

January 27, 2026 Business Meeting

Meeting minutes

The Mount Penn Borough Council met for the Monthly Business Meeting on January 27, 2026, at Borough Hall at 200 N. 25th Street, Reading, PA 19606. Council President Rick Lombardo called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Council President Rick Lombardo, Council Vice President Christine Dise, Council Member Thomas Baer, Council Member Kelly Dudash, Council Member Troy Goodman, Council Member Michael Kindlick, Council Member David Korinchock, and Mayor Ryan Maurer were present. Staff and professionals present included Solicitor Tom Klonis, Esq., Chief of Police Ray Serafin, Borough Engineer Ty Leinneweber, Deputy Chief of Police Justin Johnson, and Borough Manager Hunter L. Ahrens.

State Senator Judy Schwank, State Representative Jackelyn Rusnock, Lower Alsace Fire Chief Bob Mountz, Oley Township Supervisor Jeff Spatz, St. Lawrence Borough Mayor Carrie Zana, St. Lawrence Borough Council Member Warren Lubenow, St. Lawrence Borough Council Mike Fritz, St. Lawrence Borough Council Dave Eggert, St. Lawrence Borough Council Michael Bennethum, St. Lawrence Borough Manager Derrek Rhoads, Lower Alsace Township Supervisor Ann Sellers, Lower Alsace Township Supervisor John Theodossiou, Lower Alsace Township Supervisor Todd Weikel, and approximately 30 others in attendance.

Meeting Opening

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM. All present were asked to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance, which was led by the Mr. Lombardo.

Celebration of Chief Serafin's Retirement

The meeting opened with a special presentation honoring Chief Ray Serafin upon his retirement after 41 years of service to the Central Berks Regional Police Department and the communities it serves.

The Lower Alsace Township Supervisors provided a plaque for Chief Serafin and thanked him for his service to Lower Alsace Township.

The Mayor of Mount Penn reflected on his working relationship with Chief Serafin, noting the chief's grace and humility in navigating a complex multi-municipality command structure, and described a personal memory of Chief Serafin proudly sharing a video of his granddaughter—highlighting that above all else, Chief Serafin was a man devoted to his family.

On behalf of St. Lawrence Borough, representatives offered sincere congratulations and noted that, as a borough resident, the chief would continue to be a part of the community.

The Oley Township Supervisor spoke without prepared remarks, having only learned moments before that he was scheduled to speak, and expressed deep gratitude for Chief Serafin's steady, drama-free leadership style, which he described as precisely what local

government needs. He praised the chief's ability to handle community concerns with professionalism and noted that the officers serving under him reflected that same culture.

State Representative Rusnock presented a citation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, acknowledging Chief Serafin's distinguished 40-year career in law enforcement, his role as one of the founding members of the Central Berks Regional Police Department in 1993, his service as a firearms instructor and range master, and his advocacy for fellow officers as union president.

Senator Schwank offered remarks praising Chief Serafin as a visionary leader, specifically crediting him with helping to grow and sustain a regional department at a time when many such departments across Berks County had failed or dissolved. She highlighted his leadership on National Night Out, his adaptation of policing strategies to meet the changing demographics and needs of the municipalities served, and his initiative in connecting law enforcement with codes enforcement through grant funding—a model she described as unique in the county.

Deputy Chief Johnson offered brief and heartfelt remarks, acknowledging the chief's role in professionalizing the department and expressing his intention to build upon that foundation as incoming chief.

Chief Serafin addressed those assembled, thanking the municipalities and his officers, noting that the success of the department was a collective achievement. He reflected fondly on each of the four municipalities served and expressed that what he would miss most was the people he served and the officers who worked alongside him.

Additionally, a Bob Mountz of the Lower Alsace Fire Company and Lower Alsace Beneficial Association, who noted a lifelong friendship with Chief Serafin dating to childhood at St. Catherine's School, presented him with life membership to both organizations along with a gift. The office of Congresswoman Chrissy Houlahan's office also provided a United States flag that had been flown over the Capitol building, with an accompanying certificate of authenticity, which was presented to Chief Serafin.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Consideration of Road Project Contract A Payment App. No. 4

Borough Engineer Ty Leinneweber presented Payment Application No. 4 from Allen Myers LP for Contract A, which covers Endlich Avenue. The total amount of work completed to date was \$435,546.69, with a retainage of \$43,554.67. The balance remaining to finish the project stood at \$60,178.78.

Mr. Leinneweber confirmed that all work included in the payment application had been reviewed and approved, and that outstanding punch list items were separate from and not included in the payment. Council was advised that there are three change orders associated with Contract A: \$7,200 to remove an existing inlet at the Endlich Avenue intersection;

\$15,619.80 to remove sidewalk and curb at Endlich Avenue and Greensburg Road; and \$11,875 for additional hauling costs related to a second dump site.

The question of liquidated damages and any punitive amounts owed remained unresolved and would be addressed separately. The engineer noted that retainage would not be released until the liquidated damages issue is settled.

Motion by David Korinchock, seconded by Thomas Baer, to authorize payment of Payment Application No. 4 to Allen Myers LP in the amount of \$250,396.81 for Contract A, based upon the recommendation of the engineer. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Road Project Contract B Payment App. No. 4

Mr. Leineweber presented Payment Application No. 4 from Allen Myers LP for Contract B, covering Brook Street from North 25th Street to Perkiomen Avenue, Oak Terrace, Cameron Street, Brook Street from Greensburg Road to Hill Avenue, and Hill Avenue from Endlich Avenue to the Borough Line. The total amount of work completed to date was \$377,510.16, with a retainage of \$37,751.02.

The balance to finish the project stood at \$168,861.36, which included two roads deferred to spring—Laurel and Summit—pending replacement of the waterline. The engineer confirmed that the outstanding punch list items could not be addressed until spring and that the payment would not affect the borough's ability to hold the contractor accountable for those items. Council asked about the absence of Change Order No. 3, and the engineer explained that it had been rejected because the contractor's pricing to add additional streets came in significantly higher than the original bid unit prices.

Mr. Lombardo asked what the outstanding punch list items were. The engineer identified defective paving at the intersection of Oak Terrace and Endlich Avenue that would need to be removed and replaced; a roof leader on Brook Street from Greensburg Road that had been partially paved over and was not properly draining; grass strips on Oak Terrace that had not been stabilized; and improperly sealed curb on Brook Street at Greensburg Road. Mr. Goodman additionally noted that the contractor had bored through the church yard and front grass strips along Endlich Avenue, leaving areas with stone fill and no topsoil or grass seeding. Mr. Leineweber confirmed he would add those items to the punch list.

Mr. Ahrens clarified that the contractor also had an outstanding claim for work beyond original scope, and the borough had asserted liquidated damages of approximately \$1,000 per day for significant project delays, estimated at over \$70,000. Both issues were to be negotiated, and the engineer indicated that issuing a certificate of substantial completion and then meeting at the negotiating table was the appropriate procedural approach, as the borough still held approximately \$60,000 in Contract A retainage and \$168,000 in Contract B balance as leverage.

Motion by David Korinchock, seconded by Christine Dise, to authorize payment of Payment Application No. 4 to Allen Myers LP in the amount of \$121,243.93 for Contract B, based upon the recommendation of the engineer. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Road Project and Completion

Mr. Leinneweber reviewed the formal punch list for both contracts. For Contract B, the primary items requiring attention included the defective paving at Oak Terrace and Endlich Avenue, the improperly addressed roof leader on Brook Street, unstabilized grass strips on Oak Terrace, improperly sealed curb on Brook Street at Greensburg Road, and the areas on Endlich Avenue where boring through the church yard and grass strips was left incomplete without topsoil or seed. The engineer noted that he had not yet issued a certificate of substantial completion for Contract B and wished to discuss the proper next steps before doing so. He confirmed that the road paving reached substantial completion on November 24, and that the one-year warranty period for the contractor would commence only after final payment—including retainage—is made.

Mr. Ahrens recommended proceeding with issuing certificates of substantial completion for both contracts and then scheduling negotiations with the contractor to resolve the outstanding liquidated damages claim and the contractor's counter-assertion regarding extra work, noting that the borough retained significant leverage in the remaining balances owed. Mr. Leinneweber concurred that this was the appropriate sequence.

Discussion of 2026 Road Projects

Mr. Ahrens reported that efforts to secure grant amendments from DCED to extend grant funding to additional roads had been unsuccessful; neither of the two applicable grants would permit amendments. As a result, approximately \$380,000 in anticipated grant funds that had been expected to fund larger street projects would not be available for those purposes and could not be carried over to new roads. Council would need to either apply for new grant funding or fund those roads locally.

Mr. Ahrens noted that remaining funds within the existing grant could potentially be used for work that was cut from the original Endlich Avenue scope—such as streetlight improvements, sidewalk improvements, and other in-ground improvements—rather than returning money to the state. The engineer confirmed that adding such work was permissible since it falls within the existing project footprint.

Mr. Lombardo suggested getting clarity from Chad Schlanger of Representative Rusnock's office on whether grant funds could be used for two additional roads: North 25th Street between Endlich and Brooke Street, and Brighton Avenue, both identified as priority streets.

Mr. Leinneweber cautioned that if a road project were to proceed this construction season, bid specifications would need to be prepared within approximately two weeks of grant authorization being confirmed, allowing for a three-to-four-week bid period plus additional time for contract assembly and review by the liquid fuels inspector, Charlie Paris.

Mr. Ahrens noted that the borough had \$20,000 in road materials and \$35,000 in road construction funds in the 2026 budget, and that between those funds and available liquid fuels balances—after accounting for the Bobcat annual payment and a minimum reserve for winter salt—the borough might be able to assemble approximately \$70,000–\$75,000 for a smaller road project. The engineer identified North 25th Street between Endlich and Brooke as a candidate that might fall within that range, and noted that Brighton Road was likely a

more significant rebuild. Mr. Goodman suggested that if the borough needed emergency funding for an unforeseen reason, borrowing from the bank was a viable option that could happen quickly.

Council directed Mr. Ahrens to contact Representative Rusnock's office to confirm whether grant funds could be used for the proposed roads, and authorized the Mr. Leineweber to prepare bid specifications conditioned upon receiving a favorable answer.

Motion by Micheal Kindlick, seconded by Christine Dise, to authorize the borough engineer to prepare bid specifications for North 25th Street between Endlich and Brooke Street and Brighton Avenue, conditioned upon receiving confirmation from Representative Rusnock's office that the borough would be permitted to utilize available grant funds for those projects. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Vehicle Procurement for Central Berks Codes

Mr. Ahrens presented a proposal to procure a 2025 model-year Ford Escape through a COSTARS contract via Hondru Chrysler Dodge Jeep of Elizabethtown at a unit price of \$25,545. The vehicle was identified through the cooperative purchasing contract with GM through Street Foreman Okonski's coordination with Officer Elliot Kreimendahl. Mr. Ahrens confirmed that the vendor's contract number and specific vendor identification had been verified for municipal vehicle procurement purposes. The vehicle is intended to replace the codes department's current Ford Explorer, a former police vehicle described as approximately ten years old and in poor condition.

Mr. Goodman asked whether funds were available to properly equip the vehicle. Mr. Ahrens confirmed that Elliott had provided an upfit cost estimate of approximately \$2,000 for equipment installation, and that new Microsoft Surface tablets—more mobile and flexible than previous laptop setups—had already been procured for the codes officers through grant funding. He noted that the outfitting cost was included in the original grant application. It was also discussed that Mr. Kreimendahl intended to have the vehicle marked with a magnet rather than permanent graphics.

Motion by Michael Kindlick, seconded by Christine Dise, to authorize procurement of a 2025 Ford Escape for Central Berks Codes through the COSTARS contract via Hondru Chrysler Dodge Jeep of Elizabethtown at a price of \$25,545, using grant funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Updates on Leaseback-Conveyance

Mr. Ahrens reported that a letter had been drafted outlining the information required from the other party before the borough could make meaningful decisions regarding the leaseback-conveyance. He intended to send the letter imminently and had prefaced the matter with MPBMA Office Manager Christeena Hauck. Mr. Ahrens also noted an intention to call MPBMA Chairman Joe Boyle to provide advance notice of the letter's contents. It was anticipated that information would begin coming in ahead of the next meeting, at which point Council could begin making substantive decisions.

Discussion/Updates of Lower Alsace Township Merger

Mr. Ahrens noted that the upcoming merger townhall meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 29th was included on the agenda in case Council members had specific items they wished to address. Terri Cunkle, DCED's representative, had prepared a presentation and planned to share it in advance so it could be loaded into SharePoint for Council's review, along with supporting financial information she was compiling. Mr. Ahrens asked for any guidance from Council on how they wished the conversation to be structured or what specific topics they wanted addressed.

Logistical concerns were also raised regarding the meeting setup, including requests to adjust the table arrangement, address the cold air blower that had made the last meeting uncomfortable, and ensure the presentation could be adequately seen by attendees.

Discussion & Consideration of HRA Plan Document

Mr. Ahrens explained that as part of the collective bargaining agreement negotiated during the current year, the borough had agreed to offer employees a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) program. An HRA is a borough-held fund used to reimburse employees and their covered dependents for IRS-qualifying health-related expenses. A full plan document governing use of the HRA had been prepared and reviewed with all employees. The Personnel Committee met prior to the meeting to review the plan and make some revisions including to establish a cap on carryover balances while still permitting a reasonable level of annual rollover.

Mr. Maurer asked for clarification on the cap structure. Mr. Ahrens explained that the annual benefit is \$1,000 per employee regardless of the number of dependents. At year end, half of any unused balance may be carried over to the following plan year, with a maximum cumulative cap of \$5,000 per employee. Any amount in excess of that cap or outside of the permitted half-rollover reverts to the borough or would simply not be funded for that year. The Manager clarified that this is an HRA, not an HSA.

Motion by Michael Kindlick, seconded by Christine Dise, to adopt the HRA Plan Document with the revised carryover provisions. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Consideration of Employee Handbook Revisions

Mr. Ahrens reported that the employee handbook revisions had not yet been fully reviewed by Mr. Okonski, Union Shop Steward who still had time remaining within the 30-day review window. Mr. Ahrens recommended tabling the item to the February meeting. A summary of the proposed changes was noted as available in the meeting binder for any Council members who wished to review it in the interim. Council agreed to table the item to the February business meeting.

Met-Ed Outages Discussions

Mr. Maurer initiated the discussion, noting that over his nine years in the borough, power outages appeared to be increasing in frequency, and he asked whether Council wished to direct the Borough Manager to contact Met-Ed or another authority to address the issue. Mrs. Dise elaborated on the erratic nature of the outages, describing situations where one

side of a street may have power while the other does not, attributing this to the way the electrical grid loops through the borough between substations at Butter Lane and 19th and Cotton. It was noted that Butter Lane substation rarely loses power while Mt. Penn's loop is far more vulnerable. Deputy Chief Johnson confirmed the police station experiences the same loop-related issues.

Chief Serafin suggested that contacting the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) directly would be more effective than corresponding with the utility company, citing the borough's recent experience with persistent telephone line issues. He reported that after the Executive Assistant to the Chief contacted the PUC regarding Verizon's neglected telephone infrastructure in Mt. Penn, the PUC had already issued three fines against the company and the restringing of the station's phone lines was now underway. He recommended the same approach for Met-Ed, noting that the PUC had been responsive and had taken swift action.

Mrs. Dise moved to direct the Borough Manager to contact the PUC to inquire about available remedies related to the frequency of Met-Ed outages in the borough.

Motion by Christine Dise, seconded by Thomas Baer, to authorize the Borough Manager to contact the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission regarding the frequent Met-Ed power outages affecting the borough. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lombardo also noted that the borough now has an active Code Red administrative account and should use it during significant outages to notify residents that Borough Hall is open as a temporary shelter for up to approximately 40 people, pending any formal county emergency declaration that would activate the high school as the primary emergency shelter.

Discussion of No-Parking Ordinance for 21 S. 23rd Street

Mr. Ahrens noted that a no-parking ordinance needs to be drafted for 21 S. 23rd Street, which is the entrance to Woodvale and has experienced traffic movement problems related to school traffic. He confirmed that a map would also need to be prepared by Dave. No motion was required at this time, as the ordinance must first be drafted and advertised.

Adopting Resolution No. 20-26 Amending Budget

The Borough Solicitor read Resolution No. 20-26, a resolution of Borough Council amending the adopted general fund budget. The general fund was adopted with \$2,943,480.58 in revenue and \$2,942,019.42 in expenditures, with revenue reflecting revised tax rate classifications. Mr. Ahrens explained that the amendment was necessary to correct a classification error discovered when preparing the DCED report, which required reallocating millage amounts between the general purpose millage and the police pension millage to conform to DCED's statutory caps. Mr. Ahrens confirmed that the overall tax burden to residents was unchanged.

Motion by Kelly Dudash, seconded by Mr. Maurer, to adopt Resolution No. 20-26 amending the 2026 general fund budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Adopting Ordinance No. 909 Revising Tax Rates

The Borough Solicitor read Ordinance No. 909, fixing the tax rates for fiscal year 2026. The total combined tax rate is 17.35 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, equivalent to \$1.735 per \$100 of assessed property value, broken down as follows: general purposes at 18.2 mills; police pension at 0.5 mills; fire emergency at 1.75 mills; emergency medical services/ambulance at 0.5 mills; and streetlighting at 0.4 mills. Mr. Ahrens confirmed that the ordinance had been duly advertised.

Motion by Troy Goodman, seconded by Thomas Baer, to adopt Ordinance No. 909 revising the 2026 tax rates. Motion carried unanimously.

Adopting Resolution No. 21-26 Ratifying Emergency Proclamation and Associated Actions

The Borough Solicitor read Resolution No. 21-26, a resolution affirming and ratifying actions taken by the Mayor and Borough Manager during the emergency readiness period declared effective from Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 7:00 PM through Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 12:00 PM, in response to forecasted winter storm conditions. The resolution specifically ratified the temporary emergency hiring of relief plow drivers Troy Goodman, Mitchell Esser, and Tyler Okonski to support snow and ice control operations.

A discussion arose regarding proposed additional provisions that had been drafted to address ongoing salt procurement challenges and to permit the continued use of the relief drivers for future storms through the February 24, 2026 meeting. The Borough Solicitor advised that those provisions extended beyond the scope of the Mayor's emergency proclamation, which had already expired, and that any future emergency would need to be addressed through a new emergency proclamation issued by the Mayor at that time.

The Borough Manager acknowledged the Solicitor's guidance and confirmed that the extended provisions would be removed from the resolution, leaving only the affirmation of actions taken during the original emergency period.

Motion by Kelly Dudash, seconded by Thomas Baer, to adopt Resolution No. 21-26 ratifying the Mayor's emergency proclamation and associated actions taken between January 24, 2026 at 7:00 PM and January 27, 2026 at 12:00 PM, as revised to remove provisions extending beyond the scope of the expired proclamation. Troy Goodman abstained due to a Conflict of Interest. Motion carried unanimously.

[A copy of Mr. Goodman's Abstention Notice is Attached to these Minutes]

Minutes for January 5, 2026 Reorganization Meeting

Motion by Kelly Dudash, seconded by Christine Dise, to accept the minutes of the January 5, 2026 Reorganization Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes for January 20, 2026 Townhall Meeting

Motion by Troy Goodman, seconded by Thomas Baer, to accept the minutes of the January 20, 2026 Townhall Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

January 2026 Treasurer's Report

Mr. Ahrens noted that Mr. Baer, the Borough Controller, had not yet had an opportunity to review the January 2026 Treasurer's Report. The item was tabled to the February meeting.

Reports

Fire Company: The upcoming Fasnachts fundraiser event is scheduled for the weekend of February 14th and 15th.

Central Berks Regional Commission: Mr. Maurer reported that the next Police Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 5th. At that meeting, oaths of office will be administered to newly promoted and newly hired personnel, including a new officer, a sergeant, a lieutenant, and Deputy Chief Justin Johnson as incoming Chief of Police. He mentioned meeting the new officer at a medical call the previous day and expressed confidence in the new hire.

Borough Council President: No report.

Community Relations Liaison: Mrs. Dise noted plans to post information about the upcoming merger town hall. She also thanked the police department for increased enforcement presence at the school intersection, noting that officers had been visible and appropriately positioned. She commended the department for following up on a concerning video of activity at the crossing and for retraining the crossing guard. She suggested that the Green Light Go grant application, which was noted to be closing January 31st, could potentially include a request for a traffic light at that intersection given its school safety implications.

Public Works Committee: The salt situation was noted as having been covered under agenda item 18. No additional report.

Personnel Committee: No report.

Finance Committee: No report.

Borough Mayor: Mr. Maurer noted that this was Chief Serafin's final Council meeting before his retirement on February 2nd.

Chief of Police: Chief Serafin shared that at the most recent regional Police Chiefs' meeting, the county's Department of Emergency Services (DES) had informed all municipal police departments that the existing Motorola radio systems are approaching end-of-support status and in need of replacement. While the radios could continue functioning, they would no longer be supported after a certain point, and Motorola had negotiated a 44-percent discount for municipalities that commit to purchasing new equipment by January 2027—a deadline extended by one month after it was recognized that no municipality had budgeted for the cost, as the information had only been shared at the last minute.

Chief Serafin estimated that the cost to the Central Berks Police Department alone could be in the range of \$200,000 at retail, before the discount. He emphasized that the impact

extends beyond the police department to fire and EMS, all of which rely on the same radio infrastructure. He identified three potential funding sources: grants, potential county assistance, and District Attorney John Adams. Deputy Chief Johnson confirmed that the county's infrastructure is entirely Motorola-based, making a switch to alternative brands—such as Kenwood, which was noted to be approximately \$1,500–\$1,800 less per unit—effectively impossible without replacing the entire county infrastructure.

Mr. Lombardo noted that the last time radio upgrades were required, the cost was shared between Mt. Penn and Lower Alsace Township for EMS, with the Police Commission funding police radios. Discussion touched on potential federal and state grant avenues, including the casino gaming fund available through the county (anticipated at \$150,000–\$200,000 in the next round), a statewide grant potentially yielding up to \$1,000,000 (with award notification expected around August–September 2027), and possible engagement of congressional representatives. Mr. Ahrens also noted that the situation might be appropriate for engagement with Congressman Dean, Congressman Muser, and Congressman Smucker.

Council expressed frustration that municipalities had not been given earlier notice of the upgrade timeline and cost, and that Berks County is among the few—if not the only—county in Pennsylvania where radio system costs fall entirely on the municipalities rather than the county. Chief Serafin confirmed that the existing radios are approaching ten years in service, with only two currently scheduled to remain supported beyond the transition point. He also noted that the existing radios are standard police-grade rather than fire-rated, which posed a safety concern for fire department personnel using them in active fire environments. Council agreed to monitor developments and work collectively with fire and EMS stakeholders to identify a funding strategy.

Codes Administrator: Codes Administrator Arthur Kelly was not present. The Borough Manager reported that he had submitted his fourth-quarter report and monthly report and had begun work on zoning permits.

Solicitor: No additional report beyond resolutions presented earlier in the meeting.

Borough Manager: Mr. Ahrens noted that it had been flagged by the police that snow emergency routes need to be formally designated by ordinance, and that appropriate signage would also be required. The Manager confirmed that standard signs are available and do not require custom fabrication.

Adjournment

Motion by Kelly Dudash, seconded by Christine Dise, to adjourn that meeting at 9:10 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

Hunter L. Ahrens

Hunter L. Ahrens (Feb 27, 2026 14:21:13 EST)

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Borough Manager



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January 29, 2026

Mount Penn Borough Council
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Mr. Ahrens,

At the January 27, 2026, meeting of Mount Penn Borough Council, I abstained from voting on the matter authorizing payment for snow plow relief driver services performed by me. This letter serves as the required written disclosure and record of my abstention and the reason for it.

Under the Pennsylvania Public Official and Employee Ethics Act (Title 65, Chapter 11), a public official is prohibited from engaging in conduct that constitutes a conflict of interest and is required to abstain from voting on matters in which the official has a direct personal financial interest. In this instance, the vote concerned compensation payable to me for services rendered as a snow plow relief driver, which constitutes a direct pecuniary interest requiring abstention pursuant to the Ethics Act, including the voting-conflict provisions of Section 1103.

This disclosure is submitted to ensure transparency, compliance with the Ethics Act, and proper inclusion in the public record. Please attach this letter to the official minutes of the Borough Council meeting held on January 27, 2026.

Sincerely,

Troy Goodman
Borough Council Member

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