

Minutes for meeting August 3rd, 2026, at 6:00PM

**Present :D. Bell, T .Russell, B Fisher, B. Fletcher, S. Evans, B. Beikert, Secretary C. Wilson, L . Carr
Maintenance T. Cooper, Solicitor M. Sloat**

Absent:

Excuse: L. McNany, B. Wager and Chief R. Deloe

Pledge of Allegiance

Doug Bell called the meeting to order at 5:59

Visitors: Jamie Hunt

Jake Lutz from Game Time - Memorial Playground Park

Jake Lutz gave us different option and ideas on how to save some money on the Veterans Playground. We can save \$13,000.00 by removing the equipment. Also, there is a grant for \$5,000.00 to add shade to the equipment. If the borough had the park appraised, there is the Greenways grant that is 15% of the appraisal cost. There is a grant from DCNR that if we submit a bill for the cost of the demo, that we may receive money for this. GameTime does have their own grant department.

Jamie Hunt was concerned about some of the run-down properties and wanted an update as to where we stand on these. He also wanted to know if the local police were giving citations to the property owners.

T. Russell made a motion to accept July's minutes. B. Fisher seconded the motion; all in favor, motion will stand.

B. Fletcher made a motion to accept July's receipts. T. Russell seconded the motion; all in favor, the motion will stand.

B. Fisher made the motion to accept August's expenditure. B. Beikert seconded the motion; all in favor, motion will stand.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- **T. Cooper states that 16 loads of brush were in July.**
- **Fred Hayes with the help of maintenance - Three catch boxes have been replaced on River Ave. Will be working on two on Myrtle St. two on 8th street, one on Hill Street and one 9th street.**
- **1st Street update – gravel down and signage placed. T. Russell made a motion to place a sign stating, "Loose Gravel." B Fisher seconded the motion; all in favor, motion will stand.**
- **Signage for 2nd and Railroad Street, "Not an Exit", will be revisited later.**

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- Estimate for tree removal at Hughes Park – B. Fletcher made the motion to hire Shaffer and Sons
- Three sewer drains at Splash have been cut flush to the ground and new tops replaced. . Maintenance will be working on the other two drains this week and will replace tops also.
- Property Care at a cost of \$1200.00. T. Russell seconded the motion; all in favor, motion will stand.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- DGLV – Will need to schedule a meeting. A contract will need to be signed. This will start in 2027, and a decision will need to be made as to where to start this project. Tom Cooper suggested starting at the pavilion. This will be Phase I of the Mineral Springs Project. We were given an amount of \$53, 927.74 for this Phase.
- Donation to Cat Fund. S. Evans made a motion to donate \$500.00. B. Beikert seconded the motion; all in favor, motion will stand.
- Lee Anne's 90-day probation will expire on 8/9/26. B. Fisher made the motion to give a raise of .50 cents. T. Russell seconded the motion; all in favor, motion will stand.
- Smather's estimated the 711 Chestnut Street and 504 Hill Street properties.
- Advertise 711 Chestnut Street and 504 Hill Street- B. Fisher made the motion. S. Evans seconded the motion; all in favor, motion will stand. AD will run for two weeks for sealed bids.
- Soliciting in Emlenton Borough. An ordinance was not found but M. Sloat will investigate this further. Will also have R. Deloe (code enforcer) see if she can help.
- Going forward, Scott Evans will supply counsel with a quarterly Fire Department report.

SECRETARY DESK:

- The Right to Know request from 7/16/26 by Civic IQ Inc. has been completed on 7/17/26. Records were sent from 2022 through the current year.

LAND BANK: B. Fisher- Next meeting will be October 8th.

- 612 Kerr Ave – Since this property is in the Historic District of Emlenton, further attempts to have this home demolished will need to be made.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: B. Fisher/ L. McNany

- No Report

GRANT WRITING: B. Fisher

- Working on Myrtle Street playground. Hughes Park grants will be started after the Veterans Park grants are completed.

CRAWFORD CENTER/ORALIAISON REPORT:

- Mike Kelly will visit on 8/11/26.

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PARKS, REC, and TOWN:

- Autism Park – project began on 7/20/26 and was completed on 7/31/26. Mulch was laid through the whole playground.
- Hiles will be here on 8/7 to repair the center tension screw at the Pickle Ball and Tennis courts (3 nets in total) and will also paint and repair the hoop supports at the Basketball Court.
- B. Fisher made the motion to have lines painted on the Tennis court and the Basketball court to have additional Pickle ball courts (5 pickle ball courts in total). Wes Baum is volunteering his time and painting to complete this project. B. Fletcher seconded the motion; all in favor, motion will stand.
- Parks (Hughes and Veterans) will need to be inspected weekly. Tom Cooper will be doing this.
- B. Fisher is going to see if she can get a discount on the mulch for the playgrounds.

7:21 Doug Bell called for Executive Session- 7:29 Council out of Executive Session.

POLICE REPORT:

- EPD would like to open an account for fundraising. Funds would go towards training and equipment. S. Evans made the motion for the EPD to open an account with a co-signature from a Borough Council member. B. Fletcher seconded the motion; all in favor, the motion will stand.
- Participation in cooperative law enforcement operations with other law enforcement agencies. S. Evans made the motion; B. Fisher seconded the motion; all in favor, motion will stand.

7:50 PM T. Russell made the motion to adjourn. B. Fletcher seconded the motion; all in favor, motion will stand.



Council President: Doug Bell



Borough Secretary: Lee Anne Carr