

Regular Meeting August 11, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with TJ Edinger, Jim Ferrante, Frank Ferrucci, Chuck Kelly Sr., Charlie Kelly Jr., Bob Shrock and Mayor Altman present. Also present at the meeting was Solicitor Perrotta. Absent from the meeting was John Hemphill.

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. All were in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Edinger, to approve the bills as listed for July. All were in favor, motion carried.

Communications – None

Tax Collector's Report

The beginning balance collectable for July 1, 2025, was \$120,220.20, less face collections for the month of \$14,051.70. This leaves an ending balance of \$106,168.50 as of July 31, 2025.

Mayor's Report

There is no Police Report for July. The Mayor wanted to thank Lou Perrotta for his donation to the Dick Allen HOF Celebration and Youngblood Paving for donating gravel for the gym parking lot.

Visitors

Tom Franus – 1048 N Main Street

Tom wanted to know why the Police were sent to his house for grass being thrown on the street. He said he has a bag on his tractor that catches most of the grass. He does not want trouble with anyone. The Police Chief was not at the meeting so his questions could not be answered.

Greg Cromer – Aerial Photographer

Gerg took some photos of Wampum, aerial ones, and wanted to know if the borough would be interested in purchasing one.

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Edinger to approve the purchase of a 27x40 framed aerial photo from Greg Cromer. All were in favor, motion carried.

Mona Bucci – 1049 N Main Street

Mona would like the Police Chief to contact her. The Mayor will let him know.

Valerie Hemphill – 320 Main Street

Valerie has an issue with ordinance violations in town and bad looking buildings and houses. One of the ones she pointed out was 422 Beaver Street for high grass and weeds. She had a list of properties and gave it to the Mayor who said he would look into it.

Rachel Lumley/Shawn Bisbal – 362 Main Street

They had questions regarding the Lead Replacement Project. They are selling their house and have a current issue with their waterline. The Solicitor gave them his contact number and will handle the questions from his office.

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Unfinished Business

Columbia Gas Easement

The Solicitor needs to know if the borough will agree to paving all of N Main Street in leu of a payment for the signed easement.

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Kelly Jr., to authorize the Solicitor to negotiate with Columbia Gas accepting the paving of N Main Street instead of a lease payment for the easement. All were in favor, motion carried.

Vesuvius Agreements

Council is okay with the requested changes from Vesuvius and having the Solicitor finalize it. If the agreements are settled, the declaration of taking will be withdrawn.

On a side note, there are issues with the plant's sewer clean out and sewage is running out on the neighbor's property. They will need to be contacted.

New Business

Ordinance #348/Mobile Home Amendment

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrucci, to advertise Ordinance #348 for adoption at the next regular meeting. All were in favor, motion carried.

Approve PennVest Payment Request #1

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrucci, to approve PennVest Payment Request #1 in the amount of \$432,905.11. All were in favor, motion carried.

Dial My Calls – Mass Notification Service

A motion was made by Edinger, seconded by Kelly Jr., to proceed with signing up for the mass notification service with Dial My Calls. All were in favor, motion carried.

Sewer Plant Emergency Generator

During Penn Power's planned power outage, the emergency generator at the sewage plant broke down. It is the original one from 1973 and has been repaired before. Council would like to have it looked at first to see if it can be repaired before deciding anything else.

Approve DCNR Park Grant Final Plans

A motion to table was made by Ferrucci, seconded by Ferrante. All were in favor, motion carried.

Transfer of Funds

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrucci, to transfer \$10,000.00 from the Electric Checking to the General Checking. All were in favor, motion carried.

Report on Committees

Electric – None

Sewer & Water

The DEP inspection on the Water went well last week.

Budget – None

Buildings

Council would like to get a recommendation from Jeff Richardson regarding an automatic door on the borough building for people with disabilities.

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Report of Committees continued

Police – None

Streets – None

Park & Recreation – None

A motion to adjourn was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:20.

Sue Dean, Secretary