Hop Bottom Borough
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2026

Regular Meeting Called to Order

Council Members: Tim H., Janice W., Ben S. (absent), Amanda Z., Sondra S.
Mayor: Jeff Zick
Secretary: Gail D. **Treasurer: Zina K.**
Tax Collector: Laurie S.

Visitors: Dan and Danielle Hewitt

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve September 1, 2026, minutes was made by Janice W. 2nd by Amanda Z. Motion Duly Passed

Approval of Treasurer Report

Motion to pay the bills and transfer funds as needed was made by Janice W. and 2nd by Amanda Z. Motion Duly Passed

Citizen/Visitor Comments

Residents have expressed concern that they believe they are hearing gunshots on upper Prospect street. The borough will send letters to residents in the area reminding them of the firearm ordinance in the borough.

Residents have expressed a need for a town cop again. Tim H. is going to explore the possibility.

Residents have expressed concern for the children riding there motorized bikes and ATVs too close to pedestrians.

Correspondence

Penn Dot regarding speed limit signs is being worked on within the borough,

Tim H. received requests to bring back the pickleball court at the park.

Two people asked why the old trail near Station Hill Road was closed. Barricades were inadvertently misplaced by Penn Dot maintenance workers.

Mayors Report

See Mayors Report ….. Available on Borough Website

Tax Collector Report

September Report 2026 presented by Laurie S.

Committee Reports & Committee Member Discussion

Budget/Finance

2027 budget will be worked on at the November meeting.

Parks and Recreation

Amanda Z. contacted Priority Fencing and received a quote of $600 for repairs of the fence.

Watercourse Committee

Culvert

Brush removal along the culvert is needed.

Martins Creek

A rather large tree needs to be removed from the creek.

Street and Public Works Committee

1. The Old Trail will be mowed one more time before winter.
2. Pete Mecca will remove gravel from the culvert.
3. Jeff Z. will get a quote for a "Men Working" sign.

Emergency Management Committee

Nothing to report.

Grants Committee

Nothing to report.

Fire Company Report

1 structure fire alarms, 17 medical, 3 mva, 2 public service … YTD Medical 195, fire 81.

Old Business

1. NEIC – Meeting is scheduled with the solicitor.
2. Park Equipment – as mentioned in the mayor's report Jeff Z. and Dan H. will do maintenance on the park equipment.
3. Stormwater Phase II – borough has signed off and paperwork is being compiled and will be submitted soon.
4. Memorial Park Grant Application – nothing new to report.
5. S. Center Street Sidewalk Grant – meeting with homeowners and engineer was held – project will begin in the Spring of 2027.
6. Fire Hydrant on Greenwood Street – nothing new to report – Tim H. will reach out for update.
7. Update Microsoft Account – will be addressed when subscription is ready to renew.
8. Chainsaw – motion to get an estimate for removal of trees and brush in waterways was made by Sondra S. and 2nd by Janice W. Motion duly passed. Tim H. and Amanda Z. to get quotes.
9. Veteran's Flags – Borough will develop guidelines in the coming months.

New Business

1. Borough Website – Jeff Z. presented statistics indicating a large amount of traffic on the website, therefore, the website will continue to be maintained.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Janice W. and 2nd by Sondra S. at 8:16 p.m. Motion Duly Passed.

Meeting adjourned.

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Gail Decker

Secretary