

SELINGSGROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 5, 2026

I. Mayor Michael Bolig called the Bi-Annual Reorganization Meeting to order at 7:00PM.

A. Manager/Secretary Lauren Martz confirmed that all Certificates of Election and Affidavits of Residency have been received for all new and re-elected Council Members.

1. Bobbie J. Owens – four-year term – received by Borough Office – VERIFIED
2. Christian Schlieder – four-year term – received by Borough Office – VERIFIED
3. Todd Cox – four-year term – received by Borough Office – VERIFIED
4. Alex Donchak – two-year term – received by Borough Office – VERIFIED
5. Scott M. Frost – four-year term – received by Borough Office – VERIFIED

B. Oaths of Offices Administered to Bobbie J. Owens, Christian Schlieder, Todd Cox, Alex Donchak, and Scott M. Frost by Mayor Michael Bolig.

C. Borough Manager/Secretary Lauren Martz called roll and acknowledged a quorum.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: C/P Richard Mease, C/P Bobbie J. Owens, C/P Scott M. Frost, C/P Sara Maul, C/P Todd Cox, C/P Christian Schlieder, C/P Alex Donchak

Please note the minutes will follow the topics in the order presented which do not necessarily follow the order on the provided agenda.

E. OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Michael Bolig, Solicitor Robert Cravitz, Borough Manager/Secretary Lauren Martz, Assistant Borough Manager/Treasurer Sharon Badman, Administrative Assistant Carrie Briggs, Chief Petrovich, Amy Metzger, Tim Weikel, DH&L Fire Police Matt Smith, DH&L Fire Department Jason Kaufman, Rev. Paul Donecker, Nathan Morgan, Jeff Reed, Mike and Becky Zaliznock, Nick Clark, Carol Handlan, Andraya Pikitus, Isabel Clark, Emily Longacre, Addie Kolak, Andrew Kolak

OTHERS ON ZOOM: N/A

D. Election of Officers of Selingsgrove Borough Council

1. President – C/P Scott M. Frost

C/P Owens made a motion to nominate C/P Frost as Borough Council President. C/P Schlieder seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

2. Vice President – C/P Bobbie J. Owens

C/P Mease made a motion to nominate C/P Owens as Borough Council Vice President. C/P Frost seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

3. President Pro Tempore – C/P Richard Mease

C/P Frost made a motion to nominate C/P Mease as Borough Council President Pro Tempore. C/P Owens seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

Chair of the meeting returned to President Frost.

E. (see above)

F. President Frost called for a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPOINTMENTS:

A. C/P Owens made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-1, Acknowledgement of the Terms of Office, Affirmations of Appointments, Modifications of Assignments and other general provisions for 2026. C/P Mease seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

III. President Frost assigned Council members to the following committees:

1. Administration/Finance Committee: Chair C/P Owens, C/P Mease, C/P Donchak
2. Public Facilities and Services Committee: Chair C/P Maul, C/P Cox, C/P Schlieder
3. Community Development/Constituent Ombudsman: Chair C/P Mease, C/P Schlieder, C/P Donchak

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS ON December 1, 2025 and December 18, 2025:

C/P Maul made a motion to approve the minutes from December 1, 2025 with a correction under Borough Administrative Reports: F. Borough Manager, 1. The month listed should be November. C/P Schlieder seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

C/P Maul made a motion to approve the minutes from December 18, 2025 as written. C/P Cox seconded the motion.

AYES: SIX (6) NAYS: NONE ABSTAIN: ONE (1) MOTION CARRIED
C/P Mease abstained due to not being at the meeting.

GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES TO BE HEARD:

DH&L Fire Company: Jason Kaufman reported for the year 2025 and a copy of the report was provided. He also provided a list of officers for 2026. The 2025 Santa drive-through/toy drive was a tremendous success.

DH&L Ambulance League: No report.

DH&L Fire Police: Captain Matt Smith provided a report on the replacement of the fire police van. He also provided a list of officers for 2026.

Selinsgrove Projects Inc (SPI): President of Selinsgrove Projects Inc. Carol Handlan provided thanks to the volunteers on Borough Council, the Mayor, and the Public Facilities Department for all their hard work.

Selinsgrove Chamber of Commerce: Paul Donecker gave a report on the 2025 holiday events which continue to grow in participation each year. The next Chamber Cheer will be held January 21, 2026 at BJ's from 5:00PM – 7:00PM.

Selinsgrove Area Recreation Inc: President Mease reminded everyone that SARI is having a Cash Bingo fundraising event at the VFW on February 22, 2026.

Selinsgrove Flood Task Force: No meeting.

Parks & Recreation Committee: No meeting.

OTHER PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

A. Amy Metzger, Dental Hygienist, spoke in favor of keeping fluoride in the Selinsgrove Municipal Water System.

B. Isabel Clark, Senior Class President of the Selinsgrove Area High School Class of 2029, spoke about the fundraising 5K event the class would like to have on March 7, 2026. They would like to utilize the boat launch parking area on S. Front Street for a start and end point of the event. The actual run is going south through Penn Township. C/P Mease reminded Isabel they would need insurance naming the Borough of Selinsgrove as "Other Insured" for this event.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION/BOARD REPORTS:

A. ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE COMMITTEE – BOBBIE OWENS, CHAIR

1. C/P Owens made a motion to pay the bills. C/P Mease seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

2. C/P Owens made a motion to authorize the internal borrowing of funds to cover expenses until tax revenue is received. C/P Maul seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

3. C/P Owens made a motion to approve the gas cut waiver for Tim Weikel at 200 E. Pine Street with a re-cut of pavement at the existing opening. C/P Maul seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

4. C/P Owens made a motion to approve the change order by DB Construction for the installation of a new toilet in the amount of \$504.31. C/P Maul seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

5. C/P Owens made a motion to approve the change order by DB Construction for the removal of drywall and the installation of moisture resistant drywall in the amount of \$3,700.00. C/P Maul seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

6. C/P Owens thanked Jeff Reed, the outgoing Mayor, for his years of service, time, and dedication to attending all meetings.

B. PUBLIC FACILITIES & SERVICES COMMITTEE – SARA MAUL, CHAIR

1. No meeting in December 2025.

2. The next Public Facilities meeting will be on January 15, 2026 at 2:00 PM. There will also be a presentation for the Local Climate Action Plan (LCAP).

C. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/CONSTITUENT OMBUDSMAN – RICHARD MEASE, CHAIR:

1. C/P Mease made a motion to establish pre-approval for appropriate conditions/limitations/waivers necessary for the conduct of special community events as contained within the list enclosed. C/P Schlieder seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

2. C/P Mease made a motion to approve the event request by Jason Heiser, Advisor for SAHS Class of 2029, requesting to use the boat launch parking area **only** for their Frosty 5K from the parking area in Selinsgrove Borough for their run moving south on S. Front Street in Penn Township. Pending the coverage of insurance which will also name Selinsgrove Borough as "other insured". C/P Cox seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

D. PLANNING COMMISSION – JANET POWERS, CHAIR:

1. No meeting.

E. ZONING HEARING BOARD – ED MANN, CHAIR:

1. No meeting.

F. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION – NATHAN MORGAN, CHAIR:

1. No meeting.

G. SHADE TREE COMMISSION – ED SLAVISHAK, CHAIR:

1. No meeting.

2. Council was notified the Tree City Application was submitted on 12/30/25.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

A. MAYOR – MICHAEL BOLIG: No report.

B. POLICE CHIEF – FRANCIS PETROVICH

1. The November 2025 Police report was provided.

C. BOROUGH SOLICITOR – ROBERT CRAVITZ:

1. Solicitor Cravitz requested an Executive Session for pending litigation.

D. BOROUGH ENGINEERS

1. Stahl Sheaffer Engineering:
 - a. Report provided to include updates on Industrial Park Road.
2. Larson Design Group (LDG):
 - a. Council was provided with a letter of support to eliminate the use of fluoride in the Municipal water system.

E. BOROUGH TREASURER – SHARON BADMAN

1. The Treasurer’s end-of-month report for December 2025 was provided.

F. BOROUGH MANAGER/SECRETARY – LAUREN MARTZ

1. The monthly Manager Report for December was provided.
2. C/P Maul made a motion to approve the Borough to make application as the Municipal Authority’s agent for a Consumptive Use Mitigation Grant from SRBC in the amount of \$777,468.91 as well as supporting engineering costs (figures not yet received). C/P Owens seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

3. Council members were provided with information about signing up for the newly elected municipal officials PSAB NEMO Boot Camp classes being held both in-person and in a virtual format.
4. Council members were advised they are eligible to have a Borough-provided email address if they choose.

G. ZONING – LINDSEY MULL:

1. The updated Zoning & Sign Permit list not provided.

H. EASTERN SNYDER COUNTY REGIONAL AUTHORITY (ESCRA)– RICHARD P. MEASE & CHRIS SCHLIEDER

1. Minutes were provided for the November 19, 2025 meeting.
2. C/P Schlieder made a motion to approve an EDU for Matt Keller at 204 E. Bough Street. C/P Cox seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

I. NORTH-EASTERN SNYDER COUNTY JOINT AUTHORITY – DIANNE MENGEL AND VACANCY:

1. Council was provided with a copy of the DEP inspection report from the 11/12/25 inspection at the closed Northeast Snyder County Landfill in Shamokin Dam.

J. SELINGSGROVE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY – TIM CHARLES, CHAIR:

1. No meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. COUNCIL MEMBERS:** None.
- B. MAYOR:** None.
- C. OTHERS:** None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:43PM and reconvened at 8:43PM with no action taken.

C/P Owens made a motion to make a counteroffer to the attorney at Troutman Pepper Locke in Harrisburg for the Susquehanna University utility service billing settlement offer in the letter dated December 18, 2025. The counteroffer being made at \$181,874.20 to be paid quarterly in the amount of \$11,367.14 with no interest or penalty over the course of four (4) years. C/P Mease seconded the motion.

AYES: SIX (6) NAYS: NONE ABSTAIN: ONE (1) MOTION CARRIED

C/P Donchak abstained due to being a Susquehanna University employee.

Minutes transcribed by Administrative Assistant Carrie Briggs
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