

Approved minutes – Regular Meeting 4/14/2026

Approved minutes – Special Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Approved minutes – Special/Workshop Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Meeting  
April 14, 2026  
6:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Meyersdale Borough Council was called to order by President Irwin, April 14, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

Mr. Ackerman, Mr. Baer, Mrs. Gnagey, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Munion, Mr. Smith, and Solicitor Valentine were present. Mr. Christner was present until 6:04 PM when he left the meeting due to a complication with his hearing device. Mayor Smith was absent. Olivia Baker, Junior Council Member and Mr. Brion Reiber, Street Foreman were also present.

President Irwin moved the Agenda Order to accommodate the Junior Council Member schedule.

**JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORT:**

Miss Baker presented a report of school activities.

\* Miss Baker left the meeting at 6:06 P.M.

**MINUTES:**

Mr. Ackerman made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026 Regular Meeting as presented. Mr. Smith seconded. Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT/ BILLS:**

Mr. Baer presented the financial report.

Other items:

- Garrett Sportsmen's Association – Request for sponsorship  
Mr. Smith made the motion to sponsor the Garrett Sportsmen's Association with a \$100.00 donation.  
Mr. Baer seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Ackerman made the motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills as presented. Mrs. Gnagey seconded. Motion passed.

**GUESTS:**

- A.) Ms. Tara Holliday from Mosholder Insurance Agency was present to review the insurance renewal package. Mr. Smith asked if the Seibert Dam property was covered on the policy. Ms. Holliday was to check and will report back to council. The renewal package was accepted.
- B.) Mr. Kevin Yoder – Debris basin  
Mr. Yoder reported that he has started the preliminary mapping and legal work necessary to get the project out for bid. The last time the debris basin was cleaned there was 10,000 cubic yards removed at a cost of \$8.00 per cubic yard. A disposal site needs to be secured. It was mentioned that if PennDOT roads are used to transport the sediment, the price would most likely increase by 30%, due to the added regulations. The aerial estimate has not been completed. Mr. Yoder was hopeful that he would be ready for authorization from Council to advertise the project for bid and have the job completed this summer. The Secretary was to provide Mr. Yoder with a copy of the grant contract and the letter from DCED authorizing the change in the scope of work.

C.) Pennsylvania Municipal Code Alliance

Mr. Ed Mazurkiewicz, Code Enforcement Officer along with Mr. Kim Spittler, Building Code Official and Mr. Justin Steinbugl, Account Manager were present to give an overview of the services provided by PMCA. There has been some restructuring at PMCA which should provide them the ability to return to a 24 hour inspection turnaround. They explained ways in which other towns have updated their permit fees that would allow for the community to increase the revenue from these fees. After some discussion, Council agreed to maintain the services provided by PMCA. (See attached report)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mrs. Teri Foster from the Meyersdale Public Library was present to provide a report on the activities available at the Library. Mrs. Foster extended her gratitude to the Borough for the funding support provided each year. The Library is planning a series of programs for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, one being about a book titled The Ghosts of Shaw Mines. The Story Hour program is doing well and plans are underway for the summer reading program. The Library is attempting to address space concerns which will require a lot of planning and time. The plan is to obtain the old hospital building on Main Street and have it torn down.

Mrs. Gnagey reported that two new businesses will be coming to town, a True Value à la carte store and a bike and licensing store.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President Irwin read a thank you card from the Garden Club.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

No report was given.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR:**

No report was given.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Nothing additional to report.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Solicitor Valentine reported that there would need to be an executive session.

Former church on Clay St.

Solicitor was hopeful that a closing on this property would be completed by the end of April 2026.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

An issue regarding 24 Broadway Street will be discussed in executive session.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Municipal Authority

No report was given.

Street Foreman

Mr. Reiber reported on the following:

- The street sweeping has been completed.

- Requested turning a section of grass at the Borough shed into a parking area. Council approved.

- The side light at the Community Center has been installed.

**PRODUCTIVITY DASHBOARD (SEE MINUTES 5/12/2026)**

Mrs. Gnagey had the following questions on the status of projects:

- Handicap sign at the Post Office

A. The sign has not been installed.

- Street painting and crosswalks

A. Mr. Reiber indicated that the streets will be ready for Maple Festival.

- Flag pole repair

A. Mr. Reiber reported that the Fire Department has the rope, but have not gotten the flag up.

- Mini Split – Is there a use for the system in the Borough Shed?

A. Mr. Reiber indicated that the mini split would not be beneficial for use in the Borough Shed.

- Will streets be blocked for the car show and parade?

A. Mr. Reiber reported that this will taken care of.

- What is the policy on flying the flag at half-staff, if ordered by the Governor?

A. There is no policy.

Meyersdale Area Merchants Association/Farmers Market

Mrs. Teri Foster reported on the following:

- The Farmers Market is concerned that they may not have enough vendors.
- They are working on the Welcome to Meyersdale billboard in Summit Township.
- The next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2026 at 6 PM and will be held at the Elks.

Public Library

No additional report was given.

Meyersdale Community Events Committee

Mr. Christner reported that the Easter Egg Hunt had a good turnout. The next event is for Mother's Day.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS – STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Police/Public Safety

Switch janitor storage area with police department, as an alternative to moving the police out of the building.

Mrs. Gnagey made the motion to table discussion on this issue until the Mayor is present. Mr. Smith seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Ackerman made the motion to remove the item to move location of Police station to either within the borough shed or as an addition to the borough shed building from the 3-5 year goal plan. Mr. Smith seconded. Motion passed.

### Personnel

No report was given.

### Finance

No report was given.

\* Mr. Baer left the meeting at 7 PM.

### Refuse

Solicitor Valentine reported that a letter was received from Mr. David Flower, attorney for Harbaugh Trucking, requesting a rate increase due to an increase in dumping fees and increase cost in fuel. After some discussion, Mrs. Gnagey made the motion to approve the increases as outlined in the letter (See attached). Mr. Smith seconded. Motion passed. The increase will be effective April 1, 2026.

The Secretary was asked to compile an estimated rate increase to be passed on to the customers and businesses.

Mrs. Gnagey asked if information was received regarding online billing and payments.

The Secretary reported that the only type of payment available for online payments is via credit card.

After some discussion, Mr. Ackerman made the motion to leave the refuse billing and payment system as is.

There was no second. Motion failed.

Mrs. Gnagey made the motion to think about getting more information and keep the item on the Agenda.

Mr. Munion seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Ackerman – No; Mrs. Gnagey – Yes; Mr. Irwin – No; Mr. Munion – Yes; Mr. Smith – No. Motion did not pass. The item was to be taken off the Agenda, and not to be discussed further.

### Streets/Buildings

It was reported that a broken decorative street lamp on Main St. has been replaced with a new light. The lights at the ballfield and at the monument were checked by Leroy Cook to make sure they were operational. The concession stand lights were switched to a sealed unit.

- Paving project 2026

It was reported that Mr. Ben Dishong from PennDOT will be here on April 22, 2026 to set up a paving project for 2026.

- Open bids ADA Family Restroom

No bids were received. Solicitor Valentine suggested to rebid the project and expand the completion date. It was reported that Darr Construction, Berlin, Pa was the only contractor to pick up a bid packet. Solicitor Valentine was asked to reach out to Darr Construction and find out what the issue was that they did not submit a bid. After some discussion, Mr. Munion made the motion to rebid the project and expand the completion date to a six month time frame. Mr. Ackerman seconded. Motion passed.

- Open bids – Tear down 221 Salisbury St.

Bids were as follows in the order in which they were received:

Bidder #1 – Chippewa Landscape and Excavation, Rockwood, PA 15557  
\$13,500.00

Bidder #2 – Earthmovers Unlimited, Inc. – Kylertown, PA 16847  
\$14,743.00 (just the house structure)  
\$15,743.00 (house and 3 sheds)

Bidder #3 – Leckey’s Demolition Service – Johnstown, PA 15909  
\$14,900.00

Mrs. Gnagey made the motion to award the bid to Chippewa Landscape and Excavation in the amount of \$13,500.00. Mr. Smith seconded. Motion passed.

There is to be a clarification that Chippewa Landscape and Excavation will fill in the basement, seed and etc.

Flood Control

It was reported that the flood control conduit inspection is due. It was decided that Mrs. Gnagey or Mr. Terry Baker, Flood Control liaison should obtain phone quotes and report at the next regular meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESSS:**

A.) Zoning Ordinance Review  
No report was given.

B.) Pavilion rain gutter/downspout estimate  
Mr. Reiber reported that he was waiting for an estimate from Knepper Contracting. After some discussion, Mrs. Gnagey was authorized to obtain an estimate from a contractor she is familiar with.

C.) Somerset Planning Commission – UCC Services & Ordinance Enforcement  
No discussion on this topic.

D.) High Street Bridge next steps  
Discussion to be held in executive session.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A.) Announcements  
There were no announcements.

B.) DCNR Grant – Coldwater Heritage Partnership Mini-grants to protect PA Streams  
No discussion on this topic.

C.) Comcast cable TV franchise contract renewal  
Mrs. Gnagey made the motion for Solicitor Valentine and the Secretary to work together on the renewal notice. Mr. Munion seconded. Motion passed.

D.) Animal noise ordinance draft  
It was reported that Boswell and Berlin have this type ordinance. Boswell is a 12 page document and Berlin has a simple ordinance. Mrs. Gnagey provided both to the Mayor and Solicitor to review. Solicitor Valentine suggested adding some basic language to a draft draft that would require the person being affected to produce a log of when, how long and how often the noise is happening.

After some discussion, Mrs. Gnagey made the motion to authorize Solicitor Valentine to draft an ordinance with added verbiage and provide the draft to Council for review. Mr. Ackerman seconded. Motion passed.

E.) LSA Grant Application

Mr. Smith made the motion to engage the services of ASPIRE Grant Writing to prepare a grant application for a 2027 SUV for the police department. Mr. Ackerman seconded. Motion passed. The application will require payment of a \$100.00 application fee, plus costs charged by ASPIRE.

F.) Quick & The Dead Bicycle Race

Mr. Munion made the motion to grant permission to use local streets for the race. Mr. Ackerman seconded. Motion passed.

G.) Multi-model Grant

Mrs. Gnagey made the motion to consult with Level Acres Landscaping on quotes necessary to move forward with a grant application for landscaping at the community center, LED sign, sidewalk to the police department, sidewalk to the side ramp from the front and a flagpole. Mr. Smith seconded. Motion passed. Mrs. Gnagey reported that the grant requires 30% matching funds.

**GOALS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR**

A.) Flood Control rip rap – No discussion

B.) 3-5 year goal plan

- Community Center improvements  
No report given.
- Update equipment  
No report given.
- 250<sup>th</sup> celebration  
No report given.
- Increase in police protection  
No report given.
- Storm drain review, mapping and cleaning  
No report given.
- Police SUV  
No additional report was given.
- Move location of Police station to either within the borough shed or as an addition to the borough shed building.  
This item is to be removed from the list.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Mrs. Gnagey made the motion to amend the Agenda to add an executive session. Mr. Smith seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Ackerman made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss the High Street Bridge, 221 Salisbury Street property and 24 Broadway Street property. Mr. Smith seconded. Motion passed.

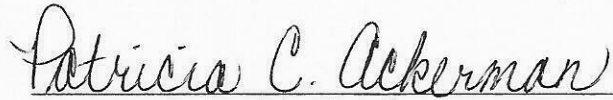
Mr. Ackerman made the motion to return to regular session at 8:14 PM. Mr. Smith seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion/Motions:

- Mr. Munion made the motion to inventory three sheds located at the 221 Salisbury Street property after the property has been legally cleared. Mrs. Gnagey seconded. Motion passed.
- Mrs. Gnagey made the motion to set up a meeting with key officials regarding the High Street Bridge, with the meeting to be advertised to the public and held at the Elks social room. Mr. Ackerman seconded. Motion passed.  
Mrs. Gnagey was to organize the meeting.
- Mr. Smith made the motion to provide light refreshments for the meeting with a budget set at \$500.00. Mrs. Gnagey seconded. Motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mrs. Gnagey made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 P.M. Mr. Ackerman seconded. Motion passed.



Patricia C. Ackerman  
Borough Secretary

**MEYERSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
 Regular Meeting 4/14/2026 Special Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

**GUEST SIGN IN**

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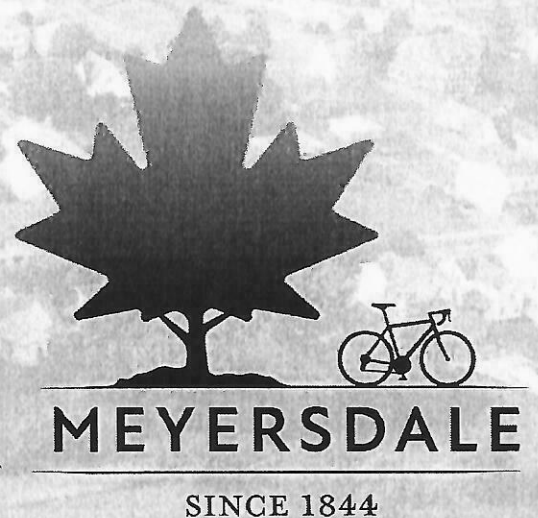
	NAME	ADDRESS	TOPIC
1	Ed MAZURKIEWICZ	PMCA	Code Ent./ZD
2	Joko Hollida	Mosholder Insurance	Insurance
3	Justin Steinbugl	PMCA	Code Ent./UCC
4	Kim Spittler	PMCA	Code Ent./UCC
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**GUESTS MUST STAND WHILE SPEAKING**



# PA Municipal Code Alliance

Borough Council Reprt  
April 14, 2026



# PMCA FY25 Overview

The below is an executive view of efforts and work completed by PA Municipal Code Alliance in Meyersdale Borough from April 2025 to today. We sincerely appreciate the Borough's continued trust and support in our partnership.



## New Additions to the Team!

We're excited to share a couple of great additions to our Somerset County office, further strengthening the local support available to our municipal partners and residents.

**Erik** has joined the team to support Ed with zoning and code enforcement throughout Somerset County. He brings a strong background in municipal leadership, along with valuable experience working with FEMA and the State of Kansas in emergency management. His depth of knowledge and public sector perspective will be a great asset to the communities we serve.

**Chloe** is the newest member of our team, serving as our local Permit Technician and supporting customers directly in the Somerset office. She brings a strong background in administrative operations within medical offices, including experience with bookkeeping, patient intake, scheduling, and front-desk coordination. Her attention to detail, organization, and customer-focused approach will help ensure a smooth and efficient experience for residents and applicants. These additions reflect our continued commitment to providing responsive, local support and delivering a high level of service across Somerset County.

### Ed Mazurkiewicz 2024–2025 Activity

32 Zoning / Land Use Permit Apps  
3 Zoning Board Hearings  
8 Enforcement Cases

## PMCA Snapshot

### Permit Highlights April 2025 – 2026



#### Inspections Completed

**44**

We ensured safe, compliant construction in the community with an **95% pass rating in Meyersdale Borough**



#### Permits Issued

**10**

Support a thriving community with 111 permits approved, including **9 residential** and **1 commercial**



#### Total Valuation:

**\$1.4M**

Total building valuation across all permits

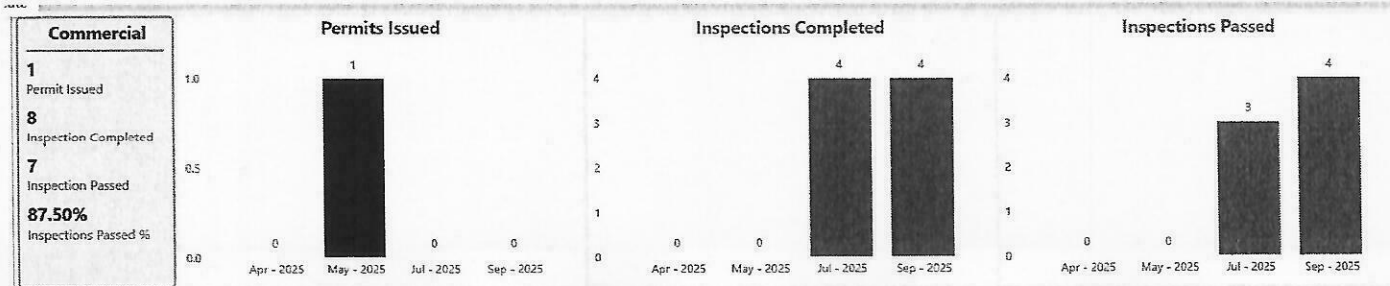
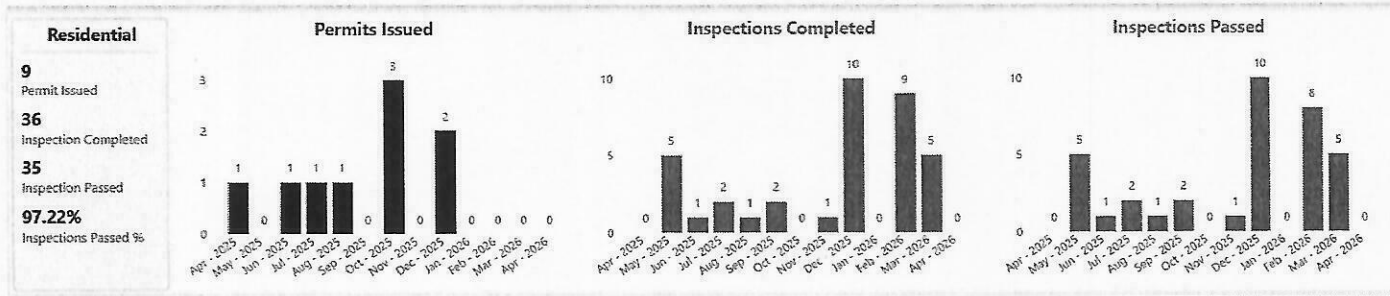
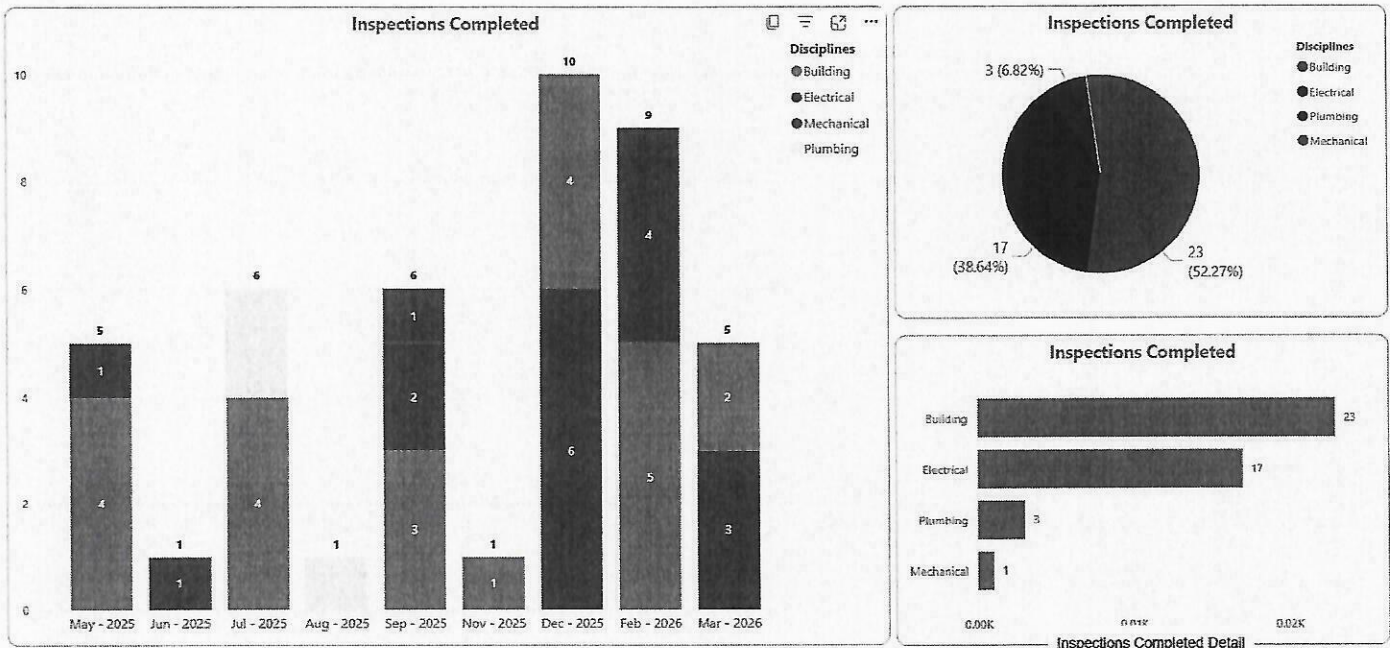
### Key Points:

- 1 There's a noticeable ramp-up in activity beginning in December 2025 (peaking at 10 inspections), and overall workload is dominated by Building (52%) and Electrical (39%)
- 2 We're marking 10 years of partnership with Meyersdale Borough, and the consistent inspection activity and recent growth reflect a long-standing relationship built on reliability, responsiveness, and trust in supporting the Borough's building program.

# Inspection Data

Inspection activity ramps up noticeably toward the end of 2025 and carries into early 2026, showing increasing demand and momentum in the Borough.

## Inspections by Service Category





Thank You!



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Re: **Request by Harbaugh Trucking for Increase in payment for Collection of Municipal Waste pursuant to Contract and Extension thereof between Meyersdale Borough and Harbaugh Trucking, Inc.**

Dear Attorney Valentine:

With the closing of the Mostoller Landfill in Somerset Township scheduled for this summer, you will recall that in December of 2024 Harbaugh Trucking agreed to continue to abide its agreement with the Borough and collect the municipal waste based upon the agreement from early 2024.

Harbaugh has now reached an agreement for the disposal of waste at the Southern Alleghenies Landfill in Davidsville, Pennsylvania now operated by Noble Environmental and has been charged \$55.00 per ton of waste and in addition thereto a 9% fuel surcharge since December, 2025. Pursuant to the Extension of Agreement entered between the Borough of Meyersdale and Harbaugh Trucking for the collection of municipal waste, we must now request an increase in the monthly fee. **You will recall that at the time of the extension, Harbaugh was paying the landfill \$48.11 per ton of waste deposited.**

Based upon the per ton fee of \$55.00, the monthly fee paid by the Borough to Harbaugh Trucking should be adjusted as follows:  $55.00/48.11 = 1.1432134$ . Multiplying the current monthly amount due Harbaugh **\$16,213.74 by 1.1432134 results in a new monthly fee due Harbaugh of \$18,535.77.** Additionally, given the increase in fuel costs and the 9% surcharge being assessed by the land fill Harbaugh is requesting an increase of **fifty cents (\$0.50)** changing the fuel surcharge due Harbaugh from **\$1.00 to \$1.50 per pickup. At \$1.00 per pickup, the average surcharge was between \$825.00 to 850.00 per month.**

Since Harbaugh has been paying at the higher rate since December 2025, we would appreciate the proposed increase to be effective April 1, 2026, certainly allowing the Borough to pay any shortfall over a two or three month period if it is necessary. Thank you for your assistance in this matter and the Council's action on the same.

Very truly yours,

/s/ David J. Flower  
David J. Flower, Esq.

cc: Harbaugh Trucking, Inc. by email



April 8, 2026

Harbaugh Trucking  
PO Box 102  
Rockwood, PA 15557

RE: Landfill Rate – Noble Environmental Southern Alleghenies

Dear Harbaugh Trucking:

The disposal rate per ton for Harbaugh Trucking at Southern Alleghenies Landfill is \$55.00 per ton with the Fuel/Environmental Fee surcharge of 9%.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

*Trisha Keller*

Trisha Keller  
Office Manager

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## Refuse Increase Request

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From Marc Valentine <marc@valentinelawpc.com>

Date: Tue 4/14/2026 10:10 AM

To: Dr. Jeffrey Irwin <jeffro601@verizon.net>; Patricia Ackerman <meyersdaleborough@hotmail.com>; Ron Ackerman <rcackerman21@gmail.com>; Shane Smith <smith353520@yahoo.com>; Clarence Baer <clarence.baer@yahoo.com>; Tom Smith <goodfellows@yahoo.com>; jeff christner <christner.j@outlook.com>; Robert Munion <robert.munion21@gmail.com>; Karen Gnagey <ksgnagey65@gmail.com>

 2 attachments (162 KB)

4-8-2026 Fee letter from Southern Alleghenies Owner Noble.pdf; 4-8-2026 Letter to Valentine with increase request because of rate increase to 55.00 per ton of \$18535 per month.pdf;

I received the attached request yesterday.

The pertinent part being:

"Based upon the per ton fee of \$55.00, the monthly fee paid by the Borough to Harbaugh Trucking should be adjusted as follows:  $55.00/48.11 = 1.1432134$ . Multiplying the current monthly amount due Harbaugh \$16,213.74 by 1.1432134 results in a new monthly fee due Harbaugh of \$18,535.77. Additionally, given the increase in fuel costs and the 9% surcharge being assessed by the land fill Harbaugh is requesting an increase of fifty cents (\$0.50) changing the fuel surcharge due Harbaugh from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per pickup. At \$1.00 per pickup, the average surcharge was between \$825.00 to 850.00 per month."

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