Everson Borough Council Meeting Minutes

September 15th , 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- Absent

Councilman, Ken Keslar- Present

Councilwoman, Laurie Steele- Present

Solicitor, Chris Skovira- Present

Fire Department Rep- Absent

Code Enforcement- Joe Adams- Absent

Animal Control- NONE

Secretary, Sandy Lint-Present

Treasurer-Absent

Minutes of previous Council Meeting:

Motion by Maria Frazier to accept the August 2026 meeting minutes as read with fix meeting dates on last page. Second by, Hope Peterson. Motion Passed

Public Forum:

Lorrie Black- The Borough has paid to send out citations for yard clean ups, cover garage roofs and clean up. The code enforcement never followed up with the process. The Borough pays money for a cop, "I don't know one benefit this cop is doing for us. " "If it doesn't work it doesn't work, why are we wasting our money." "We wasted $18.50 on code enforcement letters and now were wasting money on a officer that doesn't do anything". Hope Peterson advised "that officer we have is not being paid a salary so at least at this point were only paying him when he works." Ken Kesslar states " were working on these issues together were all new but it takes time and were working on things" Lorrie replied back " Jason is out there in the evening doing stuff trying to give us a better Borough. I don think anyone takes that into consideration. " " I hope the code enforcement does his job I don't see where the cop does anything here."

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. Sent a letter to his council " Will reach out to his client " Chris will follow up with attorney Teail. No update Chris will reach out to his representative. Code enforcement officer contact # is on the website.

Law Enforcement- NONE

Fire Department- NONE

Code Enforcement- 10 letters was mailed certified. 11 mail regular mail. Progress

Streets-(Ken Keslar)

Meeting with 2 residents about water drainage.

Hope is still trying to reach someone with Columbia Gas for street opening.

Animal Control- (Ken Kesslar)- 1 person reached out for info and was given, Mayor Steele concerned if Drew's Crews is actually riding around like the contract states. Mayor Steele requesting Ken Kesslar contact Drews Crews find out when they ride around and do they have a building? Why is check wrote Sarah Jo Smith and not Drews Crews.

Parks (Maria Frazier)- NONE

Budget (Hope Peterson)

Hope Peterson is concerned with going over budget on gas/fuel for the street department.

Motion by Hope Peterson to pay outstanding bills and monthly expenses. Second by Ken Keslar . Motion Passed.

President Frazier wanted council to recognize Balance sheet comparison between this time last year (2025) vs. today (2026).General Account $63,000 vs $107,000.00. Savings Account $ 709,000 vs $713,000.00.

Sanitation- (Laurie Steele) Progress, Setting up a meeting with Noble directly for October and setting up committee meeting following. Per our current contract there is a senior discount.

Utilities (Joe Lane)- NONE

Borough Day (Jason Frazier) – Account Balance $3,076.34 still waiting to deposit ticket money because Joe Lane has yet to pay for his 20 tickets. When he pays all money will be deposited. Ticket went off September 7th, 2026 and a week later money has not been turned in. Ticket sold and winner was paid. Thanks to Jason “red” Hurst for selling 95 tickets for the Borough Day.

Hometown Heroes Project (Lee Ann Wildey)- Resident called with a complaint about his 2024 request for his banner. Check was wrote to Everson Borough and Mindy Dugger. The check was deposited into the General Acct. But the Borough has no picture or application. Suggested he reached out to Mindy Dugger. Mindy was no help. The Borough refunded resident with cash on hand from selling old Salt Spreader via a Money Order. Resident accepted. The Borough didn't have anything to do with this project it was a Councilwoman project. Going ahead the Borough will be taking over this project.

Old Business:

a) Chain property progress. Waiting on school board. Should have at least a compromise. Roughly $27,000.00-$30,000.00 owed on back school tax.

b) Website updates in progress by President Frazier. Everything else is up to date.

c) Truck update. Jason and Ken took truck to Taxacher Specialites for repair. They are very confident they can repair the dump body sub-frame and save the truck to be used at-least another year or so. $2,500 was previously approved in September.

> Motion by Lee Ann Wildey to add an additional $1,000.00 to the 2009 Ford F450 dump truck repair approval, taking the total approved cost to $3,500.00. Second by Ken Keslar . Motion Passed.

d) Table discussion on time card system possible purchase.

New Business-

a) 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. Hope Peterson will reach out to Axon about a possible buy back program.

b) Motion by Hope Peterson to open a CD for $100,000.00 to Somerset Trust as long as they match CFS Bank 4.02% 12 month CD of they can not by Friday September 18th, 2026 then move $100,000.00 to CFS bank. Second by Maria Frazier. Motion Passed.

h) Motion by Ken Keslar to purchase a Stihl leaf blower and Stihl weed eatter for the Street Department use. The cost to not exceed $1500.00 from line item #437.00 Second by Hope Peterson. Motion Passed.

i) Fall clean up is October 12th, 2026

j) Tire clean up day October 3rd, 2026 8am-2pm $3.00 cash only no wheels.

k) Motion by Hope Peterson to schedule Trick-or-treat Oct 25th 6pm-8pm. Second by Maria Frazier. Motion Passed.

l) Motion by Maria Frazier to add Sandy Lee Lint as an authorized signer for all Borough Accounts at Somerset Trust. Second by Hope Peterson. Motion Passed.

m) Veterans wall update. Thursday at 9am the Erie insurance agent will be in town to take pictures and interview Mike Banazack for moving items. It will be up to the Borough to get 2 quotes for each part of the project.

n) Motion by Ken Keslar to accept the Attendance and Punctuality Policy for hourly employees. Second, by Hope Peterson. Motion Passed.

o) Motion by Maria Frazier to enter executive session at 8:08pm Second, by Hope Peterson. Motion Passed.

p) Motion by Hope Peterson to exit executive session at 8:26pm Second, by Ken Keslar. Motion Passed.

q) Motion by Ken Keslar to accept resignation from Police Officer and Assistant Chief Mike Garlowhich. Second by Hope Peterson. Motion Passed.

r) Motion by Ken Keslar that due lack of police officers and police Chief we suspend the Everson Borough Police Department for at least one year from today. Unless council make a motion to resume or otherwise modify or cease operations. Second by Lee Ann Wildey. Motion Passed.

s) Discussion to purchase car tire dollies to put the Police Charger up against the wall and the Explorer on the other side. Total cost of less than $200.00. That way both Police cars are both covered and protected.

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 October 20th , 2026 at 6:30pm



Halloween Movie in the Park Friday Oct 23rd Sponsored by the Borough Day Committee. Gate opens 6:30pm movie starts at 7pm

**2028 will be 125 years for Everson Borough*

Motion by Hope Peterson to adjourn at 8:26pm. Second, by Ken Keslar. Motion Passed.

Submitted by

Jason W Frazier