



Borough Council Minutes
February 11, 2025
7:30 pm

Call to Order, Salute to the Flag.

Mr. Eric Kudrich President	P	Mr. John Bush Jr Councilman	P	Mr. Jason Ohliger Solicitor	P	Chief Kowinsky Fire Department	P
Mr. Mark Madsen Vice President	P	Mr. Jon Maney Councilman	P	Mr. Scott Myer Treasurer	P	Asst Chief Stewart	A
Mr. Sean Alessandra Councilman	A	Mr. Harry Prey Councilman	P	Ms. Amy Turner Tax Collector	P	Mr. Shawn Bolles Zoning/Code Enforcement Office	P
Mrs. Lisa Salvato Councilwoman	P	Ms. Shannon O'Leary Junior Council	A	Mr. Tom Olver EMA	A	Mr. Dave Clark Municipal Authority	
Mr. Cory Homer Mayor	P	Mr. Nate Corso Junior Council	P				

Public in attendance: approximately 13 members of the public were present.

Added motion(s):

Motion to add New Business "F": Advertise request for bids for Veterans Park Sidewalk. **M: Maney/Madsen. All in favor.**

Public Comment:

Dimitri Roby 105 PA Ave: Inquired if anyone is responsible to make sure applicants of projects are held accountable for keeping the scope of the project as it was presented to the Council. Stated stormwater runoff at the business located next to his home is not being captured as described and is running onto Pennsylvania Avenue and 2nd Street.

James Hall 106 Ave M: Stated that EIT taxes were implemented to pay for garbage. He is not happy that garbage service is no longer provided by the Borough. President Kudrich responded that EIT was not earmarked for garbage service.

Unanimous Consent Agenda **M: Maney/Prey. All in favor.**

- Approval of Minutes –Public Hearing & Council meeting January 14, 2025
- Approval of Treasurer’s Report –January 2025
- Approval of bills to be paid – January 2025

Motion to approve reimbursement to the recreation department for invoices paid January 2025 on behalf of the Wade Trust Fund. **M: Prey/Maney. All in favor.**

Reports:

Mayor Cory Homer: His full report is on file. Requests that everyone submit an opposition letter regarding the PCLP increases. A sample letter is available on the borough website under Mayor’s Corner. If you are interested in running for public office, you can file petitions February 18 through March 11. The WWII Airport light project is ongoing, Bill Clark, Town Historian, is working with local refurbishing entities. EPRP is holding a Law and Leadership Academy in July; applications are available on their website. An employment fair will be held on Tuesday April 1, 2025. Contact Pike County Workforce Development Agency for more information.

General Government Committee: Mark Madsen/Harry Prey: Nothing to report

Fire Committee: Sean Alessandra/Lisa Salvato: Nothing to report

Public Works: Harry Prey/Jon Maney: Report read. Please remove vehicles from the roadway during storm events. Please take basketball hoops off the streets.

Facilities Committee: John Bush Jr./Mark Madsen: Nothing to report

Finance Committee: Lisa Salvato/ John Bush Jr.: Nothing to report

Treasurer Scott Myer: Nothing to report.

Recreation Jon Maney/Sean Alessandra: Nothing to report

Recreation Advisory Board: Pam Conklin: Nothing to report. Sometime in March they will be walking through the park to see what needs to be updated/upgraded. Touch a Truck plans are in the works.

Planning Commission Eddie Addison: Noted items Planning is working on

Municipal Authority: Dave Clark: Transition of garbage: A 5-year contract was signed with Casella Waste for \$29 per month for the next 5 years. Opt-out is available. March 20th cans will be provided, and instructions will be provided for residents. The Municipal Authority is also working on drilling two new drinking wells on the mountain side of the borough.

EPRPD Assistant Chief Eric Stewart: Report is on file

Fire Chief Todd Kowinsky: The new fire truck was received two weeks ago, and the tower truck is still out for repairs.

Emergency Management: Tom Oliver: Report on file

Police Commission Dave Clark/Lisa Salvato: Westfall is working on a grant for a new police vehicle.

Sewage Mark Madsen: Public comment period is over.

Code Enforcement Shawn Bolles: Report is on file. Noted that some violations were not answered, and he requested that the Council allow him, along with the solicitor, to file complaints with the court. A motion to file enforcement action with the court was made by Mr. Prey and seconded by Mr. Maney. **All in favor.** President Kudrich thanked Mr. Bolles for all his help and diligence with the enforcement of the ordinances that are on file.

Tax Collector Amy Turner: 2024 collection is completed. Property tax bills will be sent the last week of February and will be collected from March 1st through April 30th. Office hours at the borough office will be held on Thursdays 4-7pm. Bills can also be mailed or dropped in the locked tax box.

Junior Council Nate Carso: Warrior Café is open, reservations 570-296-1896 between 11am and 1pm. Noted the many accomplishments of DV students. His full report is on file.

All other Reports on file:

Police Report X	Recreation NA	Police Commission X
Planning NA	Fire Department	Municipal Authority
Myer & Meyer Financial Report X	Berkheimer EIT Report X	Pike Tax Maintenance Updates X

- Correspondence:** On file.
- Letter of interest from Pam Conklin to fill the alternate position on the Matamoras Planning Commission.
 - PCLP Notice of Proposed Electric Rate Changes.
 - PCLP Notice of Weather Normalization Adjustment Proposal.
 - Pike County Public Library request for financial support
 - Pike County Assessment Office memo RE Appeal Hearing result
 - Letter from Planning to Council recommending amendment to §105-13

- Old Business:**
- a) Matamoras/Westfall Compost Facility: chipping and access. Tabled
 - b) Firefly Park offer of contribution from Mr. Biondo: Mr. Maney stated that this was discussed in the recreation meeting and that the \$1 fee would be implemented only when the splash pad is in operation for nonresidents of the Borough of Matamoras.

- c) Motion to adopt Regional Act 537 Plan Resolution 2025-001. **M: Salvato/Prey.** Mr. Oliger explained that all the municipalities need to adopt the enclosed Regional Act 537 Plan Resolution so the sewage plan may be adopted and submitted to the DEP. He then summarized the resolution for those in attendance. **All in favor, motion carried.**
- d) Conditional Use application of 905 Lucky Mart: hearing has been continued until March 11th at 6:00 pm

New Business:

- a. Motion to make a \$15,000 donation to Eastern Pike Regional Police Department earmarked for their pension payment. **M: Maney/Madsen.** 5 in favor, Mr. Prey abstained. **Motion carried.**
- b. Mr. Ohliger discussed use of "Conditional Agreement for Payment" to resolve Code Enforcement Proceeding that he is using with the Borough and other municipalities he represents.
- c. A motion to accept a Conditional Agreement dated 01/29/2025 between Michael Brown and the Borough of Matamoras. **M: Maney/Madsen. All in favor.**
- d. A motion to accept the letter of interest from Pam Conklin to be appointed to the alternate position on the Planning Commission. **M: Salvato/Maney.** 4 in favor, 2 opposed. **Motion carried.**
- e. A motion to publish a public hearing notice for proposed changes to §105-13 relating to sidewalks March 11th 7:00 pm. **M: Prey/Maney. All in favor, motion carried.**
- f. A motion to advertise a bid packet for sidewalks for Veterans Park was made by **Mr. Madsen and seconded by Mr. Prey. All in favor, motion carried.**

Public Comment:

Kyle Innella 902 Ave H questioned when the last time the hydrants were tested for flow. Mr. Clark and Mr. Addison, Municipal Authority Representatives, responded that all hydrants have been tested and invited him to attend the Municipal Authority's next workshop scheduled for February 26th at 5:00 pm and they would look into finding the dates of service.

A motion to adjourn at 8:20 was made by Mr. Madsen.

Respectfully submitted,



Marianne Brown
Borough Secretary