

Approved minutes – Regular Meeting _____

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Special Meeting
April 28, 2026
6:00 P.M.

A Special Meeting of the Meyersdale Borough Council was called to order by President Irwin, April 28, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

Mr. Ackerman, Mr. Baer, Mr. Christner, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Munion, and Solicitor Valentine were present. Mrs. Gnagey arrived late at 6:04 P.M. Mr. Smith and Mayor Smith were absent.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss preparations for the upcoming meeting regarding the High Street Bridge.

GUESTS:

There were no guests present.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

BUSINESS:

Solicitor Valentine provided an overview of the condition of the bridge per a recent inspection. In the past, meetings with CSX Railroad resulted in CSX wanting crossings closed and for the Borough to take ownership of the bridge. Solicitor Valentine recommended that the Borough should not agree to closing crossings.

President Irwin also had a concern with regard to closing crossings and that the most recent inspection was not favorable and that the Borough has decided to move forward with a meeting to be held May 7, 2026 at 7 PM and the meeting will be held in the Elks social hall.

*Mrs. Gnagey arrived at 6:04 PM

Mrs. Gnagey had concerns about the bridge. She indicated that the County is not willing to take the bridge. She thought that there is a possibility that CSX may entertain getting the bridge done if the Borough agrees to take ownership of it. It is her concern that the Borough may have to assume ownership. She had concerns with the tonnage on the bridge, especially the weight of a fire truck or school bus. There was also a concern if the next inspection reveals that the bridge should be closed. At a past meeting, CSX talked about closing two crossings and at that time it was agreed that no crossings should be closed. She would like to see the pedestrian cross walk be restored. She suggested that the Agenda for the May 7 meeting be as follows:

PennDOT representative to speak

CSX representative to speak

Timeline in writing as to what is intended to be done in 30 days

She reported that the Borough needs to be firm and needs to get on PennDOT's next four year plan.

A poll of the Council was taken and the majority was in favor of the following:

- CSX accept responsibility and replace the bridge.
- Do not close any crossings.

- Borough should not assume ownership of the bridge.
- If necessary proceed to legislation & federal government level for assistance.

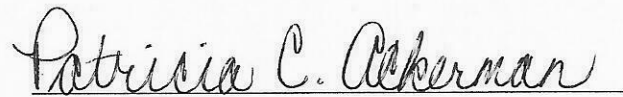
Mrs. Gnagey made the motion that the Borough does not agree to closing any railroad crossings.
Mr. Christner seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Ackerman made the motion that at this time the Council does not have a desire to allow the Borough to assume ownership of the High Street Bridge or liability of the bridge now or in the future. Mr. Baer seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Ackerman – Yes; Mr. Baer – Yes; Mr. Christner – Yes; Mrs. Gnagey – No, Mr. Irwin – Yes; Mr. Munion – Yes. Motion passed.

Mrs. Gnagey made the motion to give the Elks Club a \$100.00 donation for the use of their facility for the May 7, 2026 meeting. Mr. Christner seconded. Motion passed. The \$100.00 will be deducted from the \$500.00 that was allocated for refreshments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Christner made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 PM. Mr. Ackerman seconded. Motion passed.



Patricia C. Ackerman
Borough Secretary

MEYERSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
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