

July Borough Council Meeting Minutes – July 24, 2025

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, Derrick Hall, Dan Wayman, Jessica Meyer, and Jessie Dekar. Excused: James Daly. Also present; Henry Farley, Mayor; Gill Crossett, Fire Chief; Jonathan Foster, Jr., Borough Solicitor; Bruce Hoffman, Assistant Police Chief; Blane Lathrop, DPW Foreman; and David Jarrett, Borough Manager.

Citizens to be Heard – There were none.

Recess - Mrs. Dekar recessed the meeting at 5:32pm.

Executive Session – The Borough Council went into executive session at 5:32pm to discuss personnel issues involving the hiring of new patrol officers. The session ended at 6:05pm

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Miss Meyer and seconded by Mrs. Belles to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2025 Borough Council meeting & July 9, 2025 Council Workshop meeting. **Under the question:** There were none. **AYES – 5**

Approval of Bills List & Supplemental Bills List – July 10 – July 24, 2025 - A motion was made by Mr. Hall and seconded by Miss Meyer to approve the bills list and supplemental bills list. Under the question: There were none. **Roll Call; Mrs. Belles, Mr. Hall, Mr. Wayman, Miss Meyer, and Mrs. Dekar; YES.**

Correspondence Summary – There were no questions or comments.

Elected & Appointed Officials – Mrs. Belles asked if there has been any decision made on purchasing and installing new flashing lights to increase driver awareness at intersections identified in the traffic study. Mrs. Dekar stated that a decision has not been made on what type of flashing lights will be purchased, and Mr. Jarrett stated that he would get pricing options for the next Borough Council meeting.

Mr. Wayman asked about the Police Department's involvement in a recent incident that originated at Walmart. Assistant Chief Hoffman explained that the individual that was arrested had warrants for his arrest and was expected to be at a location in Sayre Borough but was seen at Walmart on Elmira Street in Athens Township.

Mrs. Belles thanked Mr. Lathrop and Mr. Jarrett for their help at Guthrie Caregiver appreciation picnic.

Mayor Farley thanked Mr. Jarrett for coordinating the Go Joe 28 bike tour's stop in the Borough Wednesday evening.

Consent Agenda – Mrs. Dekar explained that items of business and matters listed for approval 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. Approve Street Closure Request – Desmond Street – Sayre Business Assoc. – August 16
- b. Approve Certified List of Qualified Candidates For The Position of Patrol Officer Probationary As Presented By Civil Service Commission.
- c. Approve advertisement of Ordinance Amendment Chapter 173–Business Incubator District
- d. Approve the hiring of Jason Troxel as a Per Diem Fire Truck Driver.

A motion was made by Mrs. Belles and seconded by Mr. Hall to approve the items listed on the consent agenda. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mrs. Belles, Mr. Hall, Mr. Wayman, Miss Meyer, and Mrs. Dekar; YES.**

Vote to increase the hourly rate for Patrol Officer Carter Pries and Patrol Officer Briar Jenkins to \$31.00 per hour effective September 1, 2025 and to \$32.00 per hour effective January 1, 2026. Mrs. Dekar explained that action on this item has been tabled pending further discussion.

Vote to hire two (2) Probationary Patrol Officers from the approved Civil Service List at an hourly rate of \$30.00 in 2025. A motion was made by Miss Meyer and seconded by Mrs. Belles to extend offers of employment to Zachary Hatch and Colie Stone for the position of Patrol Officer-Probationary at an hourly rate of \$28.05 which is commensurate with their experience. Assistant Chief Hoffman was advised that in the event that Mr. Hatch and/or Mr. Stone reject the Borough’s offer, an offer of employment would be extended to Jason Bailey who is the third candidate on the Civil Service list at an hourly rate of \$35.70 which is commensurate with his experience. **Under the question: Roll Call: Mrs. Belles, Mr. Hall, Miss Meyer, and Mrs. Dekar; YES. Mr. Wayman; NO.**

Vote to approve the repair to the Borough Hall roof. Mrs. Dekar explained that action on this item has been tabled pending further discussion.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Mrs. Belles and seconded by Miss Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 6:10pm. There were no objections.

Respectfully submitted,



David M Jarrett
Borough Manager/Secretary