

SELINGSGROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 3, 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 Francis Petrovich, Administrative Assistant Carrie Briggs, Nathan Morgan, Jeff Reed, Peter Puperon, Leslie Osgood, Jason Kaufman, Brian Hipple, Karen and George Morton, Helen Walter, Paul Donecker

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.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE THESE MINUTES MAY TAKE PLACE OUT OF ORDER AS LISTED ON THE AGENDA BUT ARE NOTED IN ORDER FOR THESE MINUTES.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS ON July 6, 2026:

C/P Cox made a motion to approve the minutes from July 6, 2026 with a correction on page 2, Administrative Reports, B. 2. The motion to reject the participation in the Federal 287(g) Program should read "Motion Carried". 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 the July report, noting 96 incidents during the month. Many of the calls were related to downed trees and minor flooding caused by the July 4th storm. Jason asked whether the Borough charges a fee for Shade Tree permits required for tree removal on private property. Borough Manager/Secretary Martz confirmed that there is no fee. Jason also requested an emailed copy of the Borough property lease for the site where the fire department is located.

DH&L Ambulance League: Chief Brian Hipple reported 219 calls in July. He stated that the two new ambulances will be on display at the September 8 Borough Council meeting for anyone interested in viewing them.

DH&L Fire Police: No report.

Selinsgrove Projects Inc (SPI): No report.

Selinsgrove Chamber of Commerce: Helen Walter reported that the 37th annual 'Antiques in the Grove' was successfully held on July 19. The next Community Cheer event will be held at Axemann Tavern on August 26 at 5:00 p.m. Colleen Patterson, Director of Member Success for the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce, will be the featured speaker. September 19 is the 6th annual 'Canvas the Grove Plein Air Event' in Selinsgrove Borough.

Selinsgrove Area Recreation Inc.: SARI President Mease reported that 142 participants took part in swim lessons this season and that the free water aerobics classes have also been very successful. The final day of the season is August 23.

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:

1. Antonio Gissi was not present; however, Vice President Owens reported that Gissi's meter had been replaced and the removed meter was being sent for testing.
2. C/P Maul made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-09 FFY 2026 for CDBG Selinsgrove Borough Project Selection/Certification Approval, Floodplain Reinvestment in the amount of \$112,087.00. C/P Owens 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 Cox seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

2. C/P Owens made a motion to approve prep and paint work for the exterior of the Police Station. C/P Mease seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

3. C/P Owens made a motion to approve the waiver for volunteer Jeff Reed to complete the prep and paint work for the exterior of the Police Station. C/P Mease seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

4. C/P Owens stated that the Borough Manager is working on a more comprehensive volunteer waiver form with Solicitor Cravitz for other areas of volunteer work that may be needed in the Borough.

5. C/P Owens stated that the 2027 budget prep time is rapidly approaching.

6. The next Administration/Finance Committee Meeting will be Tuesday, September 8th at 1:00PM.

President Frost stated he wanted to ask if there were others who wanted to speak during the "Others To Be Heard" portion of the meeting since they moved on to committee reports after the motion in #2.

OTHER PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

3. Karen Morton of Ninth Street expressed concerns regarding the current utility billing format, noting\ that the bill includes a graph depicting usage but does not display the actual meter reading. She also raised concerns regarding the affordability of the base rate for elderly customers. C/P Owens noted that assistance programs may be available to help eligible customers bridge the gap between what they can afford and the amount billed. She further stated that the Borough is working on utility system upgrades and that the billing process will also be reviewed as part of those efforts. Ms. Morton also questioned the Borough's fluoride costs over the past six years. The requested information was not available at the meeting. Ms. Morton had submitted a Right-to-Know request earlier that afternoon seeking related information. Borough Manager/Secretary Martz stated that she had not yet had an opportunity to gather the requested records but would respond within the timeframe provided under the Right-to-Know Law.

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

1. Meeting minutes from July 22, 2026 were provided.

2. C/P Maul made a motion to approve a Grease Trap Waiver Request from Selinsgrove Area Elderly Housing Associates, L.P. at 441 S High Street and 342 S Market Street. C/P Owens seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

3. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) approved the Borough's request to discontinue the addition of fluoride to the public water supply, effective September 1, 2026.

4. Mentioned in **ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE COMMITTEE**; #4.

5. The next Public Facilities meeting will be on August 20, 2026, at 2:00 PM

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

1. Temporary Street Closures (TSC) – n/a

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

D. PLANNING COMMISSION – JANET POWERS, CHAIR:

1. Meeting Minutes from July 15, 2026 were provided.

2. C/P Owens made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-08, Land Development Final Plan for 204-208 N Market Street. C/P Cox seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

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. Next meeting August 19, 2026, at 5:30PM

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

A. MAYOR – MICHAEL BOLIG

1. Mayor Bolig stated since he has been the Mayor the Chief has shared continual concerns about vehicle problems at the Police Department. C/P Owens stated a grant was applied for in November 2025, but no award has been made yet. She stated the Borough is currently approaching the one-year mark on the municipal lease for the Dodge Charger which will now allow room to budget for another vehicle on a second municipal lease in 2027.

2. Mayor Bolig mentioned topics from some calls he received since the last Council meeting.

3. Mayor Bolig stated he would like to see cameras at the dog park and parking lot area.

B. POLICE CHIEF – FRANCIS PETROVICH

1. Mayor Bolig initiated the swearing in of Police Officer Trey Kurtz.

2. The Police Report for June 2026 was provided.

C. BOROUGH SOLICITOR – MATTHEW CRAVITZ

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

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

2. C/P Maul made a motion to adopt Ordinance 890, adding additional stop signs to establish 4-way stops 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

3. C/P Owens made a motion to adopt Ordinance 891, Local Government Unit Debt Act (LGUDA), opening a non-revolving line of credit in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to cover the Industrial Park Road Project interim financing until the grant money is received. C/P Maul seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

4. C/P Owens made a motion to re-advertise Ordinance 891 according to the Local Government Unit Debt Act (LGUDA) post-adoption advertising requirements. C/P Maul seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

D. BOROUGH ENGINEERS

1. Stahl Sheaffer Engineering:

a. C/P Owens made a motion to approve estimate #4 for the IPR Project in the amount of \$205,939.72. C/P Maul seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

b. C/P Owens made a motion to approve estimate #5 in the amount of \$369,334.97. C/P Cox seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

c. C/P Owens made a motion to ratify change orders #1 through #5 for the IPR Project in the total amount of \$84,562.34, reflecting PennDOT's final negotiated change order amounts. C/P Maul seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

d. Approval of a change order is no longer required for the driveway adjustments since they will now be covered by a cost overrun.

2. Larson Design Group (LDG): Borough Manager/Secretary Martz stated LDG is working to finalize the water ordinance updates.

E. BOROUGH TREASURER – SHARON BADMAN

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

F. BOROUGH MANAGER/SECRETARY – LAUREN MARTZ

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

2. C/P Maul made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-10 for record retention using the Municipal Records Manual issued for the local government records committee by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Bureau of the Pennsylvania State Archives. C/P Cox seconded the motion.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

3. A copy of the Guidelines for Maintaining Streams in Your Community was provided by DEP in our region.

G. ZONING – LINDSEY MULL:

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

2. The CK-COG Building Permit Report for June 2026 was provided.

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

1. Minutes were provided for the June 17, 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: None.

MAYOR: Mayor Bolig stated he was contacted by several residents who said they were not happy with the decision made by Council to not support the 287(g) Agreement with Immigration and Customs Enforcement. He stated he advised the residents not to attend this Borough Council meeting but that he would speak on their behalf. The Mayor read a statement he prepared in support of the 287(g) Agreement with Immigration and Customs Enforcement to be able to partake in the funding available. C/P Cox stated there were only approximately 150 naysayers at the open meeting and approximately 5400 people in the Borough. He asked if the decision should've been made based on those 150 naysayers. C/P Maul stated that the meeting on July 1, 2026 was open to all and many of the attendees were against signing the agreement.

OTHERS: None.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Adjourned to Executive Session at 8:00PM. Council reconvened to public session at 8:09PM with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

C/P Maul made a motion to adjourn at 8:09PM. 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