



Borough Council Minutes
Special Meeting
September 02, 2025
6:30 pm

Call to Order, Salute to the Flag.

Mr. Eric Kudrich President	P	Mr. John Bush Jr Councilman	P
Mr. Mark Madsen Vice President	P	Mr. Jon Maney Councilman	P
Mr. Sean Alessandra Councilman	P	Mr. Harry Prey Councilman	P
Mrs. Lisa Salvato Councilwoman	P	Mr. Jason Ohliger Solicitor	P
Mr. Cory Homer Mayor	A		

The borough secretary was not present for the meeting, minutes were derived from a recording of the meeting.

President's Remarks: The purpose of this Special Meeting is to discuss whether to implement a 0.5 mill EMS tax for 2026, additionally whether to pose the question of a 2 mill EMS tax upon the general municipal election ballot for 2025 as a referendum, and any other pertinent business that may arise.

This meeting was advertised in the Pocono Record and poconorecord.com 8/29/2025.

There was no public comment, there were no motions to amend the agenda.

New Business:

The council discussed funding options for ambulance services. According to the Borough Code, the Borough has the authority to implement a 0.05 mill tax for ambulance services through either ordinance or resolution. Additionally, the Borough may place a referendum on the ballot to ask voters whether they would support a tax of up to 2 mills. It was noted that the tax amount must be tied directly to the actual cost of the expenditure and cannot exceed it. It is estimated that one mill equals approximately \$40 per household.

The responsibility for drafting the exact language of the referendum would fall to the tax office. The special meeting was called due to the approaching deadline for placing items on the 2025 general municipal election ballot, which falls at the end of the current week. It was noted that if the referendum were to pass, it would not require immediate enactment.

Council discussed the need for long-term budget planning. The Borough has no room for general tax growth. The County currently offers a matching program to support ambulance services, but council members recognized that this funding is not guaranteed in the long term.

A motion to put the question of a 2 mill EMS tax upon the general municipal election ballot for 2025 as a referendum was made by Mr. Jon Maney and seconded by Mr. Mark Madsen. **The motion passed 4 to 3.**

Public Comment:

Kyle Innella of 902 Ave H noted that EMS is a valuable yet overlooked service. Police and fire departments can apply for a multitude of grants that are not offered to EMS. He asked the council to do their research when choosing an EMS provider.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Jon Maney at 6:52, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Brown
Borough Secretary

