

BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 11, 2026

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, June 11, 2026.

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, Rev. D. Michael Bennethum, Member, Michael Fritz, Member, Gregory Zawilla, Member, Steve Geibel, Member, Warren Lubenow, Member, Derrek Rhoads, Borough Manager, Borough Engineer, Pamela Stevens, Borough Solicitor, Joan London and Amanda Muso, Borough Secretary. Absent from tonight's meeting were Logan Wood, Public Works, and Corrie Zana, Borough Mayor.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes from the previous meeting held on May 14, 2026, were presented to Council to review prior to the meeting.

MOTION: David Eggert made the motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Warren Lubenow; all were in favor, so the motion carried.

APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: All bills requiring payment and ratification up to and including June 10, 2026, were presented to the Council prior to the meeting for review. Bills requiring payment and ratification from the general fund up until June 10, 2026, totaled \$123,086.80; sewer fund totaled \$21,287.78; liquid fuels fund totaled \$3,490.47; fire tax fund totaled \$40,771.82; EMS tax fund totaled \$20,626.11.

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 so the motion carried.

GENERAL: \$612,382.98 **SEWER:** \$268,279.80 **RESERVES:** \$427,974.40 **LIQUID FUELS:** \$157,043.56 **FIRE TAX:** \$23,834.40 **EMS TAX FUND:** \$16,975.14; **TOTAL FUND BALANCE:** \$1,506,490.28

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

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. FEMA has reviewed and returned the floodplain ordinance. They have approved the Borough's edition to be adopted.

TPD is working on plans for the Multimodal Grant- Sidewalk improvements.

Determinations for the Green-Light-Go Grant should be made in July.

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH SOLICITOR – JOAN LONDON, KOZLOFF STOUT

Borough Solicitor London gave an update regarding the litigation with Mt. Penn Borough and Mt. Penn Water Authority. The complaint was filed, with the Authority accepting, and the Borough being served last week. They both have 20 days from the date of service filed to answer or file an objection. The case will be assigned to Judge James E. Gavin, who usually sets a case management conference soon after the case is filed. Solicitor London is expecting to hear back soon as to when that conference will take place.

The rest of the topics will be discussed during the executive session

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH MAYOR - CORRINE ZANA

Mayor Zana's report was in the packet for Council to review prior to the meeting.

A Police Commission was held on June 4, 2026. No pertinent information from that meeting to discuss.

On behalf of the Borough, a flower arrangement was placed in the lobby of the Central Berks Police Department for fallen Officer Kristen Yeager. Borough members also attended funeral services on Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

The next Centennial Meeting will be held on June 17th at 12:00 PM.

PUBLIC WORKS – LOGAN WOOD:

Logan was absent from tonight's meeting; Mike Fritz gave an update. The municipal garage is ongoing, and an increase in the size would better suit the needs of the Borough. Door tags have been issued to properties in violation of property maintenance codes. There was also a discussion on the difficulties of mowing the hills at the playground. With the safety of staff in mind, the public works department feels as though a walk-behind mower would be the best solution for ease and safety of mowing the hills. A **MOTION** to amend the agenda was made by Dave Eggert; seconded by Warren Lubenow; all were in favor of amending the agenda for approval of a capital purchase. A **MOTION** was made by Dave Eggert; seconded by Warren Lubenow; Mike Fritz abstained due to his role as a public works employee; the rest were in favor, and so the motion carried to purchase a 36-inch walk-behind mower at the discretion of the department and borough manager with a purchase price not to exceed \$8,000.00.

RECREATION- DAVE EGGERT: The summer playground program has begun with 109 registered as of June 10. Any cancellations due to weather will be sent out to guardians via Savvy Citizen. Sign-ups for the summer playground program are posted on the website and at the playground. QR codes to sign up are on the Borough website or on flyers at the playground by the information board.

LIBRARY: No upcoming events

JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The latest plan was sent out for the Municipalities to review. This will be reviewed by the Planning Commission, with recommendations sent to Council in July.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Will be meeting June 24, 2026, at 7:30 PM.

ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT: Derrek Rhoads, Borough Manager

Enforcements have been made and are ongoing

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Approve the payment of \$82,000 from Capital Reserve to Landis Mechanical for the installation of gas piping and a new HVAC Unit in Borough Hall

MOTION: Approve the payment of \$82,000 to Landis Mechanical for the installation of gas piping and new HVAC Unit . A motion was made by Dave Eggert; seconded by Mike Fritz; all were in favor, and so the motion carried.

2. Municipal Garage- update with new size/price

MOTION: Approve the updated garage size to 30x50. Approve cost for the municipal garage up to but not exceeding \$100,000.00. A motion was made to increase the spending cost up to \$100,000.00 (~\$6,000.00 over the original) by Dave Eggert; seconded by Greg Zawilla; all were in favor, and so the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance 460- Floodplain Management

MOTION: *Approve Ordinance 460- New Floodplain Management Regulations.* Motion made by Dave Eggert; seconded by Warren Lubenow; all were in favor, and so the motion carried.

2. Ordinance 463- Sewer Rate Increase

MOTION: *Approve the new 2026 sewer rates set in Ordinance 463.* Motion made by Dave Eggert; seconded by Greg Zawilla; all were in favor, and so the motion carried.

3. PennDot is beginning to get all the approvals and paperwork necessary for the Parkview Bridge Project. They are asking for signed approval from the Borough to allow them to rehab/replace the Parkview Bridge on behalf of St. Lawrence. The borough will be responsible for 5% of the total cost of the bridge replacement.

MOTION: *Approve the Borough Manager and/or Secretary to execute all necessary paperwork to allow PennDot to move forward on the Parkview Bridge Project.* The motion to approve was made by Dave Eggert; seconded by Warren Lubenow; all were in favor, and the motion carried with an addition to relay to PennDot what the current measurements are from the water level to the bridge to ensure that water flow continues to run smoothly under the bridge after construction.

4. Approve listing and selling Borough Equipment on Municibid based on discussion with Public Works:
i. Skid Steer Excavator Attachment
ii. Skid Steer Paving Attachment

MOTION: *Approve listing Skid Steer Attachments on Municibid as presented.* Motion was made by Dave Eggert; seconded by Steve Geibel; Mike Fritz abstained due to involvement with the public works department; all others were in favor, and so the motion carried.

5. Discuss summer meeting schedule: July 9, August 13, September 10, are Council Meeting dates. *Are Council Members available for those dates, or will a meeting need to be rescheduled?*

As of tonight's meeting, a quorum will be met at all summer meetings.

The borough will be purchasing a memorial plaque for Officer Kristen Yaeger as directed by the Borough Council.

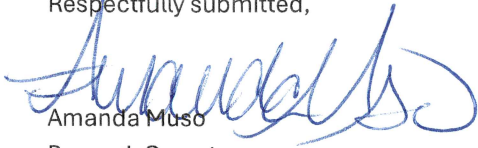
EXECUTIVE SESSION: A MOTION to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation was made by Dave Eggert; seconded by Warren Lubenow; all were in favor, and so the motion carried. Executive session began at 8:18 PM.

At 8:40 PM, Dave Eggert made the motion to end the executive session; seconded by Mike Fritz; all were in favor, and so the motion passed. Executive session concluded at 8:40 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Dave Eggert made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Mike Fritz; all were in favor, and so the motion carried. The meeting of the St. Lawrence Borough Council adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Muso
Borough Secretary

ST. LAWRENCE BOROUGH
6/12/2026