

BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 09, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the St. Lawrence Borough Council was called to order at 7:30 PM by Council President Mr. Robert J. May, on Thursday, October 9, 2025

ROLL CALL: Council President Robert May did roll call; the following members were present: Robert J. May, Council President, David W. Eggert, Council Vice President, Michael Fritz, Member, Steve Geibel, Member, Rev. D. Michael Bennethum, Member, Warren Lubenow, Member, Corrie Zana, Borough Mayor, Derrek Rhoads, Roadmaster, Allison Leinbach, Borough Manager /Treasurer, Borough Solicitor Joan London, Borough Engineer Pamela Stevens, and Amanda Muso, Borough Secretary. Member, Gregory Zawilla, was absent from tonight's meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes from the September 11, 2025, meeting was presented to the Council for review. There were no corrections or additions.

MOTION: Dave Eggert made the motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Warren Lubenow; all were in favor and so the motion carried.

APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: All bills requiring payment and ratification up to and including October 8, 2025, were presented to Council prior to the meeting for review. Bills requiring payment and ratification from the general fund up until October 8, 2025, totaled \$150,504.24; sewer fund totaled \$57,911.71; liquid fuels fund totaled \$3,614.02; fire tax fund totaled \$0.00; EMS tax fund totaled \$0.00.

MOTION: Dave Eggert made the motion authorizing payment and ratification of all bills presented; seconded by Warren Lubenow; all were in favor and so the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was presented to Council prior to the meeting for review. There were no questions, corrections or clarifications to the report.

MOTION: Dave Eggert made the motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented and file it for audit; seconded by Warren Lubenow; all were in favor and the motion carried.

GENERAL: \$323,089.90 **SEWER:** \$274,606.13 **RESERVES:** \$210,753.32 **LIQUID FUELS:** \$138,279.02 **FIRE TAX:** \$4,224.99
EMS TAX FUND: \$4,677.49; **TOTAL FUND BALANCE:** \$955,630.85

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Al DeGennaro from JP Mascaro and Sons was at the meeting to present to Council his side as to why they should wait until the Borough Solicitor, Joan, does an extensive review of the bid packet from the lowest bidder, Deihm Disposal, before they make a motion to accept. Ms. Andrea Alenantz, from Deihm's was also present at the meeting to listen to Council's remarks and decisions about the 2025 Trash Bid Contract.

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH ENGINEER - PAMELA STEVENS, SDE

Pamela Stevens submitted her report, which was added to Council's packet for review prior to the meeting. On September 22, 2025, the Zoning Hearing Board granted the requested relief variance for 3613 Stoner Ave. for his pole barn. The Municipal Garage is still a work in progress. Plans for the electricity have been given to Derrek for the garage.

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH SOLICITOR – JOAN LONDON, KOZLOFF STOUT

The Borough Solicitor will be reviewing the bid packets from the trash bids that have been submitted to ensure accuracy and completion.

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH MAYOR - CORRINE ZANA

Mayor Zana added her report to Council's packet prior to the meeting to review. The Police Commission meeting was held on October 2, 2025. No topics of concern were discussed at the meeting. The first addition of the Centennial Corner was published in the most recent newsletter.

PUBLIC WORKS - DERREK RHOADS

Derrek Rhoads submitted his report, which was added to Council's packet for review prior to the meeting. The final price for the garage came back, and it was more than we had initially thought. Crack sealing on the Borough streets will be taking place in the week of October 13th, 2025. The gas main to the building has been placed.

PLANNING COMMISSION

No updates or upcoming meetings

ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT: ALLISON LEINBACH, BOROUGH MANAGER

Zoning Hearing Board was held on September 22, 2025, to make a decision regarding 3613 Stoner Ave. After discussions and hearing what the neighbors had thought, in the end the decision was to allow the variance. Mr. Kraut will be allowed to build his pole barn with the conditions put in place by the Council Members approved by the Zoning Hearing Board.

Public Safety:

none at this time

Joint Comprehensive Plan:

The latest comp plan was sent out, and Warren would like feedback to take it to the next Joint Comp meeting.

Library:

The library would like the Borough to discuss increasing the yearly donation in the next fiscal year.

Recreation:

Dave is getting together ideas and plans for a grant for the playground.

Municipal Lands:

No new information to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Not needed at tonight's meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Set the date for the budget meeting and authorize the publication of the budget meeting

The budget meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 11:30 am

MOTION: Dave Eggert made the motion to authorize the date of Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 11:30 am and publish the budget meeting in the newspaper; seconded by Warren Lubenow; all were in favor and so the motion carried

2. Distribution of Foreign Fire Insurance to Exeter and Mt. Penn Firefighters Relief Associations

MOTION: Dave Eggert made the motion to authorize the 50/50 distribution of the Foreign Fire Insurance by check to the Mt. Penn Volunteer Firefighter's Relief Association and the Exeter Volunteer

Firefighter's Relief Association in the amount of \$5,668.54, for each; seconded by Warren Lubenow; all were in favor and so the motion carried.

3. Updated Garage Budget

After a long discussion on the increased rate and whether it should be reconsidered to look for another company or ask Gordian for a more detailed explanation on their pricing, the Council decided that it would be in the best interests of the Borough and its equipment to get the garage built before winter. The decision was to move forward with Gordian and the original plans to move forward with the building.

MOTION: Dave Eggert made the motion to approve the updated proposal for the garage in the amount of \$94,344.76; seconded by Rev. Bennethum; all were in favor and so the motion carried.

4. Resolution 925-2025 the LSA Grant for the Exeter Volunteer Fire Department Fire Apparatus

MOTION: Dave Eggert made the motion to approve Resolution 925-2025 Authorizing the Borough of St. Lawrence to Request a Statewide LSA Grant in the amount of One Million Dollars from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for a new Firefighting Rescue Engine; seconded by Mike Fritz; all were in favor and so the motion carried.

5. Review and Potentially Award the new Trash and Recycling Hauler

The bid packets are with the Borough Solicitor for review. Joan will ensure that all documentation needed of the lowest responsible bidder is correct and complete. More to follow.

A **MOTION** was made by Dave Eggert to table the decision on awarding the potential contract until next month upon further review; seconded by Rev. Bennethum; all were in favor and so the motion carried.

7. To make the 2025 contributions

MOTION: Dave Eggert made the motion to make the following 2025 contributions:

- a. Library-\$5/person x 1892= \$9,460 (budgeted)
- b. Berks County Conservation District- \$500
- c. Berks County Solid Waste Authority- \$500
- d. Crime Alert of Berks County- \$500

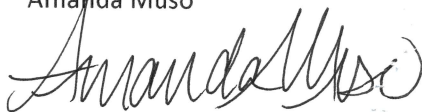
seconded by Warren Lubenow; all were in favor and so the motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Dave Eggert made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Steve Geibel; all were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting of the St. Lawrence Borough Council adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Muso



Borough Secretary