

SELINGSGROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 2, 2026

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS VIA ZOOM/TELEPHONE: N/A

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

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, DH&L Fire Jason Kaufman, Rev. Paul C. Donecker, Helen Walter, Nathan Morgan, Jeff Reed, Daily Item Marcia Moore, SU Student Jaidyn Steinbecker, Allen Wetzal, Ed P., John Lazur, Ed Slavishak

OTHERS ON ZOOM: N/A

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Frost called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Borough Manager/Secretary Lauren Martz called the roll and acknowledged a quorum. President Frost called for a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS ON February 2, 2026:

C/P Maul made a motion to approve the minutes from February 2, 2026, as written. C/P Cox seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES TO BE HEARD:

DH&L Fire Company: Jason Kaufman stated DH&L Fire reported 29 incidents in the month of February. He reminded everyone of the upcoming fundraising event: Bands & Guns Bonanza in May.

The Fire Company would like to set up meetings with whichever Borough committee handles the DH&L Fire building lease as well as the Public Facilities Committee for the annual meeting. Jason also asked the Solicitor if he could check into and confirm whether there is still an active ordinance allowing the Fire Company to charge for specific services. He also asked if the Borough would consider allowing staff members trained in firefighting to go out on fire calls if necessary, during the workday when other volunteers are working further away.

DH&L Ambulance League: Chief Brian Hipple was unable to attend but did send a report. In February, DH&L Ambulance received 171 total calls with 38 in Selingsgrove Borough. President Frost also noted that Chief Hipple notified him that DH&L Ambulance League bought two used ambulances to get the fleet back up and running. The units are expected to be in service by mid-March.

DH&L Fire Police: No report.

Selingsgrove Projects Inc (SPI): No report.

Selingsgrove Chamber of Commerce: Helen Walter reported that Chamber Cheer will now be called Community Cheer to help the public know that all are welcome to join the meeting. The next Community Cheer will be on April 22nd at 5:00PM at the Kind Cafe. The Chocolate Stroll will be held on April 11th.

Selingsgrove Area Recreation Inc.: C/P Mease reported the cash bingo fundraising event was a success with 102 attendees. The next fundraiser will be the annual Croquet Tournament on June 13th at the Rotary Field in partnership with SPI.

Selingsgrove Flood Task Force: No meeting.

Parks & Recreation Committee: No meeting.

R.E.C.: The March 1, 2026 edition of the REC News was provided.

OTHER PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

A. Allen Wetzel, resident and business owner, presented his concerns about road safety on S. High Street near his business. Mr. Wetzel’s concerns: speeding (regular traffic to include school buses & PennDOT trucks), cars/trucks parked in no parking areas along the street, driving on the wrong side of the street, drivers not obeying the stop sign at Sassafra Street and S. High Street, LB Water trucks blocking his business parking lot frequently in early morning, cyclists traveling on the street but not following the law, speeding down Sandhill Road without slowing as turning onto S. High Street.

B. John Lazur, retired dentist, spoke of concerns about the removal of fluoride to Council. Mr. Lazur stated his concern for Medicaid patients who are currently already limited to dental services in the area. He stated that the rate of decay will increase as fluoride is removed from the water supply.

C/P Schlieder made a motion to allow Mr. Lazur to continue speaking since the first five (5) minute speaking time expired. C/P Cox seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Lazur continued presenting data from other areas of the United States that also had voted to remove fluoride; some subsequently put it back once they started seeing results of increased dental decay.

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. Gelnett Trust: The topic will be pushed to the next meeting.

3. C/P Owens made a motion to approve Change Order #1 to Paige Electrical in the amount of \$3,100.00 for prewiring of access controls and the addition of voice/data line locations as part of the Police Department renovation project. C/P Cox seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

4. C/P Owens made a motion to approve Change Order #2 to DB Construction in the amount of \$3,700.00 for removal of paneling to put up GWB (gypsum wallboard) as well as the painting of the bathroom and part of the break room as a part of the Police Department renovation project. C/P Cox seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

5. Council acknowledged receipt of the 2024 Audit.

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

1. Meeting minutes from February 19, 2026 were provided. C/P Maul thanked all the volunteers who provided, in whole, over 200 hours of time in the prep and operation of Little Norway II during the very robust 15-day season of ice in February.

2. - 4. C/P Maul made a motion to approve the three (3) grease trap waiver requests made by Public Works Director Roger Feltman reducing the need of a weekly inspection to a monthly inspection/cleaning at the Pump House, Anthony Selin Park, and the Community Room due to limited sink use. C/P Cox seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

5. The next Public Facilities meeting will be on March 19, 2026 at 2:00 PM

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

1. a. C/P Mease made a motion to approve the placement of Susquehanna University Commencement Banner (2026-2) from May 6, 2026 through May 11, 2026 across S. Market Street. C/P Maul seconded the motion.

AYES: FOUR (4) NAYS: TWO (2) ABSTAIN: ONE (1) MOTION CARRIED
C/P Schlieder & Cox C/P Donchak (SU employee)

C/P Schlieder stated concern for the non-payment of the Susquehanna University utility bill.

1. b. C/P Mease made a motion to approve the placement of Susquehanna University Welcome Home Banner (2026-3) from August 26, 2026 through August 31, 2026 across S. Market Street. C/P Owens seconded the motion.

AYES: FOUR (4) NAYS: TWO (2) ABSTAIN: ONE (1) MOTION CARRIED
C/P Schlieder & Cox C/P Donchak (SU employee)

C/P Schlieder stated concern for the non-payment of the Susquehanna University utility bill.

1. c. C/P Mease made a motion to approve the placement of Susquehanna University Homecoming Weekend Banner (2026-4) from September 24, 2026 through September 28, 2026 across S. Market Street. C/P Maul seconded the motion.

AYES: FOUR (4) NAYS: TWO (2) ABSTAIN: ONE (1) MOTION CARRIED
C/P Schlieder & Cox C/P Donchak (SU employee)

C/P Schlieder stated concern for the non-payment of the Susquehanna University utility bill.

2. C/P Mease made a motion to approve the 2nd Annual Doggie Easter Egg Hunt, organized by Rough Collie Co., at Selinsgrove Borough's Anthony Selin Pavilion and Dog Park on March 28, 2026, contingent on receipt of the certificate of insurance. 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.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

A. MAYOR – MICHAEL BOLIG:

1. Mayor Bolig asked if the closing of the railroad crossing at Strawberry Alley was permanent and was informed it is per the railroads' efforts to reduce redundant crossings. The railroad and PennDOT requested the closure, all adjacent properties were notified and public discussion was held prior to the closure.

B. POLICE CHIEF – FRANCIS PETROVICH

1. The January 2026 Police report was provided.

2. C/P Mease made the motion to approve the re-advertisement for a full-time officer. C/P Owens seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

C. BOROUGH SOLICITOR – ROBERT CRAVITZ:

1. The Solicitor has discussions for the Executive Session.

D. BOROUGH ENGINEERS

1. Stahl Sheaffer Engineering:

a. Report provided to include updates on Industrial Park Road.

b. C/P Owens made a motion to approve Change Order #1 to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. in the amount of \$10,192.50 to install new pipe and inlet to mitigate a potential ponding issue as part of the Industrial Park Road Project. C/P Maul seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

2. Larson Design Group (LDG):

a. C/P Owens made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Engineering Retainer Agreement with Larson Design Group. C/P Maul seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

b. Larson Design Group provided the public comment responses as well as the LDG feedback to fluoride removal, which was provided via email Friday, February 27, 2026 due to the size of the document. If anyone wants a copy, contact Borough Manager/Secretary Martz.

c. C/P Cox made a motion to reaffirm the removal of fluoride from the Selinsgrove Municipal Water System. C/P Maul seconded the motion.

AYES: FIVE (5) NAYS: TWO (2) MOTION CARRIED

C/P Mease & Schlieder

C/P Mease stated concern for the health and welfare of the community.

E. BOROUGH TREASURER – SHARON BADMAN

1. The Treasurer’s end-of-month report for February 2026 was provided.

F. BOROUGH MANAGER/SECRETARY – LAUREN MARTZ

1. The monthly Manager Report for February 2026 was provided.

2. A reminder was given to register for the Snyder County PA 250 Gala on March 6th from 5:00PM – 7:00PM at Shade Mountain Winery.

G. ZONING – LINDSEY MULL:

1. The updated Zoning & Sign Permit list provided for February 2026.

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

1. Minutes were provided for the January 21, 2026 meeting.

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

1. No meeting.

J. SELINGSGROVE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY – TIM CHARLES, CHAIR:

1. There will be a meeting on March 12, 2026 at 7:00PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

C/P Mease stated he walked the Business District and noted sections of sidewalk needing repair by the adjacent property owner.

C/P Frost stated he received a nice letter from Danica Burd, a Junior from Selinsgrove Area High School, concerning trash if anyone would like to read it let him know.

C/P Owens stated this meeting would need recessed to further discuss EDU approval, Industrial Park Road which is to mobilize by April 1st, and items coming out of Executive Session tonight.

MAYOR: None.

OTHERS: Helen Walter said she received a call from a Geisinger Hospice Group offering volunteers if the Borough or Snyder County is holding any events in celebration of PA 250. C/P Owens mentioned there is a committee at the county level, and Rylan Ebright would be the contact.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned to the Executive Session at 7:46PM for discussion of personnel and Civil Service matters. The Public session was reconvened at 8:20PM with no action taken. Discussion was held to determine who was available for the recessed meeting on March 12, 2026 at 4:45PM.

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The meeting was recessed at 8:24PM.

Minutes transcribed by Administrative Assistant Carrie Briggs
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