April 21st 2026 Council meeting minutes

A. Call to Order (President)

The Meeting was called to order by President J. Frazier at 6:35pm

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Invocation (Mayor William Steele)

D. Roll Call (Secretary Nathan Coltura)

Mayor - William Steele - Here
President - Jason Frazier - Here
Vice President - Hope Peterson - Here
Councilwoman - Maria Frazier - Here
Councilwoman - Lee Ann Wildey - Here
Councilman - Ken Keslar - Here
Councilman - Joe Lane - Here
Solicitor - Christopher Skovira - Absent
Secretary - Nathan Coltura - Here
Treasurer - Diane Figg - Absent
Police representative - Mike Garlowhich - Absent
Fire Department Representative - Absent
Code Enforcement - Mike Garlowhich - Absent
Animal control - Drews Crews Animal rescue - Absent

E. Review corrections or additions to previous council meeting minutes

Motion by Councilman Joe Lane to accept the previous minutes with the addition of the date, the end time, and the correction of the last name Sosko. Second by Council Vice President Hope Peterson.
Motion Carried

F. Public comment - 3 Minute limit per person

Megan Hall - EADs Group. Megan informed the council on the details of the project to repair the sink hole on Graft street.

G. Secretary's Report (Nathan Coltura) - None

H. Committee / standing reports

Emergency Services (Maria Frazier) - (M. Frazier) - Inquired about the separate time cards for code enforcement and police business.
(W. Steele) - Read the Police calls report for officer John Kauer.
Law Enforcement (Asst Chief Mike Garlowhich) - none
Fire Department - none (3 months since a report)
Code Enforcement - (W. Steele) - mentioned that we still have not received a report from Officer Garlowhich.
Streets (Ken Keslar) - None
Budget (Hope Peterson) - (H. Peterson) - The COVID account at Somerset Trust Company needs to be closed. Jason and Nathan must sign.
(H. Peterson) - Asked for a bill and invoice for Fletchers for the zero turn repair.
(J. Frazier) - Explain these are filed by Treasurer Diane Figg. Will get a receipt from Fletchers and Mongells.
(J. Frazier) - Pointed out the payments to the treasury department and Eads group.
Motion by councilwoman Maria Frazier to pay outstanding bills and monthly expenses and accept the treasurers report.. Second by councilman Joe Lane. Motion Carried

Sanitation - Pick up day was successful.
Parks (Maria Frazier) - Waiting on mulch bids.
(M. Frazier) - Spoke about general ideas for monthly park community events.
Utilities (Joe Lane) - (J. Lane) - Street light out on Brown, was fixed by West Penn.
(M. Frazier) - Mentioned the continuous PA one calls.
Borough Day (Jason Frazier) - Progress is good on donations, and parade.
Hometown Heroes (Lee Ann Wildey) - (J. Frazier) - Banners still not up, street department will do their best to get them up before memorial day.

I. Action Items

Unfinished Business

I. **Code Enforcement -** Issue Tabled

II. **New Parking and Do not enter ordinances -** Read by J. Frazier.

Motion by Council vice president Hope Peterson to advertise the Parking restrictions for Maple and Shipley street and the do not enter for Cherry Alley. Second by Councilwoman Maria Frazier. Motion Carried.

III. **Status of Police renovations -** (J. Frazier) - read the department improvement report. Issue of hours Tabled until May 18th

IV. **Pluggers Thrift / Skill games -** (J. Frazier) - Brought up issues regarding the LED sign and Skills games. Issue tabled until an ordinance can be researched.

V. **Tire Removal** - Motion by council vice president Hope Peterson to have a tire removal program for Everson Residents on June 6th from 8 to 4. by Mongells at a cost of $2 per tire, to be paid by the resident at time of drop off in cash. Seconded by Councilwoman Lee Ann Wildey. Motion Carried.

VI. **Hiring Gregg Norton as an independent investigator for $1,500 as a non refundable retainer fee at a rate of $100.00 an hour.**

Motion by Council vice president Hope Peterson to Hire Gregg Norton as an independent investigator for $1,500 as a non refundable retainer fee at a rate of $100.00 an hour capped at $3,000 including the retainer fee. Second by Lee Ann Wildey.

Hope Peterson - Aye
Ken Keslar - Aye
Joe Lane - Aye
Lee Ann Wildey - Aye
Maria Frazier - Abstains
Jason Frazier - Abstains

Motion Carried

New Business

I. **Repairing hole caused by poor drains and piping**
Motion by Councilman Joe Lane to advertise and entertain bids for repairing the Hole on Evan Street and Graft. Second by Councilwoman Lee Ann Wildey. Motion Carried

II. **Opening Credit cards for Borough Secretary, and street department**
Motion by Council vice president Hope Peterson. To apply for two credit cards at Somerset Trust Company to be held by the secretary and the street department. No individual charge to exceed $300 without approval. Second by councilwoman Lee Ann Wildey. Motion Carried

III. **The construction of a dividing wall in the Borough Garage**
(M. Frazier) - Tabled the issue till next month

IV. **Improvements to Centennial Park**
Tabled while waiting for bids

V. **Sealing the Borough building parking lot**
Motion by Councilwoman Maria Frazier to seal the Borough Building Parking lot for $800 by Whitey and Son's. Second by Vice President Hope Peterson.
Ken Keslar - Aye
Joe Lane - Aye
Lee Ann Wildey - Aye
Maria Frazier - Aye
Jason Frazier - Aye
Hope Peterson - Aye
Motion Carried

VI. **Appoint vacant council seat**
Motion by Councilwoman Maria Frazier to accept Laurie Steele to fill the vacant council seat until the 2028 Election. Second by Councilwoman Lee Ann Wildey. Motion carried

VII. **Police hours issues**
Moved to Executive Session

J. **Training and conferences -** PSAB Conference
K. **Solicitor's Report** (Christopher Skovira) - None
L. **Mayor's Report** (William Steele) - None
M. **Executive Session (If needed)** Motion by Councilwoman Maria Frazier to go into an \executive session at 9:11pm. Second by Council Vice President Hope Peterson. Motion carried
N. **Community Meetings and Events**
Work Session - May 5th @6:30pm
Council Meeting - May 19th @6:30pm
O. **Motion to Adjourn** Motion by Councilwoman Maria Frazier to Adjourn at 9:45pm. Second by Councilwoman Lee Ann Wildey. Motion Carried.