

Regular Meeting June 9, 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 May along with additional ones from Book & Proch for Water - \$8858.00 & Sewer - \$12,260.00, New Castle News \$415.37, and LSSE for Water - \$13775.59 & General - \$1778.10. All were in favor, motion carried.

Communications

The borough received notification from the county that we were granted \$23,500.00 from the Lawrence County Liquid Fuels Funds.

Karen Goebel, the part-time clerk, handed in her resignation.

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Ferrante, to accept the resignation of Karen Goebel, the part-time office clerk, effective August 31, 2025. All were in favor, motion carried.

Tax Collector's Report

The Borough's 2025 real estate tax statements are scheduled to be mailed out by the end of June.

Mayor's Report

The Police totals for May were 583 miles patrolled, 42 incidents and 110.5 hours on duty.

Visitors

Jennie Edinger – Wampum Area Business Association

The business association would like to request the borough's help with purchasing the port-a-johns for the car cruise in August.

They are also considering having a Touch-a-Truck event during the fall festival. They will be looking into it further before deciding.

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Kelly Jr., to provide the port-a-johns for WABA's car cruise in August and to explore the Touch-a-Truck event issues in October. All were in favor, motion carried.

Karen Goebel – 425 Beaver Street

Karen stated that there is a lot of garbage at the park and around the ball fields. She thinks that another can by the tennis court is needed. The park committee will get in touch with Brian Smith of Beaver Valley Baseball.

Unfinished Business

Columbia Gas Lease – Eric Chianese

Columbia Gas will be replacing a significant amount of gas mains next year. They will be replacing the lines from Clyde Street & Main Street, up North Main Street to Newport Road. The section of property that needs a lease from the borough is 50' long and 20' wide along Main Street by the bridge over the run.

New Business

Adopt Ordinance # 347 – Water Service Rates

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrucci, to adopt Ordinance # 347 – Water Service Rates for the Unit Debt Act. All were in favor, except Ferrante who was opposed, motion carried.

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New Business

Adopt Resolution 3-2025 / PennVest Reimbursement ME12808

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Shrock, to adopt Resolution 3-2025, Declaration of official intent to reimburse general funds and short-term borrowed funds with funds received from PennVest for ME12808. All were in favor, motion carried.

Adopt Resolution 4-2025 / PennVest Reimbursement ME80244

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Edinger, to adopt Resolution 3-2025, Declaration of official intent to reimburse general funds and short-term borrowed funds with funds received from PennVest for ME80244. All were in favor, motion carried.

LSSE Engineering Agreement Amendment #2

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Edinger, to accept the Engineering Agreement Amendment #2 from LSSE for the 2023 Lead removal project. All were in favor, motion carried.

Pennvest Professional Services Agreements/Solicitor Perrotta

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante, to approve the Professional Services Agreements, ME80244 & ME12808 between Wampum Borough and Louis M. Perrotta, Esquire for the Pennvest 2023 Lead Replacement Project. All were in favor, motion carried.

Lawrence County CDBG Application

Lawrence County will review prospective projects for the 2025 Community Development Block Grant Program. Any project that the Borough would like to submit for consideration is due by Friday, August 1, 2025. A boroughwide income survey will need to be completed as one of the requirements is that 51% low-moderate income be met. Jim Ferrante will get in contact with Amy McKinney for more information.

Authorize Emergency Repair to Culvert

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrucci, to authorize the emergency repair of the storm sewer culvert located at 911 Clyde Street. All were in favor, motion carried.

Authorize Growing Greener Grant Resolution/Application

There is a grant, PADEP Growing Greener Program Grant, that the borough can apply for which covers the replacement of an existing stream culvert, erosion and sedimentation controls and restoration. The Borough will need to commit to 5% of the cost. A letter stating the commitment will be needed and not a resolution.

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Shrock, to approve the application for the PA DEP Growing Greener Grant and to provide the letter committing 5% of the cost. All were in favor, motion carried.

PMEA 2025 Membership

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Shrock, to approve the PMEA Membership and dues for 2025. All were in favor, motion carried.

Transfer of Funds – None

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Report of Committees

Electric – None

Sewer & Water

There was a backup on Water Street on Saturday that flooded the basement of at least one of the houses there, the Roupe's. The sewer pipe under the RR tracks needs to be cleaned out.

Budget – None

Buildings – None

Police

The Mayor has been working on the Proclamation for Dick Allen and it is ready to go if there are no additional changes needed. The bus for the overnight trip to the Hall of Fame ceremony has 3 seats left.

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Kelly Jr., to approve the Proclamation for Dick Allen. All were in favor, motion carried.

Bob Shrock obtained three bids for the proposed 40 x 30 banner for Dick Allen. The lowest bid was \$850.00. Solicitor Perrotta stated that he will purchase the banner.

There will also be yard signs printed that cost \$620.00 and \$1000.00 is needed for the mural to be painted on the side of the Revitalization building at 331 Main Street.

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrucci, to approve giving the Dick Allen Committee \$1620.00 for yard signs and the mural. All were in favor, motion carried.

Park & Recreation

CYS donated a playground to Wampum Borough for the Park. The county will move the playground to Wampum. A letter is needed from the Borough accepting the playground from CYS as is.

The Borough Council adjourned for an Executive Session at 8:30 PM for Legal reasons. The session ended at 8:45 PM.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Sue Dean, Secretary