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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 18, 2025

Council Vice President Love called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Dr. Blasiolo, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, and Ms. Yaney. Also present were Mayor O'Donnell, Police Chief Payne, Borough Manager Zahorchak, and Solicitor McDermott. Dr. Epitropoulos and Dr. Petrolla were absent.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M-1 Dr. Blasiolo moved to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2025 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Sherman.
DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, and Ms. Yaney. **The motion carried.**

M-2 Dr. Blasiolo moved to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2025 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, and Ms. Yaney. **The motion carried.**

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M-3 Dr. Blasiolo moved to authorize the payment of bills for goods and services received by the borough from the General Fund in the amount of \$108,803.84 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$24.49 for a total of \$108,828.33. Second by Mr. Sherman.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes to the bills: Dr. Blasiolo, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, and Ms. Yaney. **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Mr. Love reported that General Government met and discussed a few items, including the roof and ac at the borough building, as well as the parking lot project. Trees were also discussed.

POLICE: Nothing was reported.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Ms. Yaney stated that the committee did not meet.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: Mr. Sherman stated that they did not meet, but they have had some discussion regarding ICE. Residents are concerned about contracts with local departments. Mr. Sherman noted that it seems some police forces are requesting contracts, rather than being asked to engage in one. Some departments in Beaver County have entered into such contracts. Pittsburgh Police have said they are not participating, but nothing is officially on file. They do have an unbiased policing policy, to ensure they do not engage in racial profiling.

PENSION AND PERSONNEL: Nothing was reported.

AD HOC COMMITTEES: Nothing was reported.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. McDermott had nothing to report.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Zahorchak reported that he will be meeting Friday with Jet Jack regarding the municipal complex project. The Brinton Rd traffic island has started and should be completed Wednesday. The McKay Street storm sewer has been walked. Mr. Zahorchak noted that this is part of a sanitary fix for two residents. That project is moving along.

The elementary school is requesting bond reduction. The cross-walk on Maple Ave needs to be addressed. September 2 is the planned first day of school for them. Regarding our traffic signal replacement, the low bid was \$275,000 and the grant amount is \$292,000, putting us under the grant allowance. We are required to chip in a small portion. Swissvale included an ad-alternate in their bid to include an extended arm. It was recommended not to include specific brands in bid specs. We saved almost \$100,000 in the specs. Police can help control traffic as the project happens. The Koenig Field steps bid received one bid of \$1.4 million. The grant we have is \$300,000. Discussion ensued concerning the Koenig Stair bid.

We would like to start setting up interviews for the Police Chief position. We need to finalize questions, if anyone has any final input on that. We also need availability for interviews, which can be submitted through a Google Sheet. Final Community Day details were discussed, including sign-up for games and the Council table. On tonight's Agenda is a resolution for the economic development trust fund.

NEW BUSINESS –

Dr. Blasiolo inquired about the traffic light timing. Brief discussion ensued on this matter.

COMMITTEE ACTION

M-4 Dr. Blasiolo moved to adopt Resolution 2025-03: Gaming and Economic Development Trust Fund Application for \$500,000 for Monongahela Way/Nine Mile Run Culvert Improvements. Second by Dr. Epitropoulos.

DISCUSSION: None.

Upon roll call vote the following responded yes: Dr. Blasiolo, Mr. Love, Ms. Patel, Mr. Sherman, and Ms. Yaney. **Motion carried.**

M-5 It was moved by Ms. Yaney and seconded by Dr. Epitropoulos to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. **Motion carried.**



Rob Zahorchak, Borough Manager