

May 12, 2026

A meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held May 12, 2026. The meeting opened with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the May 12, 2026 meeting: Mr. Alex Kurtek, Mr. Jeff Enders, Mrs. Amelia Hopkins, Mr. Jamie Kuehn and Mr. Bernie Lescavage, Mayor Sean Palmer, Solicitor Evans, Police Chief Jeff Bowers and Borough Manager Megan Paul.

Five members attended which constitutes a quorum.

Citizens' Comments:

Michael Litwak, 568 Lewis St, stated he was hoping the Council would take into consideration that he owns property in the Borough and pays local taxes when they make the decision on the Towing Contract award. He stated the other bidder did not have anything in the Borough.

Rick Watcher, 333 N Ninth St, Pottsville, expressed his opinions in support of the Borough approving the DHS.ICE 287(g) Program.

Adaline Maines, 1530 Mahantongo St, Pottsville, expressed her opinions as stating she does not believe that the Borough should receive enter the DHS.ICE 287(g) Program.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Enders made a motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting. Mr. Kurtek seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Approval of Bills:

Mr. Kurtek made a motion to approve the bills properly signed and submitted. Mrs. Hopkins seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Approval of Officers' Reports:

Mr. Kurtek made a motion to approve the officers' reports submitted. Mrs. Hopkins seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Communications:

The Schuylkill YMCA submitted a request for the use of the Minersville Swimming Pool pavilion on July 10, 2026, from 11 am – 3 pm for their summer camp. Mr. Lescavage made a motion to approve the request at no cost to the YMCA; seconded by Mr. Enders. Motion passed as presented.

Minersville Aevium Club requested a donation to the Stride Against Stigma 5K. Mr. Kuehn stated the donation will be made from the Flower Fund.

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The Minersville Lions Club made request to utilize the lot at 2 Sunbury St for a Chicken BBQ on Sunday, June 7, 2026. The proceeds from the sale are going to the Minersville Fireworks celebration. Mr. Enders made a motion to approve the request on a trial basis since it is for a non-profit group; seconded by Mr. Kurtek. Mr. Enders stated traffic control needs to be coordinated with the Minersville Police Department. Motion passed as presented.

The Minersville Fire Rescue submitted a request to hold their Boot Drive on May 22, 2026, from 4-7 p.m. in the vicinity of the Dollar General. Mr. Lescavage made a motion to approve the request; seconded by Mr. Enders. Motion passed as presented.

The Minersville Fire Rescue submitted a request to hold their Annual Block Party July 9th thru 11th. Also, they requested to close the following streets: North St from N Second to N Fourth St; N Third St from Lewis to Carbon St. Mr. Kurtek made a motion to approve the request; seconded by Mr. Enders. Motion passed as presented.

New Business:

Mr. Enders made a motion to award Gerald Sitkus the annual Citizen of the Year Proclamation; seconded by Mr. Lescavage. Motion passed as presented.

Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to get an appraisal for the Union Hall for possible sale listing; seconded by Mr. Enders. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Enders made a motion to approve the summer help and rates as presented; seconded by Mr. Kurtek. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Lescavage made a motion to authorize Mrs. Hopkins, Chair of Personnel, and the Borough Manager, to review and increase the Pool Manager and Assistant Pool Manager's salary; seconded by Mr. Kurtek. Motion passed as presented.

The first reading of an Ordinance for the Dissolution of the Schuylkill County Land Bank was read.

Mr. Enders made a motion to approve the Schuylkill County Municipal Emergency Operations Plan Promulgation; seconded by Mr. Enders. Motion passed as presented.

Ms. Paul stated there is an issue with the foundation wall at 28-30 South St demolition project. The wall is crumbling and causing problems with the property at 21 S Front St. We did have the County and the Engineers in to look at the property and are awaiting costs to repair and/or remove the wall.

Mr. Enders stated he contacted the prison to get prisoners in on May 27-29 to help clean up the hills and possibly install the benches at the S Fourth St recreation complex. They are registered as helping the Minersville Little League. The Little League is requesting help with a dump truck and equipment from the Borough to help those days.

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Old Business:

Mr. Enders made a motion to authorize Scott Kramer with Raymond Jones Co. to solicit the Bond Financing Quotes; seconded by Mr. Kurtek. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Lescavage made a motion accepting the Towing Contract Bids as opened and read; seconded by Mr. Kurtek. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Lescavage made a motion to award the Towing Contract to Hammers Towing; seconded by Mr. Kurtek. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Lescavage made a motion to accept the 2026 Paving Bids as read and opened; seconded by Mr. Kurtek. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Enders made a motion to award the 2026 Paving Bid to Meckley's Limestone based on past performance; seconded by Mr. Lescavage. Motion passed as presented.

The second reading of an Ordinance regulating the Food Code was read. Mr. Kurtek made a motion to approve the Ordinance as read; seconded by Mrs. Hopkins. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn reported we are awaiting pricing from Dustin's to move forward with the bathroom/parking lot project at Dustin's.

Mr. Enders made a motion to enter into the DHS.ICE 287(g) Program; seconded by Mr. Kurtek. A roll call vote was taken: Yes – Kurtek, Enders, Hopkins, Lescavage; No – Kuehn; Absent – Frantz, Raffety. Motion passed as presented.

No additional updates on the Borough Fire & EMS.

Community Updates

The Community Yard Sale will be June 6.

Softball Sectionals will be held June 30 to July 4

Spirit Day will be held September 13.

Halloween Parade will be held October 25.

Santa Parade is November 29.

Motion to adjourn Mr. Enders; seconded by Mr. Kurtek.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Paul
Borough Manager