March 17th 2026 Council Meeting Minutes

A. Call to Order (President)

The Meeting was called to order by President J. Frazier at 6:40pm

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Invocation (Mayor William Steele) None

D. Roll Call (Secretary)

Mayor - William Steele - Present

President - Jason Frazier - Present

Vice President - Hope Peterson - Present

Councilwoman - Maria Frazier - Present

Councilwoman - Lee Ann Wildey - Absent

Councilman - Ken Keslar - Present

Councilman - Joe Lane - Present

Solicitor - Christopher Skovira - Absent

Secretary - Nathan Coltura - Present

Treasurer - Diane Figg - Absent

Police representative - Mike Garlowhich - Absent

Fire Department Representative - Absent

Code Enforcement - Mike Garlowhich - Absent

Animal control - none

E. Review corrections or additions to previous council meeting minutes

Motion by Council Vice President H.Peterson to accept February 24th 2026 meeting minutes as read. Seconded by Councilman Ken Keslar.

Motion Carried.

F. Public comment - 3 Minute limit per person

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

H. Committee / standing reports

Emergency Services (Maria Frazier) - Looking for updates about the separate time cards for code enforcement and law enforcement.

Commendation for Everson's Emergency response by Fayette county emergency response training.

Law Enforcement (Asst Chief Mike Garlowhich) - None

Fire Department - Hogies Friday and Saturday

Code Enforcement - (J. Frazier) Presented an unresolved email sent to the previous mayor and current code enforcement officer from March 13th of 2025. Many grievances still on the code enforcement issues list.

(J. Frazier) Suggests having a discussion with Solicitor C. Skovira, and table this issue for one more month.

Streets (Ken Keslar) - Unapproved work completed.

(K. Keslar) - A permitted road opening that was not fully filed lead to unapproved work being done on the road.

(J. Frazier) - Spoke to the contractor who wanted to speak to someone from the Borough. The Contractor has since filed a permit and is willing to pay the fee.

(J. Frazier) - Unsatisfactory street opening work repair, meeting with C. Skovira to see how to proceed.

(K. Keslar) - Update on new ordinance to ban parking on the right side of Shiply street, Right side of Maple street after 2 inches of snow, and the do not enter for Cherry alley.

(J. Frazier) - Waiting on C. Skovira for written ordinance.

(H. Peterson) - Requests update about how much road salt we are contracted to get for the 2025-26 year.)

(J. Frazier) - Outlined how the salt contract works, and the amount of truckloads we receive, one more load is on the way.

Budget (Hope Peterson) - Expect a roughly $70 charge for flowers sent to councilwoman Lee Ann Wildy's husband's funeral.

Motion by Council Vice President Hope Peterson to pay outstanding bills and monthly expenses.
Second by Councilman Ken Keslar.
Motion Carried.

Sanitation -

Spring Cleanup day is April 13th rain or shine. All items go out with trash, no separate pick-up. Fall Cleanup day is October 12th

(J. Frazier) Sanitation is required to use smaller trucks in ally, photo evidence suggests they are not using a small truck, could be damaging drains.

Parks (Maria Frazier) - 3rd Tuesday of the month having a kids activity available during the summer for Everson kids at Centennial Park.

Utilities (Joe Lane) - Joe reached out to Chris Sosko at West Penn Power about who to contact about the bad pole on the corner of Vance and Brown. A Voicemail was left by West Penn indicating it will be replaced in the coming weeks. West Penn is also marking several poles for replacement due to damage and aging.

(J. Lane) - Waiting on Columbia Gas and the Reps from Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County about getting the paving done over their dig sites. They should be meeting within the week to finalize a timeline.

(J. Frazier) - Will supply a copy of the ordinance about street repair. Also a previous letter from the previous Solicitor was sent in 2021 about the paving not being completed to a satisfactory level.

Borough Day (Jason Frazier) - Borough day is set for July 19th. Times to be announced. There will be a Borough day planning meeting set for March 29th at 5pm. Open to all residents and non residents interested in helping or donating.

Hometown Heroes (Lee Ann Wildey) - Absent

(J. Frazier) - Street Department will do their best to raise the banners before Memorial day. Once they are up they are not coming back down.

I. Action Items

Unfinished Business

A. Covid money / SLFRF funds

(N. Coltura) - The dept of treasury has submitted a final notice of recoupment for the total $76,937.92 of SLFRF funds. Payment of these funds are due by April 1st. If we do not repay it by April 1st we will be sent to collections.

Motion by Council Vice President Hope Peterson to repay the Department of Treasury The Total of $76,937.92. including $27,818.15 from the Borough Savings account, and $49,119.77 from the covid relief account before April 1st to avoid collections. Second by Councilman Joe Lane. Motion Carried.

B. Animal Control

(N. Coltura) - We did receive a contract offer from Drews Crews.

Drews Crew

Monthly Fee 8am to 5pm $150.00
Overtime Fee, Holidays, weekends, when a truck needs dispatched
$50.00
Cats needing trapped
$50.00
Raccoons and Opossums needing trapped
$50.00

Councilwoman Hope Peterson left the meeting

Motion by Councilman Ken Keslar to move forward with appointing Drews Crews Animal rescue as the Borough's Animal Control Officer. With Point of contact being Ken Keslar. Second by Councilwoman Maria Frazier.
Motion Carried.

New Business

A. Code Enforcement issues

(J. Frazier) - Code Enforcement issues still persist from the past ear

B. Tire Removal

Dan's tires and Mongells are offering to take discarded tires Dan's will only take loads of at least 25 at a cost of $3 per tire. There would need to be a kennel to hold tires before meeting the 25 tire minimum. Mongels has a maximum of 25 and costs $2 per tire, and is significantly closer.

C. Canceling Everson Borough Fax Line

(J. Frazier) Called Armstrong but the authorized user is Mindy Dugger. Nathan will need to call to reset the password. Once done we can move forward with Canceling the Fax line.
Motion made by Councilwoman Maria Frazier To allow Nathan to call Armstrong and change the password and cancel the Everson Borough Fax line. Second by Councilman Ken Keslar.
Motion Carried.

D. Updates Everson Police Department Roster

(J. Lane) - Choose to discuss this issue in the Executive Session.

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

(W. Steele) Suggests tabling the issue until the next council meeting.
Issue Tabled

F. Affirming Nathan's schedule for secretary as working on Tuesday evenings during council meetings and the opposite Saturdays 9:00am-12:00pm. And every Friday 11:00am-4:00pm.

Affirmed.
Councilwoman Maria Frazier Requests that going forward the Secretary track his hours by time card.

G. Status of Police Department renovation and budget for labor and materials.

Motion by Councilwoman Maria Fraiser to Grant John Kauer an additional $200 materials for renovations of Police department, seconded by Councilman Joe Lane
Motion Carried

H. Lunch at the park approval

Motion by Councilwoman Maria Frazier to allow Southmoreland School District to use Centennial Park as a meal distribution site June 15th through July 31st. Seconded by Councilman Ken Keslar.
Motion Carried

Nathan will email them so that it is understood that no vehicle can be pulled or parked on the basketball court.

I. LED Sign on Brown ST

PennDot is involved in an issue with a LED Sign on the front of the Pluggers thrift building. Nathan will look for Borough ordinance in association with this issue.

J. 215 Jones st flooding,

Motion by Councilwoman Maria Frazier to repair the broken curb on the corner of Hill and 215 Jones street. Not to exceed $400. Second by Councilman Ken Keslar. Motion Carried.

K. Assigning Nathan an additional 10 hours of work over the course of April at a rate of $15.00 an hour for boxing, filing and storing outdated files.

Motion by Councilwoman Maria Frazier to Assign Nathan an additional 10 hours of work over the course of April at a rate of $15.00 an hour. Second by Councilman Ken Keslar. Motion Carried

L. Handicap Renewals for Veterans

Established Pursuant to Ordinance 200. Renewal and application are still required but are at no cost to veterans with identification.

M. Al Jezewski's Resignation from Borough Council

Al Jezewski's resignation was read

Motion by Councilwoman Maria Frazier to accept the resignation. Seconded by Councilman Ken Keslar.

Motion Carried

N. Lori Steele's Resignation from Vacancy Board Chair

Lori Steele's resignation was read.

Motion by Councilman Ken Keslar to accept the Resignation. Seconded by Councilman Joe Lane. Motion Carried

O. Motion to fill vacant council seat

Motion by Councilman Ken Keslar to advertise and fill the vacant council seat. Second by Joe Lane.

Motion Carried.

J. Training and conferences - none

K. Solicitor's Report (Christopher Skovira) - None

L. Mayor's Report (William Steele) - None

M. Executive Session (If needed)

Motion by Councilman Ken Keslar to go into an executive session at 8:41pm. Seconded by Councilman Joe Lane.

Motion carried

Motion by Councilwoman Maria Frazier to come out of executive session at 9:04pm. Seconded by Councilman Ken Keslar.

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilwoman Maria Frazier to pay a $50 hold deposit to Taylor McNiece for Borough Day face painting. Seconded by Joe Lane.

Motion Carried

N. Community Meetings and Events

Borough Day Planning meeting - March 29th @5:00pm.

Work Session - April 8th @6:30pm.

Council Meeting - April 22nd @6:30pm.

O. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Councilman Joe Lane to Adjourn at 9:07 PM. Second by Maria Frazier.

Motion Carried.