EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in person: 6051 Pine Street, East Petersburg, PA
September 1, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

ROLL CALL
Council Members:
Debra Miller - Council President, John Herr - Vice President, Adam Gochnauer - ProTem,
Brendan Garrett - Member, Evan Hunter - Member, David Tirado - Member, Sandra Valdez - Member
Mayor: Dereck Duffy Staff: Borough Manager - Karen St. Clair,

The regular meeting of the East Petersburg Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President, Debra Miller followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Karyl Carmignani, Joyce & Frank Mokros, Caleb Simmers, Violet DeStefano, Archana Parida

VISITOR & PULIC COMMENTS: None

BILL PAYMENT: Reviewed by Council. No additions.

REPORTS:
- Police: Report submitted to Council. There were 222 calls to service in July with 3 criminal arrests, 37 traffic stops resulting in 16 citations, 2 crashes, 43 business checks, and 2 traffic details.
- Mayor: No report.
- Penn State Life Lion EMS: No report.
- Emergency Management Coordinator: Report submitted to Council. Working on emergency planning for East Petersburg Day. September is National Preparedness Month (NPM). The theme this year is America Stand Ready to keep their loved ones safe by preparing for emergencies and disasters.
- Fire Dept.: No report.
- Zoning/Property Violations: Report submitted to Council. There are currently five properties in violation.
- Water Engineering: Report submitted to Council. Working on NPDES permit renewal, DE filter rebuild and grant application for Main Street Water Main Tie-in.
- Solicitor/Collections: Report submitted to Council. Working on Ordinance amendments.
- HARC: The upcoming Golf tournament benefiting the Everyone Belongs Program is now full.
- Borough Manager: Report submitted to Council. NNO was a success – 400 hot dogs were given out. Payment box has been installed outside the borough office. There are two resolutions on the agenda tonight relating to Snow Emergencies: Resolution 941 will amend the snow emergency fine from $150.00 to $20.00 and Resolution 944 amending the snow emergency plan establishing regulations for parking restrictions and towing enforcement. Also on the agenda: Approval letter for EPFD for fire response change request which was requested by the fire dept. and letter of support for EP Inline Roller Hockey for a grant to replace the rink which was requested by them. Bathrooms at the park are now open 7 am to 8 pm. Final grant money for park renovations has been received - this grant is now closed.
- Department Managers MS4/Public Works/Water: Reports submitted to Council.

  Public Works – Street sweeping, sidewalk inspections, attended traffic safety class, budget items, removed down tree from storms.

  MS4/ Special Projects – Working on annual MS4 report; this is due 9/30. Drainage issue at the basketball court has been fixed. Two MS4 violations. Special projects: State Street storm pipe relining project and Pine Street relining phase 2

  Water Dept. – Attended class for EPA meeting outlining new compounds for testing in the future. Testing/sampling completed. Replaced three curb stops in August. City Interconnect project is scheduled for this month – all equipment has arrived.

OLD BUSINESS:
Committee Meeting Topics – Presentations by Lancaster County Library, Main Street water main tie-in project, Box & Run Cards / EPB box letter for EPFC, Amended Snow Emergency Plan, Municibid Items: 04 GMC truck/ propane stove, EPB Hockey Rink grant request, E-bike / E-scooter information, 2027 MMO, Payables 08/27/2026, Fire Company financial review, 07/23/2026 meeting minutes, Rettew to proceed w/ LSA grant application for Main St. Water main tie-in project, Misc. items.

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 Hunter, Councilmember Tirado) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve August 5, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes.***

2. ***It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Herr) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve 2027 MMO (Minimal Municipal Obligation).***

3. ***It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Tirado, Councilmember Gochnauer) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve East Petersburg Fire Department letter of approval for fire response change request.***

4. ***It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Garrett, Councilmember Valdez) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Inline Roller Hockey, Inc. letter of support and approval to apply for a grant to replace the rink.***

5. ***It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Valdez, Councilmember Herr) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Resolution 941, Amending the penalty for violation of the Snow Emergency Ordinance 308 as set forth in section 4.B, shall be modified to set the amount of the fine from $150.00 to $20.00.***

6. ***It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Garrett, Councilmember Tirado) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Resolution 944, Snow Emergency Plan.***

EXTRA ITEMS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
A. The next Borough Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
B. Appeals Board, September 10 at 7 p.m. as needed.
C. Planning Commission, September 17 at 7 p.m. as needed.
D. Zoning Hearing, September 23 at 7 p.m. as needed.
E. Committee, September 24 at 6 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL MATTERS: None requested.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary