

Regular Meeting September 8, 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, John Hemphill, Chuck Kelly Sr., Charlie Kelly Jr., Bob Shrock and Jesse Altman present. Also present at the meeting was Gary Jones from the Solicitor's office.

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

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Kelly Jr., to approve the bills listed for August along with additional ones from Book & Proch for \$11,170.00 Water and \$11,540.00 Sewer. All were in favor, motion carried.

Communications

The Mayor spoke with Aaron Bernstine regarding his building on Main Street. He will touch base with him again.

A letter was received from Aaron Bernstine regarding Councilman John Hemphill. There was no discussion at this time.

The renewal with Armstrong is coming for 2028, so this will need to be addressed in the near future.

Tax Collector's Report

The beginning balance collectable on August 1, 2025, was \$106,168.50, less Face Collections for the month of \$83,394.00. This leaves an ending balance as of August 31, 2025, of \$22,774.50.

Mayor's Report

The Police totals for July and August were 871 miles patrolled, 152 hours on duty with 57 incidents. The Police cruiser needs new tires, so they will be ordered.

Visitors

Calvin Sedgewick – Wampum American Legion

The Legion would like to become involved in community events. He stated that the Bingo at the Legion has taken off, and they are no longer doing Saturday breakfasts.

Karen Miller – 212 Kay Street

Karen would like to know if the sewer pipe that is sticking up from the ground is the one she can use for the sewer at the trailer. That line is for 700 Church Street, which she also owns.

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Ferrucci, to allow the use of the sewer line at 700 Church Street for the trailer at 212 Kay Street. All were in favor, motion carried.

The water for the trailer will have a meter pit installed and once ready she can hook up to it.

Valerie Hemphill – 320 Main Street

Valerie was disappointed that there was no discussion about the letter Aaron Bernstine sent regarding John. She was upset about the entire situation.

The council president stated that the Borough Code states there is nothing against John as a Councilman and elected official to be done. There is also nothing that the Borough Council can do. He can resign if he so chooses.

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Visitors Continued

Jennie Edinger – WABA

The Wampum Business Association will be having the fall fest and touch a truck event on October 18, 2025. They are requesting that the borough pay for the port-a-johns.

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Ferrucci, to pay for the port-a-johns for the Wampum Fall Fest on October 18, 2025. All were in favor, motion carried.

Rich Dusenberry – 1045 N Main Street

Rich does not want the situation with his house and neighbors to continue. He stated that someone was taking pictures of him working in his garage over Labor Day weekend, and he would like it to stop.

Unfinished Business

Columbia Gas Easement Agreement

The discussion will be moved to the end of the meeting.

Approve DCNR Park Grant Project Plans

A motion was made by Shrock, seconded by Kelly Jr., to approve the final plans submitted by the Engineer for the DCNR park grant project, and to ask for a physical copy. All were in favor, motion carried.

New Business

Adopt Ordinance #348

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Edinger, to adopt Ordinance #348, Mobile Homes Amendment. All were in favor, motion carried.

Trick-or-Treat

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrucci, to have Trick-or-Treat night in Wampum Borough on Friday, October 31, 2025, from 6:00-8:00 PM. All were in favor, motion carried.

PennVest Payment Request #2

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante, to approve PennVest Payment request #2 in the amount of \$26,772.28. All were in favor, motion carried.

Lawrence County Tourism Ad

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Edinger, to go with the free advertisement for Lawrence County Tourism. All were in favor, motion carried.

Gazebo Roof Repair

A motion was made by Ferrante, seconded by Ferrucci, to get pricing for the roof repair on the gazebo for the next meeting. All were in favor, motion carried.

Opioid Litigation

The deadline for the Purdue Pharma Settlement is September 30, 2025.

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Edinger, to approve signing the settlement plan for Purdue Pharma. All were in favor, motion carried.

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Transfer of Funds

No transfers are needed this month.

Report of Committees

Electric – None

Sewer & Water

The pre-construction meeting for the Lead Removal Project was held, and the project is scheduled to begin in November on Darlington Road.

The generator at the sewage treatment plant is being repaired.

Budget – None

Buildings

The light fixture on the front of the gym needs to be replaced. Kelly Jr. will take a look at it to see what is needed.

Streets

The bump in the street by the former bank building needs to be addressed. Kelly Jr. stated that he will have Youngblood Paving take a look at it.

As far as street sweeping goes, Kelly Jr. stated that he has been running the sweeper once a month.

Park & Recreation

The Mayor is working on having the mulch done around the playground area. He is checking into possibly having the mulch donated and then having a sign installed for the donors.

A motion to adjourn for an executive session was made by Ferrucci, seconded by Kelly Jr., for legal matters at 7:45 PM.

A motion to end the executive session was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrucci at 8:00 PM.

Columbia Gas Easement

A motion was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante, to approve the Columbia Gas Easement and Supplemental Agreement. All were in favor, motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kelly Jr., seconded by Ferrante. All were in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Sue Dean, Secretary