Everson Borough Council Meeting Minutes

Make Up *August* Meeting

September 1st, 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-Present

Councilwoman, Maria Frazier- Present

Councilwoman, Lee Ann Wildey- Present arrived at 6:37

Councilman, Joe Lane- Present

Councilman, Ken Keslar- Present

Councilwoman, Lauire Steele- Present

Solicitor, Chris Skovira- Present

Police Rep- Assistant Chief Mike Garlowhich- Absent

Fire Department Rep- Absent

Code Enforcement- Joe Adams- Absent

Animal Control- NONE

Secretary-NONE

Treasurer-Absent

Minutes of previous Council Meeting:

Motion by Hope to accept the July 2026 meeting minutes as read with two additions Hope Peterson added to the list of people who interviewed Joe Lane and fix meeting dates on last page. Second by, Maria Frazier. Motion Passed

Public Forum:

a. Virginia Sherbondy- Trash cans & lids not being used. Alley between Brown & Graff in the 500 block a drainage pipe was installed and a ye to be fixed correctly. Trash on front porches, lack of people maintaining there property and yards.

b. Lorrie Black- I'm unable to make meeting BUT would like to know when they are gonna follow through with the citation 2-3 months ago they mailed out and nothing was done with the dirty front porch like a storage unit and another porch with food on it, and towels hanging in windows, the back yard has garbage all through it, and Pennys garage is worse now then ever, just tracking rodents all through this block of houses. I'm tired of spending money to keep rats , mice and skunks away from my home over their actions . Read via text by President Frazier

c. Dorthy Wilson 143 Jones St heard about ticket process in Scottdale and wanted to know more about our process and came to see what meetings are about.

Secretary's Report: NONE

Committee Reports: See the attached updated list for 2026

Emergency Services (Maria Frazier)- Requested status of Doug Yuhouse Borough owned equipment. No update Chris will reach out to his representative.

Law Enforcement- Assistant Chief Mike Garlowhich- No report

Fire Departmen t- Report from July received via paper. Notice on Everson being low call volume.

Code Enforcement- 1 letter was mailed. Much more to come.

Streets-(Ken Keslar)

Motion by Lee Ann Wildey to buy 4 replacement skid loader tires at a cost of $1,200.00 installed from Mongells. Second by Ken Keslar. Motion Passed

Motion by Hope Peterson to make repairs to 2008 Ford Dump truck vs selling online. Weld & Bolt dump bed to frame no long being used as a dump truck, front end repairs, and inspection with cost not to exceed $2,500.00 Second by Ken Kesslar. Motion Passed

Council agreed to have street dept buy a small amber light for dump truck cost of $65.00 along with a Propane torch kit for $ 68.75.

Multiple street openings that have not been fixed or fixed to Borough guidelines. Hope Peterson will reach out to get a contact from Columbia Gas and Ken Kesslar will contact the other 2 individuals

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 Ken Keslar . Motion Passed. Need to start budget prep for 2027. President requested committee to review secretary/treasurer and street department salary's based on PSAB surevy.

Sanitation- (Laurie Steele) Progress, Will be setting up committee meeting shortly.

Parks (Maria Frazier)- Reminder dogs are not permitted in the park. Recently street department and committee have found dog feces in the park area and fenced in area.

Utilities (Joe Lane)

Doesn't know much about the accident at the monument. Discussion of the civics owning he property. If the civics own it then they need to handle the report and repair. If its the Borough then Borough will take the lead. The civics state that they got all the donation and funds for the work.

Borough Day (Jason Frazier) – Account Balance $3,655.99

Hometown Heroes Project (Lee Ann Wildey)- No report

Old Business:

a) Credit card has been revived for the street department

b) Website updates in progress by President Frazier working on the history section. Thanks to Bonnie Cramer for lending Jason the Everson Centennial Book to get history of the Borough. Everything else is up to date.

c) Motion by Hope Peterson to hire Sandy Lee Smith at $15.00 per/hour minimum of 8 hours up to 10 hours a week. She will be on a 90 day probation with wage increase considered in the future. She is from Connellsville for Secretary replacement.

She was interviewed by the President, Vice President, Maria Frazier, and Ken Keslar. She is asking to work each Tuesday evening and Saturday mornings. Second by Maria Frazier. Motion Passed

New Business-

a) Discussion on updated time card system. One time price of $295.00-----No action taken

b) Discussion on purchasing a Microsoft Surface Pro 4 cost of $ 139.00 to use the time card system.-----No action taken

c) Discussion on tablet wall mount cost of $18.00-----No action taken

d) Discussion on renovating the upstairs council chambers bathroom. Materials cost of no more than $950.00 and labor being paid with street department labor funds as work will be completed by the street department employees. This was tabled from last meeting.-----No action taken

e) Letter received from St. Joseph church requesting access to there new parking area. President Frazier provided paperwork from 2017 asking for the same thing with access to there old lot. That request was approved by council at that time.

Motion by Ken Kesslar to grant a 2nd access to St. Joseph Church for the newly acquired parking area. Second by Maria Frazier. Motion Passed

f) Discussion on selling tasers. In 2024 council approved to purchase 2 taser in a bundle package for $ 8968.80 with a 60 month payment plan. The 2024 payment was never made. 2025 payment was paid. Currently still owe $7,246.68 on the loan. Council would need to payoff the loan prior to selling. Mayor Steele will get with Mike to get information and pictures to make progress in selling them on muncibid.com . At this point its unknown where the tasers are at or what condition they are in. Mike will need to reach out to axon to get final payoff. Everything was addressed to Mike when bought nothing is mentioned of the Borough.

g) Discussion on updating or replacing camera system. Everson Borough owns the camera system but does not have access to the camera system. The current system is at least 15 years old. To move the system from the police department to the council side Prosite must have access Mon-Fri 7:00am to 3:30pm. The cost would be $2,664.06. Option 2 installing 9 new cameras, cables, lock box, can accept up 19 cameras. $6,166.02 Joe Lane states we would need a 2nd monitor for the Police to view there side of the cameras. The phone app is nice. Motion by Ken Keslar to hire Prosite to purchase and install 9 new cameras system at a cost of $ $6,166.02. Second by Lee Ann Wildey. Motion Passed

h) Update on Chain property. The school district solicitor now has to bring to the board to vote on the back taxes. More to come.

i) Motion by Laurie Steele to have Blackout Tint from Latrobe install a 10 year film over the front main door at a cost of $200.00 Second by Joe Lane. Motion Passed

j) Motion by Maria Frazier Second by Lee Ann Wildey to enter an executive session to discuss personnel Matters and offers at 8:21pm Motion Passed

k) Motion by Lee Ann Wildey Second by Laurie Steele to exit executive session at 9:11pm

l) Motion by Lee Ann Wildey to renovate the upstairs council chambers bathroom. Materials cost of no more than $950.00 and labor being paid with street department labor funds as work will be completed by the street department employees. Second by Maria Frazier. Motion Passed

m) Motion by Lee Ann Wildey to adjourn at 9:19pm. Second, by Laurie Steele. Motion Passed.

Solicitors Comments: Chain property progress.

Mayors Report: None

Executive Session: Personnel Matters and offers

Community Meetings/Events:

Next Council Work Session Meeting: Tuesday October 13th, 2026 at 6:30pm

Next Council Monthly Meeting: Tuesday September 15th , 2026 at 6:30pm

Motion by Lee Ann Wildey to adjourn at 9:19pm. Second, by Laurie Steele. Motion Passed.

Submitted by

Jason W Frazier