

SELINGSGROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 6, 2026

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS VIA ZOOM/TELEPHONE: N/A

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Michael Bolig, Solicitor Matthew Cravitz, Borough Manager/Secretary Lauren Martz, Chief Petrovich, Elizabeth Fin, Paul C. Donecker, Katie Savidge, Diane Mengel, Tony Butto, Pam White, Leslie Jenkins, Bob & Linda Derr, David Lawer, C. Ragland, A. Reeves, Michele & Ron Mitchell, Will Magee, Deb Smith, Allan Rozinski, Matt Smith, Jason Kaufman, Nathan Morgan, SMB, Ed Slavishak, Nevin & L. Fiedler, Ann Zimmerman, Sam & Susan Miriello, Laurie Morris, Marilyn Newman, Beth & Tut Woelfel, Tim Rigel, Catherine Rice & children, Kathy Boushie, Kay Cramer, Lynn Siler, Mary Markle, Raven Rudnitsky, Lisa Jones, John Walters, Cameron Vehodors, Jean Plymetre, Sam Day, Jennifer Asmuth, Erik Viker, Kelli Shaffer, Drew Hubbell, Melissa Frame

OTHERS ON ZOOM: Sara Lauver

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.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE THESE MINUTES MAY TAKE PLACE OUT OF ORDER AS LISTED ON THE AGENDA.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS ON June 1, 2026:

C/P Cox made a motion to approve the minutes as written from June 1, 2026. C/P Maul seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES TO BE HEARD:

DH&L Fire Company: Jason Kaufman provided a report for June. There were thirty-three incidents in June.

DH&L Ambulance League: No report.

DH&L Fire Police: No report.

Selinsgrove Projects Inc (SPI): No report.

Selinsgrove Chamber of Commerce: No report.

Selinsgrove Area Recreation Inc.: The 5/11/26 and 6/8/26 minutes were provided.

Selinsgrove Flood Task Force: No meeting.

Parks & Recreation Committee: No meeting.

President Frost reviewed the participation rules for any speakers and gallery participants.

OTHER PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

A. Lynn Fiedler, Founder and President of Journey to Justice, a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit working to end elder abuse, was present to request permission to donate a bench in honor of her mother, Alice Longenberger, who endured prolonged, horrific elder abuse at a facility in Lewisburg in 2023. The bench would be placed at the entrance to The Commons; a place where her parents, lifelong Snyder County residents, spent summer evenings enjoying the entertainment. President Mease spoke as a representative of Selinsgrove Projects Inc (SPI) and has approved the placement. The Public Works Director was also consulted on the placement of the bench.

C/P Schlieder made a motion to accept the donation of a \$2000.00 purple bench (for elder abuse awareness) complete with QR codes to educate people on ending elder abuse and to honor Alice Longenberger. The bench is to be placed at the entrance of The Commons. C/P Mease seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

B. Antonio Gissi was not present and V/P Owens stated Mr. Gissi was aware the decision on his concern may not be resolved prior to the August Borough Council meeting.

C. Jeremy Wertz was not present at the meeting, but C/P Schlieder mentioned that he was at the Community Development/Constituent Ombudsman prior to the Council meeting to present his thoughts.

D. Kelli Shaffer stated she wants an update on how payment arrangements are made and how they are fair for all. She wants to see something specific for seniors. She would ask for updates to be in writing.

F. Tony Butto spoke on behalf of Lisa Jones time concerning the petition against the 287 (g) agreement. Mr. Butto presented a copy of the petition to each Council member. He stated there were 412 Selinsgrove Borough resident signatures collected in a matter of approximately 6 days. He thanked Council for holding a public meeting and allowing residents to speak. He found the time to be helpful, respectful of all speakers and productive.

Agenda Item Moved Up:

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

B. POLICE CHIEF – FRANCIS PETROVICH

1. May 2026 Police report was provided.

2. C/P Owens made a motion to reject the participation in the Federal 287 (g) Program. C/P Mease seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES = FIVE (5)

NAYS: TWO (2)

MOTION CARRIED

C/P Donchak, Maul, Owens, Frost, Mease C/P Schlieder, Cox

The meeting adjourned to the Executive Session at 7:18PM for discussion of Police and Borough personnel Civil Service matter, and a legal matter. The Public session reconvened at 7:45PM with no action taken. C/P Owens made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to proceed with the contractual arbitration process for Mid-State Paving. C/P Maul seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION/BOARD REPORTS:

A. ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE COMMITTEE – BOBBIE OWENS, CHAIR

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

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

2. C/P Owens acknowledged receipt of the Tax Collectors Audit from Herring, Roll, & Solomon, P.C. for 2024. Mayor Bolig, previous Tax Collector, noted there was a recommendation by the Auditor for the Tax Collector to use the Borough's EIN. President Frost acknowledged the recommendation.

3. C/P Owens made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the Legal Government Unit Debt Act, LGUDA, Ordinance 891 authorizing application of a line of credit for Industrial Park Road to be able to make timely payments to the contractor until all grant monies are reimbursed to the Borough to pay back the line of credit. C/P Mease seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

4. C/P Owens made a motion to accept the resignation of Zackary Houpt, Public Works, retroactively to June 6, 2026. C/P Cox seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

5. C/P Owens made a motion to approve ratifying the authorization to advertise the Public Works position due to the recent vacancy. C/P Mease seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

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

1. Meeting minutes from June 18, 2026 were provided.
2. The County Municipal Meeting minutes were provided from May 6, 2026.
3. The next Public Facilities meeting will be on July 22, 2026 at 2:00 PM

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

1. Temporary Street Closures (TSC)

a. C/P Mease made a motion to approve the TSC at Strawberry Alley from E. Sherman Street to N. Market Street on August 8, 2026 from 7:00AM to 9:00PM for the Gilson Snow Summer Snow Day event. C/P Schlieder seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

b. C/P Mease made a motion to approve the TSC at Union Alley from W. Pine Street to Gelnett Way on July 24, 2026 from 5:00AM to 9:00PM for the Rudy Gelnett Memorial Library Coal Miner Song & Folklore event. C/P Maul seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

c. C/P Mease made a motion to approve the TSC at Union Alley from W. Pine Street to Gelnett Way on July 31, 2026 from 5:00AM to 9:00PM for the Rudy Gelnett Memorial Library Summer Reading Party. C/P Maul seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

d. C/P Mease made a motion to approve the TSC at University Avenue from Broad Street to W. Pine Street on October 30, 2026 from 12:00PM to 10:00PM for the Susquehanna University's Halloween on the Ave. C/P Cox seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

e. C/P Mease made a motion to approve the TSC at Market Street from Sassafras Street to Snyder Street on September 26, 2026 from 6:00AM to 6:00PM for Selinsgrove Project Inc's 47th Market Street Festival pending receipt of the Certificate of Insurance. C/P Schlieder seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

f. C/P Mease made a motion to approve the TSC at Market Street from Sassafras Street to 522 on October 20, 2026 (rain date October 21, 2026) from 6:30PM to the end of the parade for Selinsgrove Project Inc's Halloween Parade pending receipt of the Certificate of Insurance. C/P Cox seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

2. The next quarterly meeting will be held October 5, 2026 at 6:30PM in the Borough Council Chambers.

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. The Civil Service Commission last met on May 28, 2026.
2. C/P Owens made a motion to hire Trey Kurtz as a Selinsgrove Police Officer at a rate of \$75,000/yr with an additional increase at the beginning of 2027 with the rest of the Police Department. Trey will also need to complete a successful probationary period of 6 months. C/P Donchak seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Trey Kurtz will be sworn in at the August 3, 2026 Borough Council meeting.

G. SHADE TREE COMMISSION – ED SLAVISHAK, CHAIR:

1. No meeting.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

A. MAYOR – MICHAEL BOLIG

1. Mayor Bolig thanked the Borough Manager and Borough Engineer, Stahl Sheaffer Engineering, for having a meeting with our Engineer, Borough staff and key representatives of Snyder County Conservation to discuss concerns and introduce new ideas regarding Weiser Run.

B. POLICE CHIEF – FRANCIS PETROVICH – Presentation earlier in the meeting regarding 287(g)(Ice Program) .

C. BOROUGH SOLICITOR – MATTHEW CRAVITZ

1. C/P Maul made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to advertise Ordinance 889: no parking on N. Liberty Alley between Spruce Street and Mill Street. C/P Mease seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

2. C/P Maul made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to prepare Ordinance 890, adding additional stop signs at E. Spruce Street and N. Water Street as well as a second at E. Pine Street and N. Water Street. C/P Mease seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

D. BOROUGH ENGINEERS

1. Stahl Sheaffer Engineering:

a. The Industrial Park Road project began on April 6, 2026 and is currently still in progress but over 50% complete.

b. C/P Maul made a motion to approve estimate #3 for the IPR Project in the amount of \$292,471.00. C/P Donchak seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

c. C/P Owens made a motion to approve change order #6 in the amount of \$16,829.36 for Sand Hill Road full lane restoration. C/P Maul seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

d. C/P Owens made a motion to approve change order #7 in the amount of \$26,700.48 for additional stone needed for the widening areas. C/P Maul seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

c. C/P Maul made a motion to award the bid for the Walnut Street paving project to Gutelius in the amount of \$81,880.30. C/P Cox seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

2. Larson Design Group (LDG): No report.

E. BOROUGH TREASURER – SHARON BADMAN

1. The Treasurer's end-of-month report for June 2026 was provided.

F. BOROUGH MANAGER/SECRETARY – LAUREN MARTZ

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

G. ZONING – LINDSEY MULL:

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

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

1. Minutes were provided for the May 20, 2026 meeting.

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

1. No meeting.

J. SELINGSGROVE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY – TIM CHARLES, CHAIR:

1. No meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

COUNCIL MEMBERS: C/P Cox thanked Sgt. Grove for his years of service.

C/P Mease stated the ESCRA plant is a business partner and should be able to use the compost site.

Borough Manager Martz mentioned she had spoken to Greg Pysker at ESCRA and found that they have a permit for compost and recycling in Penn Township due to their location. She reminded Council the residents pay for recycling which means Council would need to decide if any waivers were to be granted. Borough Manager Martz said the matter will be discussed at the Public Facilities & Service Committee Meeting on July 22nd.

MAYOR: None.

OTHERS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

C/P Maul made a motion to adjourn at 8:11PM. C/P Owens seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Minutes transcribed by Administrative Assistant Carrie Briggs

Reviewed by Borough Manager Martz with final submission by Administrative Assistant Carrie Briggs