



Borough Council Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2026

7:00 pm

Call to Order, Salute to the Flag and Roll Call:

Mr. Eric Kudrich Councilman	P	Mrs. Lisa Salvato Councilwoman	P	Mr. Jason Ohliger Solicitor	P	Mr. Greg Fean Fire Department	P
Mr. Mark Madsen Councilman	P	Mr. Mark Toussaint Councilman	P	Mr. Scott Myer Treasurer	P	Asst Chief Stewart Eastern Pike Regional Police	P
Mr. Mike Mady Jr Councilman	P	Mr. Cory Homer Mayor	P	Ms. Amy Turner Tax Collector	P	Mr. Shawn Bolles Zoning/Code Enforcement Office	A
Mr. Jon Maney Councilman	P	Ms. Shannon O'Leary Junior Council	A	Mr. Tom Olver EMA	A	Mr. Dave Clark Municipal Authority	P
Mr. Harry Prey Councilman	P	Mr. Drew Churchill Junior Council	P				

Approximately 8 members of the public were present.

On behalf of Borough Council, Mr. Jon Maney presented newly retired Eastern Pike Regional Police Chief Chad Stewart a plaque to show our appreciation for his 30 years of honorable service to our community. We wish him all the best! President Kudrich then invited Ryan Stuart from Planet Networks, Fiber Internet, from Newton NJ. The company is installing fiber optics lines and he explained he was interested in obtaining a suitable space for an equipment cabinet. He needs space that would accommodate a 8' x 20' "shipping container". A 20' x 32' plot of land is ideally what they are looking for. Mayor Homer commented that they are in Sussex County NJ and his experience with this company, in dealings with the college, is that they have been a good partner of the community.

Public Comment:

307 Ave L asked what other septic companies were in town. She was unhappy with M&S.

Added Motion: None

Unanimous Consent Agenda M: Mr. Prey, seconded by Mr. Toussaint. All in favor, motion carried.

- Approval of Minutes – July 14, 2026, Council Meeting minutes
- Approval of bills to be paid – July 2026
- Approval of Treasurer's Report – July 2026

Approval of the Treasurer's Report and approval of reimbursement to the Recreation Department for invoices paid July 2026 on behalf of the Wade Trust Fund was made by Mr. Maney, seconded by Mr. Mady Jr. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports:

Mayor Cory Homer: Full report is on file. School starts August 24, please use caution. Thanked the recreation folks for the successful Tuesday Tunes in the Park. Noted Zander's runway light project is coming along. He then stressed the importance of wearing a life jacket when on the river.

General Government Committee: Mark Madsen/Mike Mady Jr.: Nothing to report.

Fire Committee: Lisa Salvato/Mike Mady Jr.: The lease is being worked on.

Municipal Liaison: Harry Prey: Drains are being cleaned. Mr. Prey plans on meeting with Rep. Jeff Olsommer to discuss the heavy traffic that passes through town and hopes that we will receive help in repairing some of the collapsed drainage systems. The pipeline company is wrapping up their project and they thanked the borough for their patience.

Facilities Committee: Mark Toussaint/Mark Madsen: Mr. Toussaint reported the air conditioning unit has been replaced in the EMA office.

Finance Committee: Lisa Salvato: Budget time is around the corner. Budget worksheets will be shared with council members at the next meeting.

Treasurer Scott Myer: Nothing to report.

Recreation Jon Maney/Mike Mady Jr: Nothing to report.

Recreation Advisory Board Kelli Johnson: Nothing to report.

Planning Commission Dave Oszczepinski: Nothing to report.

Municipal Authority: Dave Clark: Nothing to report.

EPRPD Assistant Chief Stewart: Full report is on file. Thanked everyone who attended the "walk-out" for Chief Stewart and those who attended the Law and Leadership graduation. The department participated in the backpack give-a-way, a new officer recently joined the force, and the department participated in the "National Night Out" event. Noted new addition of data "CDR" -Contact Data Reporting which is mandated by the state. Calls for service is 76%/24% Westfall/Matamoras.

Fire Department Greg Fean: Read report, on file. Noted past and upcoming training and fundraising efforts. Shared training and drills that the department has attended. Three EMT students passed their tests. Upcoming events include a blood drive and a meat raffle. Noted concerns about AEDs. They are nearing the end of their life expectancy and replacement pads are no longer available. The department is looking into air dryers as a cost saving avenue.

Emergency Management: Tom Olver: Mr. Olver was not present; President Kudrich commended him on fixing the recent e-mail communication issues and the effort and time he puts into our IT and security.

Police Commission Dave Clark/Jon Maney: Nothing to report.

Sewage Mark Madsen/Eric Kudrich: Solicitor Ohliger would like to engage DEP; we are at an impasse as to what to do about funding.

Code Enforcement Shawn Bolles: Zoning/Code: Not present.

Tax Collector Amy Turner: Outstanding bills are in the penalty stage, there are 56 unpaid bills remaining. School tax collection started on August 1st.

Junior Council Shannon O'Leary/Drew Churchill: Mr. Churchill reported on preseason sports and upcoming school events.

He was pleased to report that the park is being used by his peers and is glad to see kids out walking and riding bikes around town. He appreciates the yield signs on the avenue and reports that cars seem to respect them.

All other Reports on file:

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

Correspondence: On file.

- Email from Westfall Township regarding the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for the Joint Comprehensive Plan. Draft agreement from Pike County Planning attached. See "Old Business".
- Invitation from the Pike County Conservation District, Annual Banquet at Grey Towers, Friday September 18, 2026, 11 AM – 3 PM.
- Invitation from Pike Irish American Heritage Society "Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser" September 17th
- E-mail from Westfall Township scheduling the 2027 EPRP Budget meeting. Seen "New Business".
- Email from Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau announcing a contribution of \$2,000 the "Lights on the Avenue" Project.
- Letter from the Municipal Authority to the Borough discussing the need for land for the new well house. See "New Business".
- Pike County Commissioners: America 250 Community Time Capsule. Please see the secretary for a copy of project guidelines.

Old Business:

- Fire Department Lease agreement is being worked on.
- Update building security: Quote from 1st Alarm is below the bidding threshold. Mr. Madsen explained some of the safety and security upgrades that will be included. Tabled until next meeting.
- Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement – Comprehensive Plan: Proposing 50/50 cost share split contingent upon grant funding. It is Solicitor Ohliger's understanding that this will be brought up at the next Westfall Meeting. If the expected grant funding doesn't come through an equitable split will need to be addressed. We will know more next month.
- 9th Street between Avenue Q to R will be surveyed. Shawn Bolles will reach out to the surveyor.
- Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement - Westfall Sewage Authority as sole operator was tabled

New Business:

- A motion to engage with "Savvy Citizen" was made by Mr. Maney and seconded by Mr. Prey. Administrators will be Tom Olver and Lisa Salvato. The cost is \$1400 per year with a one-time marketing fee of \$300. All in favor, motion carried.
- Motion to advertise Joint Workshop Meeting to discuss the 2027 Police Department Budget was made by Mr. Maney and seconded by Mr. Mady Jr. the meeting will be 9/21/2026 at 7:00 pm in the Westfall Township building. All in favor, motion carried.
- A motion to authorize the purchase of two snowflakes, up to \$1,000.00 was made by Mr. Maney and seconded by Mr. Prey. The Borough had applied for a \$5,000 matching grant; it was not approved. Instead, we were given a \$2,000 contribution from the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau earmarked for the purchase of holiday lights for Pennsylvania Avenue, which have been ordered. Council has agreed to purchase an additional two snowflakes, not to exceed \$1000. All in favor, motion carried.
- Mr. Clark explained that the Municipal Authority needs land for a new well house. They would like to erect it on the DPW property across from Veterans Park. They will no longer need the existing block well house on the 200' x300' property, which is deeded to the Authority, located at the end of 9th Street. Rather than a "land swap" as presented, the Council discussed a mutual easement be granted. Solicitor Ohliger requested that Council bring him to the site so he can understand the layout of the property in question.
- Discussion on a contract for pothole repairs throughout the Borough: Mr. Prey explained that the Borough does not have the equipment or the expertise to fill all the potholes in the borough. The Municipal Authority met with Wayco, Inc. Councilman Madsen, who also sits on the Municipal Authority Board, explained that Wayco, Inc provided two bids, one through the Municipal Authority and one through Borough Council. The proposed bid was \$6,550 per day for pothole repair, which includes 22 tons of asphalt. They estimated it would take 2 days to have all the potholes in town repaired. Mr. Madsen also proposed that we contract with them yearly, have them drive around town in April to identify new potholes that need repair after the winter season and provide bid proposals. A cost comparison of what it would cost the DPW vs Wayco was completed by Mr. Madsen. It is costing approximately \$250 more to contract the work with Wayco; this is easily justifiable by knowing the work is being handled by professionals. Motion to contract with Wayco, Inc to fill potholes at a rate of \$6,550 per day up to 22 tons of asphalt was made by Mr. Maney and seconded by Mrs. Salvato. All in favor, motion carried.
- State Police Contract/communication tower: Mr. Madsen explained he met with Frank Moore, Chief Tower Site Engineer with the Pennsylvania State Police. We currently have an 80 ft communication pole in the DWP yard. They would like to put a new 78 ft tower that would require a small building to house two air conditioning units and a propane generator near a recreation building. They would like to renew their 20-year lease, currently \$1,000 annual payment. EMA is welcome to store equipment in the building if needed and both the fire and police are welcome to put repeaters on the tower. Frank Moore will be asked to join the next meeting regarding the existing contract.
- A motion to advertise a bid paving project for Avenue A and Avenue B, and Hill Street between 1st and 2nd Street was made by Mr. Maney, seconded by Mr. Prey. All in favor, motion carried.
- Borough IT contract: Mr. Madsen and Mr. Olver met with Eban Ackerly. Our computer systems are outdated. Mr. Olver will work with Mr. Ackerly to develop a plan for new computer systems and server. We will work in partnership with the Municipal Authority and ensure both entities are brought up to date. Our internet service will be increase to the highest tier. All systems will automatically be backed up daily to the cloud. The borough currently has an offsite system, manually backed up by the secretary on a daily and weekly schedule. Mr. Madsen explained this will be costly, however it is time and long overdue. The proposal will be shared when it becomes available.
- Mr. Prey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Madsen to table discussion on the Rental Ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment: None

A motion to adjourn at 8:17pm by Mr. Prey with all in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Marianne Brown
Borough Secretary