

BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 10, 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, July 10, 2025

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes from June 12, 2025, meeting were presented to the Council for review. There were no corrections or additions.

MOTION: Mike Fritz made the motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Rev. Bennethum; 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 July 9 , 2025, were presented to Council prior to the meeting for review. Bills requiring payment and ratification from the general fund up until July 9, 2025, totaled \$ 92,669.18; sewer fund totaled \$ 58,594.74; liquid fuels fund totaled \$ 5,687.31; 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 Steve Geibel; 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 Mike Fritz; all were in favor and the motion carried.

GENERAL: \$464,547.85 **SEWER:** \$ 259,627.45 **RESERVES:** \$ 208,354.91 **LIQUID FUELS:** \$ 148,641.28 **FIRE TAX:** \$ 4,915.73 **EMS TAX FUND:** \$ 3,202.79 ; **TOTAL FUND BALANCE:** \$ 1,089,290.01

PUBLIC COMMENT: Phil Salamone and Matt Stairiker, members of the Lower Alsace Ambulance Department, were present at the meeting. They came before the Council to request a grant donation to help with repairs to the garage portion of the building. They are requesting that the Borough donate a grant of \$ 8,678.00 for Raudy Electric to complete the repair work needed in the garage. They have provided a cost estimate sheet to Council to review.

A **MOTION** was made to amend the agenda for a motion to be made to give a grant for the Lower Alsace Ambulance Department

The motion was made by Dave Eggert; seconded by Rev. Bennethum; all were in favor and so the motion carried.

MOTION: To give Lower Alsace Ambulance Department \$8,678.00 for the repairs to the garage electrical system
The motion was made by Dave Eggert; seconded by Mike Fritz; all were in favor and so the motion carried.

Matt Dobrosky of St. Lawrence was also in attendance. He brought concerns to Council regarding the culvert on Levan St. He stated that although the road crew does do their best and maintain it very well, he feels that the culvert can be controlled in other ways. With the current grate there and the amount of rainfall and debris that gets collected, it causes a backlog of water that flows onto his and his neighboring properties. He is asking if there are other ways of managing the debris so the water can flow more freely and not continue to get backed up, causing his yard to flood. Council Member Mike Fritz said that he will monitor the situation and investigate what other solutions the Borough may have to alleviate the issue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A member of Council asked for updated regarding the status of employees' retirement plans. Manager Allison Leinbach said that she is working on it and will have an update soon for Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Realtor Randy Weidner of RE/MAX of Reading would like to renew his contract with the Borough to continue his sale of the Old Borough Hall at 3540 St. Lawrence Ave

MOTION: To enter into an addendum to December 31, 2025, for the listing agreement with Randy Weidner and RE/MAX of Reading for the Borough property at 3540 St. Lawrence Ave. Reading, PA 19606

Dave Eggert made the motion; seconded by Greg Zawilla; all were in favor and so the motion carried
Realtor Randy Weider of RE/MAX is requesting permission of Council that he drop the asking price of the Old Borough Hall from \$575,000.00 to \$499,000. He feels as though there would be more and new interest in the property, it would also give investors who were considering it another opportunity if we did so. He feels it is in the best interest of the Borough to do so.

MOTION: to allow Randy Weidner of RE/MAX of Reading to adjust the asking price for the Borough-owned property located at 3540 St. Lawrence Ave from \$575,000 to \$499,000

Dave Eggert made the motion; seconded by Rev. Bennethum; all were in favor, and so the motion carried.

Author Richard G. Adams wrote a book about the Borough of St. Lawrence called "In the Village".

He will be at the Borough Municipal Building on Saturday, July 26, 2025, from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm for a book signing event.

Recreation: The Summer Playground Program has been doing well, even with the rainy weather.

Joint Comprehensive Plan: Warren Lubenow requested that we provide photographs of the community for the Joint Comprehensive Plan. We will also send the County updated Land use maps for future use.

Municipal Lands: Any infected or fallen Beach trees will be left on the grounds instead of being cut down

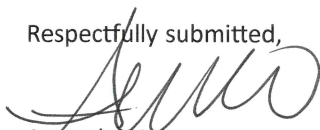
Library: No new information

Public Safety: None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Dave Eggert made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Mike Fritz; all were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting of the St. Lawrence Borough Council adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Amanda Muso
Borough Secretary

