also several emails to the Borough Manager on several issues. There was work done on back tax figures for St. Anthony's Church. Motion to approve report by Ms. Stochla, seconded by Mr. Chase. Ayes have it.

Fire-Ms. Davis reported a total of 36 responses for the month. Motion to approve report by Ms. Stochla, seconded by Mr. Chase. Ayes have it.

EMA-none

Ambulance-Ms. Stochla stated 49 calls mtd, 667 calls for 2025. Motion to approve report by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hooper. Ayes have it.

Recreation-none

Road-Ms. Davis advised several streets were missed with the last snowstorm and it is being addressed.

Engineer-President Lehman stated Hill Lane Dirt and Gravel project will be completed on Monday.

Code-Mr. Thomas reported in 2025 118 rental inspections, 113 building permits, 23 zoning permits, and 45 building inspections were completed.

Motion to accept all formal reports by Ms. Stochla, seconded by Ms. Davis. Ayes have it. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Mr. Hollen Jr. asked about an ordinance concerning clearing sidewalks within 24 hours of a snowstorm. Mr. Thomas believes there is. Mr. Hollen would like someone to look at Nesbitt and 2nd St. after bad weather to make sure all sidewalks are clean.

Mr. Leshinski Waller St. asked why only one side of the street is plowed. President Lehman said he will check into it. Mr. Cunningham stated he would tell his crew.

Mr. Josephs stated there has been new cable ran three times by Comcast and Breezeline, and someone is doing it now. Comcast had everything organized. The other companies have no traffic control. President Lehman said Larksville Borough has no control over their process. They may be updating fiber optics, and any issues should be reported to the FCC.

Mr. Miller asked about an ordinance concerning throwing snow onto the road.

Executive Session was not needed.

Old Business-none

New Business

Motion by President Lehman to accept Mr. Chase's resignation from the Planning Committee, seconded by Ms. Davis. Ayes have it. Motion passes.

President Lehman said the state has raised the salaries for Council and the Mayor. The salary is now \$1800. He is not willing to accept the raise due to the taxes and trash fees increasing. President Lehman said he is not in it to make money, he is here to make the town better.

Motion to not accept an increase in pay by President Lehman, seconded by Ms. Davis.

Roll call: Ms. Davis-no Mr. Hooper-no, Mr. Chase-no, Ms. Stochla-no, President Lehman-no. 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.

If anyone on Council wants to be on a specific committee let Irene know. Everyone will be assigned to a committee at the next meeting.

Council does not respond to Facebook. President Lehman stated all borough business is done at Council Meetings, not on social media. If you have any questions, please contact one of us.

Announcements:

The next meeting for Larksville Borough Council will be held on February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment at 6:20 p.m. by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hooper. Ayes have it.