

**LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
EMERGENCY VOTING MEETING
MONDAY JANUARY 26, 2026
LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA**

Mayor Bartels called to order the Emergency Voting Meeting of Latrobe City Council at 6:41 P.M.

Mayor Bartels asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bartels asked all for a moment of silence.

City Manager read Roll Call:

Deputy Mayor Ralph Jenko – present
Dawn Vavick – present
Sam Leach – present
Lenor Rivera – present
Eric Hauser – present
Ann Amatucci – present
Mayor Eric Bartels – present

Also present were the following: Lee Demosky, Solicitor; Susan Trout, City Manager; Scott Wajdic, Public Works Director; Melanie McGregor, Assistant Public Works Director; Richard Bosco, Chief of Police; Josh Mayer and Andy Matheny, Code/Zoning Officers.

Mayor Bartels asked for approval of a formal declaration of disaster emergency related to the snow and ice storm on January 24th to January 26th, 2026. Mayor Bartels read the declaration (attached) for approval.

Mrs. Amatucci made the motion to approve the disaster emergency declaration, seconded by Mr. Leach. Motion carried 7-0.

Emergency Management Coordinator Mr. Bollinger reported the state declared a disaster, along with 12 other states. If money is available, then utilizing the approved disaster declaration funding will become available to the city. This is part of the hazard mitigation plan of the county, but the city will have to participate in it to receive funds. This will need to be filed with the state.

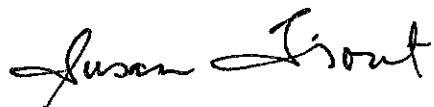
This declaration will expire in 7 days unless we choose to approve another declaration. The city is looking to help ourselves with recouping costs.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST

None.

The Emergency Voting Meeting of Council adjourned at 6:49 P.M. with a motion by Mr. Jenko seconded by Mr. Leach. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted for Sue Trout,



**CITY OF LATROBE
WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Council for the City of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, has authority under Section 7501, et. seq. of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa. C.S. 7501, et. seq.) to declare a disaster emergency when a disaster has occurred or is imminent; and

WHEREAS, City Council believes, and has reason to believe, that a "Disaster Emergency" exists or is imminent within the City as a result of a snowfall event which is projected to cause twelve (12) to seventeen (17) inches of snow to fall over a forty-eight (48) hour period between Saturday, January 24, 2026 and Monday, January 26, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid snowfall event will create a Disaster Emergency which will endanger the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing within the geopolitical boundaries of the City, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than the City of Latrobe may be able to resolve under normal circumstances; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of affected residents in the City of Latrobe.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Council for the City of Latrobe, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 PA C.S. 7501, et. seq.), as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in the City of Latrobe.

FURTHER, Council directs the City's Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency; and

FURTHER, Council authorizes officials of the City of Latrobe and the City Manager to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of the emergency, namely; by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted; and

FURTHER, to the extent the City, or any emergency management service provider operating within its geopolitical boundaries, including, but not limited to any volunteer fire department, ambulance service, or similar service, has incurred economic or any other form of loss as a result of any actions taken or to be taken pursuant to this Declaration, and state or federal funds become available to reimburse the City for same, we hereby authorize the City to make application for reimbursement in any manner required by the program guidelines for same.

This Declaration is made the 26th day of January, 2026 and shall continue and remain in effect until approved and extended consistent with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code. Pursuant to 35 Pa. C.S. 7501(d), the City of Latrobe is not required to have a quorum physically present at any one location in order to conduct business. Council members approving this Declaration provided their authorization through an authorized telecommunication device.

CITY OF LATROBE

ATTEST:

Susan Grout

Manager

1/26/2026

Date

E. J. BA
Mayor

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Deputy Mayor

Paul Loh
Councilmember