

Approved minutes – Regular Meeting _____

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MEYERSDALE BOROUGH
MEYERSDALE, PA
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES MAY 7, 2026

Held at Elks Lodge, Meyersdale, Pa

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm by Councilmember Gnagey.

Meyersdale Councilmembers present were Gnagey, Ackerman, Munion, Christner and Baer. Solicitor Valentine was Present.

Officials Present:

Somerset County Commissioners

Fochtman

Tokar-Ickes

Somerset County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director

Joel Landis

PennDot

Vince Greenland, District Executive, PennDot Engineering District 9

CSX Transportation

Michael Sliper, CSX Public Projects Manager II and two other representatives

Meyersdale Borough Emergency Management Coordinator

Kevin Broadwater

Meyersdale Volunteer Fire Department

Chief Michael Miller

Meyersdale Area Ambulance

Ken Marteney

Stewart Bus Line

Three Employees

Numerous residents and public.

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm by Councilmember Gnagey. Gnagey provided the opening , explained the purpose of the meeting and introduced the officials present.

Vince Greenland, District Executive, PennDot Engineering District 9 explained the inspection process of the High Street Bridge, the current condition of the bridge and the derating of the weight limits of the bridge. He answered questions from the Commissioners concerning funding possibilities and sources for a new bridge. The Bridge is over 75 years old. He answered questions from the Council members concerning safety and funding. He answered weight rating questions from Chief Miller, Kevin Broadwater, Ken Marteney and Stewart Bus Line. Complaints were made that the public was not aware of the weight rating, and he informed the public that the weight limits are posted and have been posted for many years at the bridge. He answered the public's questions concerning the replacement of the bridge and funding. Mr. Greenland stated that if the Borough owned the Bridge funding could be available at a five percent match and estimated the bridge replacement would cost two to three million dollars. Mr. Greenland said the safety vehicles and school buses can request approval to cross the bridge safely.

Michael Sliper, CSX Public Projects Manager II and two other representatives stated that CSX is engaging an engineer to inspect the bridge. The report would not be public information. CSX will review the report and make a determination as to how to proceed. CSX would not commit to a deadline. Mr. Sliper answered questions from the Council members concerning safety and funding. He answered weight rating questions from Chief Miller, Kevin Broadwater, Ken Marteney and Stewart Bus Line. He answered the public's questions concerning the replacement of the bridge and replacement. The Public expressed concern for safety and lack of progress.

Solicitor Valentine provided the history of the bridge, the legal history concerning the 1948 PUC Order, duties of the Borough and the duties of CSX under the Order, the past communications between the

Borough and CSX, the current status and the potential paths moving forward. Mr. Valentine answered the question of the public, Commissioners, Councilmembers, PennDot, Chief Miller, Kevin Broadwater, Kne Marteney, and Joel Landis.

Mr. Sliper answered questions throughout the meeting. CSX will inform the Borough when the inspection is complete and will meet to discuss the next steps. The meeting ended at .

MEETING ENDED AT 8:15 PM (SEE 5/12/26 REG MEETING MINUTES)

Respectfully Submitted,

Marc T. Valentine, Esquire

Borough Solicitor