



EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in person: 6051 Pine Street, East Petersburg, PA
June 3, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Debra Miller, President of Borough Council, at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Council Members: Debra Miller – President, John Schick – Vice President, Adam Gochnauer – ProTem, John Herr – Member, Randy Rannels – Member, William Sharp – Member, Sandra Valdez – Member, Mayor: vacant seat, Borough Manager: Karen St. Clair

VISITORS: Karyl Carmignani, Darlene Zerbe, David Connor, Samuel Maurer IV, Sara & Bill Trovato, Tammy & Jeff Moseman, Karin Good, Anna Thomas, Bob Johnson, Ben Johnson, Sarah Hunt, Jamie Rohrer, Samuel Maurer V, Joyce Mokros, Josh Roberts, Katy Herr, Brenden Garrett, Dorris Rhodes, Dereck Duffy

VISITOR COMMENTS

1. Joyce Mokros asked why the Yard Sale was moved from June 7 to June 14.
Prior to the beginning of the year, the Events Committee submits dates to be put on the calendar prior to printing, but sometimes after they are printed the date needs to be changed due to circumstances out of their control.
2. Josh Roberts asked for an update on the destruction of property at the park
Lions Club has met with the contractor to get an estimate. The parents would like to make restitution.
3. A resident from Broad St. voiced concern for the stop except right turn sign at Broad and Pine. He said that his family is almost hit on a daily basis by people speeding through this intersection. He pointed out there is a bus that speeds through the intersection daily. He would like this changed to a full stop.
A study would not need done for this since there is already signage. The ordinance and sign would just need changed to remove "except right turn". A double yellow line and stop bar would also be beneficial. He was told to report the bus driver to bus company.

VOTE TO APPOINT MAYOR TO FILL VACANCY

There were three applicants still interested in filling the interim vacancy for the Mayor: Dereck Duffy, Sam Maurer IV, Bill Trovato. The applicants were previously interviewed at the May Committee meeting. Council held a vote after the interviews and it was a tie, therefore a revote is needed to include the Councilmembers that were absent from the May meeting. The councilmembers that were absent did listen to the recording of the interviews prior to this meeting. Council thanked all of the applicants for offering to fill the vacancy.

A voice vote was taken:

Randy Rannels voted for *Dereck Duffy*
William Sharp voted for *Bill Trovato*
John Herr voted for *Bill Trovato*
John Schick voted for *Dereck Duffy*
Debra Miller voted for *Bill Trovato*
Adam Gochnauer voted for *Dereck Duffy*
Sandra Valdez voted for *Bill Trovato*

VOTE TO APPOINT NLCRPD COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE

Dereck Duffy, Sam Maurer IV, and Bill Trovato were all interested in filling this opening through 12/31/2025.

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BILL PAYMENT: Reviewed by Council - No additions to the regular bills.

REPORTS

Police: Report submitted to Council. Chief Kilgore reviewed the report with Council.

Traffic remains an issue in the entire county. Working towards using Urban SDK for traffic studies; what takes 3 months now will be done in 3 seconds. All police cars have LPR cameras but would like to see major intersections have them also – waiting for grant options to become available.

Penn State Life EMS: Report submitted to Council. There were 29 calls in the month of May.

Emergency Services Coordinator: Report submitted to Council. Special needs registry has been put on the webpage and mailed with monthly billings. Dry weather safety for firework, etc. will be shared online.

Fire Dept.: Report submitted to Council. There were 28 calls in May; 3 were in East Petersburg Borough. All fire vehicles are now equipped with cameras. Blood drive will be held on July 24 at EP Fire Dept. from 1-8 p.m.

Department Managers MS4/Public Works/Water: Reports submitted to Council. Reminder letters will be mailed to those who have water lines that still need verified.

Zoning Officer/Property Violations: Reports submitted to Council.

Solicitor: Report submitted to Council.

Hempfield Rec: The weather has not been good since the opening of the pool. On May 25th, the pool was closed for the day, due to temperatures being under threshold.

Borough Manager: Manager St. Clair reviewed her report with Council.

•Hometown Hero banners will be hung by July 4.

•Ice Cream social is rescheduled for August due to the rain.

•Bob Walker with Warwick Community Ambulance would like to attend the 6/26/2025 meeting to discuss having a paramedic unit based in East Petersburg.

•Reached out to PennDOT again re: signage at Main and State for no left turn and was told delays were due to vacations and meetings, and that they will keep her posted.

•Pickleball fence screen is almost complete.

•Many positive comments have been received for Good's Disposal.

OLD BUSINESS: Committee Meeting Topics – Interviews/Open Discussion for open seat through 01/01/2026, NLCRPD Commission Representative, PFAS Claim update, Community Park Playground equipment, State Street Pipelining update, Lancaster County Bicycle Club, Street Sweeper, AP 05/22/2025, Misc. Items, Fire Co. Financials-for review only, April 2025 Meeting Minutes, Resolution 915-Appointing Interim Mayor.

NEW BUSINESS – Action Items: Council may discuss/deny/approve.

President Miller asked if there were any questions about the action items. There were no questions.

- 1. It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Rannels, Councilmember Sharp) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve May 6, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes.*
- 2. It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Sharp, Councilmember Valdez) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Resolution 915, Appointing Bill Trovato to fill the vacancy of Mayor of East Petersburg Borough, and to hold said office until January 5, 2026, pursuant to section 901 of the Borough Code, 8 PA.C.S.A. § 901*
- 3. It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Schick) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Resolution 916, Appointing Dereck Duffy to serve as a representative to the NLCRP Commission for the remainder of 2025.*
- 4. It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Sharp, Councilmember Valdez) with unanimous approval by the board, to submit the PFAS Claim as a plaintiff.*
- 5. It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Herr, Councilmember Schick) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Lancaster County Bicycle Club traffic route on 08/17/25.*
- 6. It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Valdez, Councilmember Rannels) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Firework Display permits from Events Committee for 06/27/25 and 09/20/25.*
- 7. It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Valdez, Councilmember Schick) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve State Street Pipelining Project revised quote in the amount of 259,990.00.*

EXTRA ITEMS (Issues arising in the last 24 hours): None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The next Borough Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Appeals Board June 12 - 7 PM as needed
- C. Planning Commission June 19 - 7 PM
- D. Zoning Hearing June 25 - 7 PM
- E. Committee June 26 - 6 PM
- F. Back to school event will be held August 10, 2025. Students will receive free backpack, books, clothing, school supplies, shoes, socks, food, and a Barnstormers game. Pre-register online at www.reprivera.com.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL AND PERSONNEL: None

ADJOURNMENT: 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary