Everson Borough Council Meeting Minutes

January 5th, 2026

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor William Steele at 6:42pm.

-Flag Pledge

-Invocation- NONE

Roll Call:

Mayor, William Steele- Present

Council President, Jason Frazier-Present

Council Vice President-Hope Peterson-Present

Councilwoman, Maria Frazier- Present

Councilwoman, Lee Ann Wildey- Present

Councilman, Joe Lane- Arrived late @ 8:11pm

Councilman, Al Jezewski- Present

Solicitor, Chris Skovira- Present

Police Rep- Assistant Chief Mike Garlowhich

Code Enforcement- Mike Garlowhich

Animal Control- NONE

Secretary-NONE

Treasurer-Absent

Minutes of previous Council Meeting:

Motion by Hope Peterson to accept the July 2025 meeting minutes are read. Second, Al Jezewski. Motion Passed

Public Forum:

Rebecca Diamond living at Pennsylvania Ave. Concerned with the price of current and rising trash costs. Request info on how to get the senior citizen's discount. Would it be possible to get a community dumpster for the people who have very little trash each week. Also requesting council to get an updated list of over due invoices. Just for council to review not the general public but a total $ for the public.

Eric Christner living at Maple St congrats to everyone and the biggest problem in town is no longer with us. Keep the fighting to a mininum and continue what others have started before us and move forword.

Secretary's Report: NONE

Committee Reports: See the attached updated list for 2026

Emergency Services (Maria Frazier)- Meeting will be set-up in the next few weeks.

Law Enforcement- Assistant Chief Mike Geirlowhich- vehicle stop car missing most of its parts. Nothing else to report.

Fire Department- 2nd Assistant Chief & President Eric Christner the department will continue this year with monthly bingos, monthly hoagie sales, cash bashes, and new this year the Back 9 Bar Crawl. The department has also signed a contact to order a new Rescue/Engine Truck to replace the current one. Delivery time is roughly 3-4 years. At a cost of over 1 Million dollars. Report given to council for 2025 call volume. 22 in Everson Borough and 73 in Upper Tyrone Twp. Total for 2025 267 calls.

Code Enforcement- Progress and its a slow process. Currently multiple fines and court hearings planned.Usually takes 6-7 months to get a hearing.

Streets-(Ken Keslar)

Budget (Hope Peterson)

Motion by Hope Peterson to approve the 2026 Budget as presented and post for advertisement. Second by Ken Keslar. Motion Passed

Sanitation- (Al)

Parks (Maria Frazier)-No Report Currently

Utilities (Joe Lane)-No Report Currently

Borough Day (Jason Frazier) - Meeting will be held in late February or early March.

Unfinished Business-

1) Discussion on outstanding invoice for fall 2025, PSAB convention. There was never a motion to pay for anyone to go to the fall convention. Hope Peterson will contact the PSAB and will update at Feburary meeting.

2) Discussion on outstanding reimbursement for previous Mayor Dugger to attend the fall PSAB conference for fall 2025. Requesting reimbursement for mileage and hotel for a total of $559.98. There was never a motion to pay for anyone to go to the fall conference. No further action taken.

Motion by Hope Peterson to pay Dinsmore Law $ 16,282.63 for the legal services for the Tresco contract issue. Second by Al Jezewski. Motion Passed

3) Discussion on mechanical device tax / amusements tax for the years 2024, 2025, and 2026. Hope Peterson suggested to send a letter to both the VFW and PAK advising them we they owe the Borough $125 will be collecting for the past 2 years and current years going forward.

Motion by Hope Petersons to send a letter to both the VFW and PAK advising them they owe they $125.00 per machine not limited to but including juke box, pin ball machine, video games, video poker machines, dart boards & coin operated pool tables. The Borough will be collecting for the past 2 years and current years going forward. The $125.00 per/ machine will be based on 2026 machine numbers. Second by Maria Frazier. Motion Passed

New Business-

Joe Lane arrived late.

1)Discussion on 2026 budget. Notes & Comments on the following:

Removed the Armstrong Phone & Internet for Everson VFC

Removed the monthly phone stipneded for Police Chief, PA 1 Call worker, and Code Enforcement.

Motion by Hope Peterson to approve the 2026 budget. Second by Ken Keslar. Motion Passed

Motion by Hope Peterson to keep the 7.2895 mills for the year 2026. Second by Lee Ann Wildey . Motion Passed

2)Discussion on New Public Comment Policy. *See attached. Any resident of Everson Borough is permitted 3 minutes during the public comment section of the meeting to speak.

Motion by Hope Peterson to accept the new Public Comment Resolution. Second by Ken Keslar. Motion Passed

2)Discussion on secretary position that is still not filled yet. Still have one applicatnt that is still interested from previous ad from 2025. Jason Frazier will contact him to see if he is still interested. If he is President Frazier will setup an interview with him along with Hope Peterson and Maria Frazier. If he is not will re-advertise for the position.

Motion by Maria Frazier to interview the current applicants and if not interested advertise again for the position. Second by Hope Peterson. Motion Passed

3)Resignation read from Andy Zelinsky from the street department position and PA 1 call position as of 10/27/2025. *Key fob & paint has not been retuend as of todays date.

4)Resignation read from Kevin Grippo as of Oct 31st, 2025 resigning from Police Chief and Police Officer. *Per Kevin he has returned keys, equipment, and uniforms to Ex-Mayor Joe Dugger, however nothing has been returned to the police or council as of the date.

Motion by Ken Keslar to accept Kevin Grippo resignation. Second by Lee Ann Wildey. Motion Passed.

Motion by Maria Frazier to advertise for animal control for 2026. Second by Hope Peterson. Motion Passed

Motion by Hope Peterson to have Solicitor Chris Skovira review all the Borough Ordinances starting with the newest first. Max of 4 hours. Second by Ken Keslar.Motion Passed.

Motion by Hope Peterson to have send 4 members of council to The Newly Elected Municipal Officials Boot Camp at the cost of a total of $400.00 Second by Lee Ann Wildey.Motion Passed.

5)Discussion stating from Al Jezewski concerning the lack of Borough credit cards. Not good that individauls are using there own pesonal credit cards. Mayor Steele agrees with Al and council and wants to look into getting credit cards again. Table until secectary is hired. Then open discussion again. Possibly one for Street Dept and one for the Secertary.

Motion by Al Jezewski to retain Solicitor Chris Skivera going forward. Second by Hope Peterson. Motion Passed.

Motion by Hope Peterson to retain The EADS Group as the Boroughs Engineer. Second by Maria Frazier. Motion Passed.

Motion by Hope Peterson to retain Jason Frazier as the Borough Emergency Management Coordinator. Second by Lee Ann Wildey. Motion Passed.

Motion by Lee Ann Wildey to advertise for a replacement 4 year auditor position to replace Maria Frazier who now holds a council seat. Second by Hope Peterson. Motion Passed.

Motion by Joe Lane to have McMillen Engineering handle **zoning** for Everson Borough. Second by Hope Peterson. Motion Passed.

Motion by Maria Frazier to continue Somerset Trust Bank as main financial institution for Everson Borough. Second by Hoper Peterson. Motion Passed.

Motion by Hope Peterson to continue current loan with Midd Penn Bank. Second by Al Jezewski. Motion Passed.

Motion by Hope Peterson to retain Mike Garlowhich as Everson Borough Code Enforcement for 2026 @ $250.00 per/month. Second by Maria Frazier. Motion Passed.

Solicitors Comments: Welcome to the new members of council. Looking ahead to a great 2026.

Mayors Remark: None

Executive Session:

Motion by Hope Peterson to go into an executive session to discuss missing Borough property at 8:36pm. Second by Maria Frazier. Motion Passed

Motion by Maria Frazier to go out of executive session at 8:45pm. Second by Hope Peterson. Motion Passed

Community Meetings/Events:

Next Council Work Session Meeting: Tuesday February 3rd, 2026 at 6:30pm

Next Council Monthly Meeting: Tuesday February 17th, 2026 at 6:30pm

2026 Everson Borough Day Planning Meeting February 1st, 2026 at 5:00pm

Motion by Hope Peterson to adjourn at 8:55pm. Second, by Maria Frazier. Motion Passed.

Submitted by

Jason W Frazier