

## Borough Council Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2026

**Call to Order** – Mrs. Dekar called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and Miss Meyer offered the meeting prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call** – The following members of the Borough Council were present; Cori Belles, James Bentley, James Daly, Derrick Hall, Dan Wayman, Jessica Meyer, and Jessie Dekar.

**Also present;** Henry Farley, Mayor; Gil Crossett, Fire Chief; Christopher Kaiden, Code Enforcement Director; Blane Lathrop, DPW Foreman; Robert Repasky, Assistant Fire Chief; Daniel Reynolds, Police Chief; and David Jarrett, Borough Manager.

**Citizens to be Heard** – The following citizens addressed the Borough Council;

**Approval of Bills List & Supplemental Bills List – April 9 - 22, 2026** – A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Wayman to approve the bills list and supplemental bills list. **Under the question:** There were none **Roll Call: Mrs. Belles, Mr. Bentley, Mr. Daly, Mr. Hall, Mr. Wayman, Miss Meyer, and Mrs. Dekar; YES.**

**Elected & Appointed Officials** – The following items were discussed;

- Mayor Farley stated that the SBA's Friday Farmer's Market will begin on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 45 vendors are already registered.
- Mrs. Belles thanked Chief Repasky and the members of Howard Elmer Hose Company for providing her and Miss Meyer with a tour of the company's building on Powell Street and providing an overview of the company's responsibilities. Mrs. Belles thanked the Fire Department for the invitation to the annual banquet that was held recently. Mrs. Belles also thanked the Public Works Department for the completion of the new playground area in Riverfront Park.
- Mr. Hall recommended that organizations including the Borough that are granted permission by the Borough Council to close a roadway be required to block the roadway with a vehicle or with a food truck/trailer participating in the event. Mr. Hall referred to an incident that occurred during the Guthrie Gallop in 2024 at the intersection of West Packer Avenue and South Elmer Avenue when a vehicle drove through the intersection.
- Mr. Jarrett stated that there were more than 50 volunteers that participated in this year's Great American Clean-Up Program. Mr. Jarrett provided an update on the annual audit and pension audit reports and explained that an amendment(s) will be needed to the pension ordinance to correct language that is inconsistent with pension plan document. Mr. Jarrett explained that the Borough Ordinance that addresses food vendors in Howard Elmer Park should be repealed because the regulation is outdated.
- Mrs. Belles asked if there were any opportunities for the Borough to help increase foot traffic in the downtown on Saturdays, and Mayor Farley stated Friday Farmers Market increases foot traffic in the downtown on Fridays and that there are several planned in the downtown on Saturdays beginning in May.

**Finance Report** – March 31, 2026 – There were no questions or comments.

**Correspondence Report** – April 2026 – There were no questions or comments.

**Consent Agenda** – Mrs. Dekar explained that items of business and matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be enacted by one motion and one roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired by a Council Member, that item is to be identified and removed from the Consent Agenda, and will be considered separately at the appropriate place on the Agenda.

- a. Approval of Minutes - Borough Council Meeting – March 23, 2026
- b. Approval of Minutes - Borough Council Workshop Meeting – April 8, 2026
- c. Approval of Conference Attendance Request – PA DEP Flood Protection – May 19
- d. Approval of Park Use Request – Howard Elmer Park & Road Closures - Guthrie Gallop – 5/16/26
- e. Approval of Road Closure Request – Desmond Street – Duals on Desmond – 6/6/26
- f. Acceptance of Resignation – Eli Benniger-Jones, DPW Per Diem Employee – Effective April 18, 2026
- g. Approval of Pay Step Advance Request to Officer VI – Dalton Spencer – Effective May 1, 2026
- h. Approval of Temporary Designation of Chacona Lane Between West Lockhart Street and West Packer Avenue as **ONE WAY** from West Lockhart Street to West Packer Avenue.
- i. Approval of Request from Beth Herbst – Riverfront Park Pavilion – June 2 and June 11, 2026

A motion was made by Miss Meyer and seconded by Mr. Daly to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. **Under the question:** There were none.

**Roll Call: Mrs. Belles, Mr. Bentley, Mr. Daly, Mr. Hall, Mr. Wayman, Miss Meyer, and Mrs. Dekar; YES.**

**Vote extend an offer of employment to Neil Gilson for the position of Operator Class B at an hourly rate of \$23.00.** A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Miss Meyer to extend an offer of employment to Neil Gilson for the position of Operator Class B at an hourly rate of \$23.00. **Under the question:** Mr. Jarrett stated that Mr. Gilson's start date will be May 4<sup>th</sup>. **Roll Call: Mrs. Belles, Mr. Bentley, Mr. Daly, Mr. Hall, Mr. Wayman, Miss Meyer, and Mrs. Dekar; YES.**

**Vote to extend an offer of employment to Clair Pierce for the position of Assistant Code Enforcement Officer at hourly rate of \$25.00.** (Note: Assistant Code Enforcement Officer will be required to obtain the certification of Building Code Official and Residential Building Inspector within one year of employment). A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Miss Meyer to extend an offer of employment to Clare Pierce for the position of Assistant Code Enforcement Officer at hourly rate of \$25.00. **Under the question:** Mrs. Belles asked that the certification requirement be included in the employment offer sheet. **Roll Call: Mrs. Belles, Mr. Bentley, Mr. Daly, Mr. Hall, Mr. Wayman, Miss Meyer, and Mrs. Dekar; YES.**

**Recess** – Mrs. Dekar recessed the meeting at 5:50pm.

**Executive Session** – The Borough Council went into executive session at 5:55pm to discuss a property located on North East Street. The session ended at 6:40pm.

**Vote to Authorize a Title Search and Appraisal for 117 North East Street** – A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Hall to authorize the completion of a title search and appraisal for 117 North East Street. **Under the question:** There were none.

**Roll Call: Mrs. Belles, Mr. Bentley, Mr. Daly, Mr. Hall, Mr. Wayman, Miss Meyer, and Mrs. Dekar; YES.**

**Adjourn** – A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Miss Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Jarrett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David M. Jarrett  
Borough Manager/Secretary

