Everson Borough Council Meeting Minutes

July 28th, 2026

The Meeting was called to order by President J.Frazier at 6:32pm.

-Flag Pledge

-Invocation- NONE

Roll Call:

Mayor, William Steele- Present

Council President, Jason Frazier-Present

Council Vice President-Hope Peterson-Absent

Councilwoman, Maria Frazier- Present

Councilwoman, Lee Ann Wildey- Present

Councilman, Joe Lane- Present

Councilman, Ken Keslar- Present

Councilman, Lauire Steele- Absent

Solicitor, Chris Skovira- Present

Police Rep- Assistant Chief Mike Garlowhich- Absent

Fire Department Rep- Absent

Code Enforcement- Mike Garlowhich- Absent

Animal Control- NONE

Secretary-NONE

Treasurer-Absent

Minutes of previous Council Meeting:

Motion by Maria Frazier to accept the June 2026 meeting minutes as read with two additions Graff St and Frazier. Second, Lauire Steele. Motion Passed

Public Forum: NONE

Secretary's Report: NONE

Committee Reports: See the attached updated list for 2026

Emergency Services (Maria Frazier)- NONE

Law Enforcement- Assistant Chief Mike Garlowhich- No report everything is good

Fire Departmen t- No report

Code Enforcement- No report

Streets-(Ken Keslar)

Motion by Ken Keslar to buy 2 replacement rear zero turn tires at a cost of $275.00 Second by Maria Frazier . Motion Passed

Discussion on skid loader tires table till next meeting with better prices.

Motion by Ken Keslar to have CASE Power Equipment from Delmont to do the yearly PM Second by Lee Ann Wildey. Motion Passed

Budget (Hope Peterson)

Motion by Hope Peterson to pay outstanding bills and monthly expenses with 2 signatures only until a new replacement can be added. Second by Lee Ann Wildey . Motion Passed

Sanitation- (Laurie Steele) Progress, Possible to add trash services to a tax line?

Parks (Maria Frazier)-Movie night was a success with 56 people attended. The fence that was just repaired and kids already busted it within 5 days. The school dist keeps canceling the lunch at the park due to weather rain or heat. The once a week actives have been a huge hit.

Utilities (Joe Lane)- Continuing with high number of PA One calls. 7 one calls and 3 emergencies for the month.

Borough Day (Jason Frazier) – The parade was great. Possible having a corn hole tournament next year. All bills have been paid. Looking ahead to next year. Yard sale seemed like a big hit. Seems like it brought a lot of people to our town.

Hometown Heroes Project (Lee Ann Wildey)- No report

Old Business:

1) Credit card application has been submitted waiting to hear more

2) Website updates in progress by President Frazier and Chase. A lot of good updated information.

New Business-

1) Motion by Ken Keslar to accept resignation from John Kauer from Everson Borough Police. Second by Maria Frazier. Motion Passed

2) Motion by Hope Peterson to accept resignation from Nathan Coltura as Secretary. Second by Ken Keslar. Motion Passed

3) Motion by Hope Peterson to advertise in the news paper for a replacement secretary. Second by Ken Keslar. Motion Passed.

4) Motion by Maria Frazier to renew the SavvyCitizen App for $759.00. Second by Hope Peterson. Motion Passed

5) Motion by Laurie Steele to advertise on Muncibid.com and newspaper to sell the 2008 Ford F450 Dump truck. Setting a reserve price of $10,000 Second by Lee Ann Wildey.

6) Motion by Hope Peterson to remove Doug Yuhouse for not fulfilling his required 4 hours a week as a Patrolman. No call / No show for the past 3 weeks. Lack of communication and respect with/for the Mayor. Required 4 hours per previous motion as date of hire. As per motion from Feb 2025. Second by Ken Keslar. Motion Passed.

Letter will be written by Solicitor Skovira and signed by everyone on council then mailed via Certified Mail with signature.

7) Motion by Hope Peterson to pay $100.00 for PA State LSA Grant Application Fee. Application would be for a 2026 Ford F250 pickup with plow and warning lights. The cost for FayPenn would be $1,500 plus cost of application fee. President Jason Frazier wrote a great for the State LSA application. Second by Ken Keslar to use President Frazier's grant application. Motion Passed

8) Discussion on letter submitted by Saint Joseph Church requesting that people not block there new parking area. Suggestion to talk to Fayette Co zoning.

9)Discussion on status of code enforcement. 11 letters were to be mailed after July meeting, however they were just placed on the desk today sometime after 3pm.

Motion by Hope Peterson to appoint Joe Adams as Code Enforcement Officer for the rest of 2026 and release Mike Garlowhich of the position. While questioning Joe he states he is proactive and the Borough will get copies of all paperwork that is sent out. Property will be assessed and he will knock on doors and discuss prior to sending letters. His fee is $350 per/month. Second by Ken Keslar. Motion Passed.

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10) Received Police Officer Application from Joseph Michael Lane, interview was conducted by Mayor Steele, Hope Peterson, Maria Frazier, and Ken Keslar. He is willing and able to work daylights, nights, weekdays, and weekends. He is requesting part-time 4-12hours per/week. Min 4hrs a week up to 12hrs a week. Mayor Steele states he will make a good for for Everson Borough. He was having health issues but has been doing much better. He will follow the chain of command. Ken states he is concerned with having conflicts with the other 2 officers. Hope has a good feeling and thinks it will work out well. Jason concerned with the lack of coverage. Usually roughly 9 hours covered a week out of 1,176. Jason reviews current workmen s comp coverage for the police employees alone we pay $1,400.00 Is the 9 hours worth the money being spent. The police car isn't even being inspected and maintenance done. The Borough Day we didnt even have an officer here we had the State Police...that's sad. Ken states the Police Chief salary is set for $20,000.00, Officers $40,000.00 $1,000.00 supplies and gas $2,000.00 maintenance of cars $1,000.00, Dues $1,500.00, con-ed $500.00. This is all a massive chunk of our budget. Hope is not ready to give up on the Everson Police and wants to give it another shot. Maria does not want him assigned as the Police Chief.

Motion by Maria Frazier to hire Joe Lane as a Police Officer min of 10hrs a week with a 90 day probation period. Second by Hope Peterson. Motion Passed.

11)Table the bathroom remodel till Aug meeting

12)Resolution for DCED for a replacement street department. 2026-5

13) Motion by Maria Frazier to accept resolution 2026-5. Second by Hope Peterson. Motion Passed.

Solicitors Comments: None

Mayors Report: None

Executive Session:

Community Meetings/Events:

Next Council Work Session Meeting: Tuesday August 4th , 2026 at 6:30pm

Next Council Monthly Meeting: Tuesday April 18st , 2026 at 6:30pm

2026 Everson Borough Day Planning Meeting early April more info to come

Motion by Lee Ann Wildey to adjourn at 9:12pm. Second, by Maria Frazier. Motion Passed.

Submitted by

Jason W Frazier