

June Borough Council Meeting Minutes – June 25, 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; James Daly, Dan Wayman, Jessica Meyer, and Jessie Dekar. Excused: Cori Belles and Derrick Hall. Also present; Henry Farley, Mayor; Gill Crossett, Fire Chief; Bruce Hoffman, Assistant Police 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 – Rob Warzniak, 512 South Lehigh Avenue addressed the Borough Council regarding the possibility of the Borough hiring a Public Health Officer to respond to assist the Police Department with incidents that could be escalated by the presence of a police officer. Mr. Warzniak discussed a recent incident that occurred in his neighborhood that he felt could have been handled differently by a civilian officer. Assistant Chief Hoffman stated that a Mental Health delegate from the County's Department of Human Services could authorize 302 paperwork for an incident like the one that Mr. Warzniak referenced. Assistant Chief Hoffman also stated that other healthcare providers could also authorize 302 paperwork that would not involve law enforcement. Mayor Farley stated that the County's Area Agency on Aging office would be a good tool for this type of situation.

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Daly seconded by Miss Meyer to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2025 Borough Council meeting & June 11, 2025 Council Workshop meeting. **Under the question:** There were none. **AYES – 4**

Approval of Bills List & Supplemental Bills List – June 12 – June 25, 2025 – A motion was made by Miss Meyer and seconded by Mr. Daly to approve the bills list and supplemental bills list. Under the question: There were none. **Roll Call; Mr. Daly, Mr. Mr. Wayman, Miss Meyer, and Mrs. Dekar; YES.**

Correspondence Summary – There were no questions or comments.

Elected & Appointed Officials – Miss Meyer asked if there was anything needed for Friday evening's Downtown Summer Splash and Mr. Jarrett stated that things are covered at this point and he invited Miss Meyer and the entire Borough Council to come and enjoy the event. Mrs. Dekar asked if there was any additional information about the AQUA PA waterline replacement project, and Mr. Kaiden stated that the company is replacing galvanized waterlines throughout the Borough at no cost to the homeowner and that more than 300 waterlines are scheduled to be replaced in the Borough.

Chief Crossett informed the Borough Council that he has received an application for the open Per Diem Fire Truck Driver position from Robert Johnson. Chief Crossett

explained that the Mr. Johnson had previously been employed by the Borough as a driver but he lived outside of the area which made it difficult for him to cover shifts. Chief Crossett stated that Mr. Johnson recently moved to the Borough and is employed by Greater Valley EMS. A motion was made by Miss Meyer and seconded by Mrs. Dekar to hire Robert Johnson as Per Diem Driver. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Wayman, Miss Meyer, and Mrs. Dekar.**

Chief Reynolds explained that the Department has had to use overtime to cover open shifts and he would like to hire a Per Diem Patrol Officer to help reduce the amount of overtime needed. Chief Reynolds stated that the Civil Service Commission has begun the process to prepare an eligibility list but he does not anticipate that it will be possible to bring the new officers on board until the end of August. Chief Reynolds stated that he received an application from Zach Hatch who is currently a full-time Patrol Officer at Athens Borough and he recommended setting the hourly rate at \$25.00. Mrs. Dekar stated that the per diem hourly rate should not be the same as a first year full-time officer and Mr. Wayman agreed. A motion was made by Mrs. Dekar and seconded by Miss Meyer to approve the hiring of Zach Hatch at an hourly rate of \$22.50. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call: Mr. Daly, Mr. Wayman, Miss Meyer, and Mrs. Dekar.**

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 Park Use Request – Riverfront Park – Impact Fitness
- b. Approve Conference Attendance Request – 2025 PA Association of Municipal Administrators

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; Mr. Daly, Mr. Wayman, Miss Meyer, and Mrs. Dekar; YES.**

Vote to accept the revised proposal submitted by C&S Residential LLC in the amount of \$13,910.00 to furnish and install four (4) port mini-split HVAC system for the Borough Hall. A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Miss Meyer to accept the revised proposal submitted by C&S Residential LLC in the amount of \$13,910.00 to furnish and install four (4) port mini-split HVAC system for the Borough Hall. **Under the question:** Mr. Jarrett clarified that the original proposal was to install three (3) mini-split units and the revised proposal is to install four (4) HVAC mini-split units. Mr. Jarrett explained that fourth unit is for the camera room that currently does not have any ventilation. **Roll Call; Mr. Daly, Mr. Wayman, Miss Meyer, and Mrs. Dekar; YES.**

Vote to accept the resignation of Michael Oulouhojian from the position of Patrol Officer effective May 31, 2025. A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Miss Meyer to accept the resignation of Michael Oulouhojian from the position of Patrol Officer effective May 31, 2025. **Under the question:** There were none. **Roll Call; Mr. Daly, Mr. Wayman, Miss Meyer, and Mrs. Dekar; YES.**

Vote to approve the purchase of new playground equipment for Riverfront Park. A motion was made by Miss Meyer and seconded by Mr. Daly to approve the purchase of new playground equipment for Riverfront Park. **Under the question:** Mrs. Dekar explained that the equipment being purchased includes a new swing set and seesaw unit. Mrs. Dekar stated that the new swing set will be installed in the same location as the existing swing set and the seesaw unit will be installed at another location. Mr. Lathrop stated that he marked out an area near the softball field for the seesaw unit and just needs clarification that the location is acceptable. **Roll Call; Mr. Daly, 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 5:55pm. There were no objections.

Respectfully submitted,



David M Jarrett
Borough Manager/Secretary