

Borough Council Meeting Minutes

August 10th, 2026

Municipal Building Council Chambers

The Council meeting opened at 4:30 PM with Borough Council President Matt Moore presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. Prayer was recited by Lisa Knudson.

ROLL CALL

Matt Moore, Scott Gutshall, Larry “Heavy” Searer, Lisa Knudson, Jacob “Jake” Flood and Jim Steele were present. Bob Barlett was absent. Police Chief Dave Clemens and Mayor Deb Bargo were also present. Fire Chief Bob Douglas was absent.

AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

The following are routine, procedural, and informational non-controversial items and do not appear to require discussion or explanation prior to the Council’s action. These items will be acted upon by one motion unless any member of Council desires to move an item to the Regular Agenda for further discussion.

- a. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes: July 13, 2026
- b. Approval of Schedule of Bill’s: July 2026 & EADS Billing
- c. Review of approved Finance Committee minutes
- d. Review of approved Law and Ordinance minutes

On a motion made by Jim Steele and seconded by Lisa Knudson, Council unanimously voted to approve Consent Agenda items a, b, c, and d.

REPORTS

A. Fire Chief Report

Matt Moore presented the Fire Chief Report and stated that Heritage had 25 call outs and City Hook and Ladder had 39. Average personnel were about 11 per unit. Matt Moore mentioned the fire on Valley St and that there will be some things talked about at the next Fire Ad HOC meeting in conjunction to it.

B. FAME EMS Chief Report

Mike Coldren stated there were 657 call outs with 259 of them in the Borough. Mike stated they participated for the 4th of July Concert and Fireworks as well as National Night Out. Mike stated they have several upcoming trainings and mentioned the Valley St fire.

C. Mayors Report

Mayor Deb Bargo discussed the upcoming Red White and Goose parade. Mayor also thanked first responders, fire police, police and FAME for their provided help.

D. Police Chief Report

Police Chief Dave Clemens states there were 327 calls of service for July. 26 traffic, 16 non-traffic, 6 crashes and 6 DUI arrests. Police Chief reviewed the outcome of National Night Out and thanked all who came and businesses that participated. Police Chief updated the council on phase 2 renovations.

E. Borough Solicitor

None

F. Treasurer Report

Jim Fosselman reviewed accounts and balances as well as delinquencies.

G. Borough Manager Report

Borough Manager Julie Brooks discussed storm drains, community center repairs, rec park repairs, alley paving project, weeds cleaning, yellow curb

and white painting, pothole patches, ticket ordinance and police enforcement.

COMMUNICATIONS

Matt Moore moved New Business agenda item (g) approve project certification for 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) county funding to Communications. Carol Kearney-High from Seda Cog discussed phase 2 of safety gear purchase for the fire department.

On a motion made by Jim Steele and seconded by Lisa Knudson, Council unanimously voted to move New Business agenda item (g) approve project certification for 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) county funding to Communications.

On a motion made by Jim Steele and seconded by Lisa Knudson, Council unanimously voted to approve project certification for 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) county funding to Communications.

Mifflin County Library letter to request for allocation. Scott Gutshall stated this should be referred to by the Finance Committee.

On a motion made by Scott Gutshall and seconded by Lisa Knudson, Council Members Matt Moore, Scott Gutshall, Lisa Knudson, Jake Flood and Jim Steele voted in favor of referring the Mifflin County Library letter to request for allocation to the Finance Committee. Heavy Searer opposed.

City Hook and Ladder request to place storage container. Matt Moore discusses that the fire departments need additional storage for training materials and that both fire companies would benefit from this storage and the City Hook and Ladder would have control and take care of the container being moved if high water occurred.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve request to council to allow the use of 3rd St firehouse for set building for the High School Drama Club parents group.

On a motion made by Heavy Searer and seconded by Scott Gutshall, Council by roll call voted to table the request to council to allow the use of 3rd St firehouse for set building for the High School Drama Club parents group.

ROLL CALL

Lisa Knudson	Yea
Jacob Flood	Yea
Heavy Searer	Yea
Scott Gutshall	Yea
Matt Moore	Abstained
Jim Steele	Nay

- b. Approve request to council to allow City Hook and Ladder to place a storage container on Elizabeth St in the vicinity of the fire hydrant. Julie Brooks states that this would be pending on an agreement drawn up by Mark Remy that City Hook and Ladder will take care of the container and its insured contents.

On a motion made by Jake Flood and seconded by Jim Steele, Council by roll call vote approved the request to council to allow City Hook and Ladder to place a storage container on Elizabeth St in the vicinity of the fire hydrant. Julie Brooks states that this would be pending on an agreement drawn up by Mark Remy that City Hook and Ladder will take care of the container and its insured contents.

ROLL CALL

Lisa Knudson	Yea
Jacob Flood	Yea
Heavy Searer	Yea
Scott Gutshall	Yea
Matt Moore	Abstained
Jim Steele	Yea

- c. Approve ticketing ordinance as advertised.

On a motion made by Jim Steele and seconded by Jake Flood, Council by roll call voted to approve the ticketing ordinance as advertised.

ROLL CALL

Lisa Knudson	Yea
Jacob Flood	Yea
Heavy Searer	Yea
Scott Gutshall	Yea
Matt Moore	Yea
Jim Steele	Yea

- d. Approve of agility agreement resolution and agreement with the PA Department of Transportation. Matt Moore states that this will be tabled until next Council meeting.
- e. Approve recommendation from Finance Committee to award BID to the lowest bidder Gannas Brothers to pave Lehigh Alley and Susquehanna Ave.

On a motion made by Heavy Searer and seconded by Jim Steele, Council unanimously voted to approve the recommendation from Finance Committee to award BID to the lowest bidder Gannas Brothers to pave Lehigh Alley and Susquehanna Ave.

- f. Approve request from Mayor Deb Bargo to have the Red White and Goose Day Parade fees waived on September 29, 2026, with a rain date of September 30, 2026, from 6PM-9PM.

On a motion made by Heavy Searer and seconded by Jim Steele, Council unanimously voted to approve the request from Mayor Deb Bargo to have the Red White and Goose

Day Parade fees waived on September 29, 2026, with a rain date of September 30, 2026, from 6PM-9PM.

g. Moved to Communications

h. Approval request from Rec Board to advertise for a board member.

On a motion made by Lisa Knudson and seconded by Jim Steele, Council by unanimous vote approved the request from Rec Board to advertise for a board member.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda Items)

Jim Zubler spoke about some of the developments happening downtown.

Ken Baxter at 653 Valley St spoke on his concerns and hazards regarding Rockpoint Rd and the wash out that happens during a heavy rainstorm which is coming from a property in Derry Township.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council went into executive session at 5:16 PM to discuss personnel.

Council came out of executive session at 6:24 PM.

ADDITIONS TO THE COUNCIL AGENDA

None

On a motion made by Jim Steele and seconded by Lisa Knudson, Council by unanimous vote adjourned the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned by Matt Moore at 6:25 PM.

(Vice) President, Lewistown Borough Council

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ATTEST: _____

(Asst.) Borough Secretary