

Approved minutes – Regular Meeting 10/14/2025

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

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

Regular Meeting  
October 14, 2025  
7:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Meyersdale Borough Council was called to order by President Irwin, October 14, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Ackerman, Mr. Baer, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Gnagey, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Smith, Solicitor Valentine and Mayor Smith were present. Mrs. Knieriem was absent. Olivia Baker, Junior Council Member, Mr. Reiber, Street Foreman and Officer Berkley were also present.

**JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORT:**

Miss Baker presented a report of activities at the school. She left the meeting at 7:04 PM

**GUEST:**

Mr. Eric Shaulis was present on behalf of the Meyersdale Food Pantry serving the Meyersdale and Salisbury District. There has been an influx in clients and no allotments have been provided since the State budget impasse. Mrs. Gnagey made the motion to donate \$1,200.00 to the Food Pantry with a portion of the funds coming from the Farmers Market Account and the balance from the General Fund. Mr. Smith seconded. Motion passed.

**MINUTES:**

Mr. Ackerman made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2025 Regular Meeting as presented. Mr. Baer seconded. Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT/ BILLS:**

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

• **2026 Budget**

1. Adopt 2026 Budget

Mr. Baker made the motion to adopt the 2026 budget. Mr. Smith seconded. Motion passed.

2. Adopt Real Estate Tax Ordinance #447

Mr. Smith made the motion to adopt Ordinance #447. Mr. Baer seconded. Motion passed.

3. Adopt Resolution 5-2025 Act 511 Taxes

EIT – ½ of 1%

Mechanical Devices - \$25 per machine

Per Capita - \$5.00

Local Services Tax - \$52.00

Realty Transfer Tax – ½ of 1%

Mr. Ackerman made the motion to adopt Resolution 5-2025. Mr. Baker seconded. Motion passed.

• **USED SNOW THROWER**

Mr. Reiber has a used battery powered snow thrower for sale. The asking price is \$250.00. After some discussion, it was suggested that Mr. Smith and Mr. Baer will look at the equipment and a decision can be made at the November meeting. The Secretary was asked to add this item to the November Agenda.

- **ELECTRICITY PROVIDER PRICING**

The Secretary reported that Mr. Jeffrey Haines works for Zoom Energy and is confident that he could save the Borough money on the cost of electricity. Mr. Baer made the motion to grant Mr. Haines permission to give a quote on electricity pricing through Zoom Energy. Mr. Baker seconded. Motion passed.

- **ADDING EXIT FROM MEETING ROOM**

Mr. Baer made the motion to move forward with obtaining quotes for an additional exit from the meeting room. Mrs. Gnagey seconded. Motion passed.

- **OCCUPATION TAX UPDATE**

Mrs. Gnagey made the motion to advertise an ordinance to change the Occupation Tax to \$12.50 per employed persons and to exonerate under the age of 18 and those who earn \$6,000.00 or less in wages. Mr. Baker seconded. Motion passed. Solicitor Valentine was to provide the Secretary with a synopsis for advertising. The Ordinance will be acted upon at the November 2025 meeting.

- **221 SALISBURY ST. FIRE LOSS**

It was decided that PA Municipal Code Alliance should take action on this property.

- **326 SALISBURY ST. PROPERTY**

It was reported that there are County, Borough and School Taxes owed on this property. Mr. Baker made the motion to get a market analysis completed, put the property up for sale and approach the School Borough regarding forgiveness of the taxes. Mrs. Gnagey seconded. Motion passed. Mrs. Gnagey volunteered to speak with the School Board.

- **GRANTS**

Mrs. Gnagey reported that she has been working with State Representative Metzgar regarding reallocation of the \$225,000.00 grant. A letter was sent to officials on October 3, 2025. If a reallocation is granted Mrs. Gnagey suggested getting the RFP out.

Mrs. Gnagey reported that the Borough could apply for LSA funding. She drafted three different project intake forms for Council to review. Only one project can be chosen. The projects were as follows:

1. A new SUV vehicle for the police department.
2. Community Center window replacement for the upper level of the building.
3. Storm water improvements.

Mr. Smith made the motion to submit an intake form for a window replacement project. Mr. Ackerman seconded. Motion passed.

Mrs. Gnagey was granted permission to proceed with the grant project.

- **SHOP WITH A COP SPONSOR**

Mr. Baer made the motion to sponsor the Shop with a Cop Program in the amount of \$150.00. Mr. Baker seconded. Motion passed.

**GUESTS:**

A.) Mr. Greg Lowery was pre-registered, but was not in attendance.

Mr. Baker reported that the Streets Committee met with Mr. Lowery and Mr. Brenneman and they have

both agreed to work together and share the lot. Solicitor Valentine suggested that they both sign waivers of liability.

B.) Becca Mull – Red Ribbon Week and Proclamation

Mr. Baer made the motion to authorize Mayor Smith to issue a Proclamation for Red Ribbon Week. Mr. Smith seconded. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

A.) Mr. Jack Gauntz was present to discuss the cause of flooding from the Casselman River. It was explained that the Casselman River is not within the Borough limits and that he would need to take his concern to the Summit Township Supervisors.

B.) Mr. Brian Strong was present to ask what is happening with the house at 221 Salisbury St. that recently burned. He lives next door to it. The smell is awful and he can hear stuff dropping from the top floor. It was explained that PA Municipal Code Alliance has been contacted and that Council intends to move as expeditiously as possible.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

No report was given.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

No report was given.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR:**

No report was given.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

No report was given.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Solicitor Valentine reported on the following:

- Senator Pat Stefano is trying to obtain grant funds to deal with the Grant Street Wall.
- No change in litigation matter.
- PennDOT is working with CSX on the High St. Bridge, no updates available.
- He is working on compiling Service Request reports.
- Vandalism at the LL concession stand. Police and Mayor should use their discretion on this case and will be supported by Council.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

No report was given.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Municipal Authority

Resignation of Board Member

Mr. Ackerman made the motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Roger Miller as a Board Member. Mr. Smith seconded. Motion passed.

### Fill Vacancy

There was discussion regarding advertising for the position. It was decided not to advertise. Mr. Ackerman made the motion to appoint Mr. Jack Gauntz. Mr. Baer seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Gauntz will fill the vacancy until January 2027.

### Street Foreman

Mr. Reiber reported that Columbia Gas is paving streets that were torn up for gas line replacement. In total there is \$800,000.00 of repaving being completed.

Mr. Reiber reported that he spoke to Mr. Randy Tressler regarding the water issue at the former Murphy Building. Mr. Reiber contacted a representative from the Company being utilized by Columbia Gas to give their opinion of a solution for Mr. Tressler's problem. In their opinion the problem is caused by how the road lays and they suggest that the road be redone. Mr. Reiber suggested that Council consider adding this portion of Center Street to the paving list for 2026 and have the road milled and replaced correctly.

Mr. Reiber reported that the uptown camera is working and he also reported that street name signs will be arriving on October 15, 2025.

### Meyersdale Area Merchants Association

Mr. Brian Berkebile was present to report that plans are underway for the 2026 Farmers Market. The tables at the pavilion are in need of replacement. Mrs. Gnagey suggested contacting Mr. Horn at the school and possibly the school students could build the tables as a project with the Borough paying for the material. It was estimated that approximately 6 tables would be needed. Next year a machine will be brought in to allow SNAP recipients to use their card to make purchases at the Farmers Market.

MAMA is working on getting the Welcome to Meyersdale sign replaced. There are some issues to bypass, because the billboard is a historical Lady Bird Johnson sign. The estimated cost to refurbish the sign is \$7,400.00.

MAMA will hold a meeting at the Meyersdale Elks on October 15, 2025 at 6 PM. They are working on the Small Business Saturday to be held in November.

### Public Library

Mrs. Gnagey reported that the Library had a successful sub fundraising sale. Mr. Jim Rubright and Mr. Roger Hanson have been working on updating the landscaping at the Library.

### Meyersdale Community Events Committee

Mr. Baer reported that the Halloween Parade is scheduled for October 25, 2025 from 3 PM – 5PM, with lineup beginning at 2:45 PM on Broadway St., Trick or Treat will begin after the parade is over.

The Committee is working on plans for the annual Light up Night, the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

### Meyersdale Renaissance Committee

No report was given.

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS – STANDING COMMITTEES:**

#### Police/Public Safety

No report was given.

Personnel

No report was given.

Finance

No report was given.

Refuse

No report was given.

Streets/Buildings

1. Mr. Jeff Christner asked to utilize the former daycare area for storage of supplies. Permission was granted.

2. Family restroom & gym door drawings

It was reported that Solicitor Valentine could handle preparing the bidding documents, etc. for a project. Mr. Ackerman made the motion to move forward with the Family Restroom and gym door replacement project. Mr. Smith seconded. Motion passed.

Flood Control

No report was given.

Farmer's Market

No report was given.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A.) Zoning Ordinance Review

This item was tabled until after the New Year.

B.) Committee meetings

President Irwin suggested cancelling the Committee Meetings for November and December 2025. Council agreed.

C.) Traffic mirror request

Mr. Ackerman made the motion to move forward with installing a pole and erecting a traffic mirror at the intersection of Dale and Colonial Street. Mr. Baker seconded. Motion passed.

D.) High grass update

A total of six letters were sent to property owners. Three owners complied, two have not, one owner sold the property in question, however the new owner has not had the transfer completed, therefore the former owner disputes responsibility.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A.) Announcements

There were no announcements.

**GOALS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR**

Flood Control rip rap

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

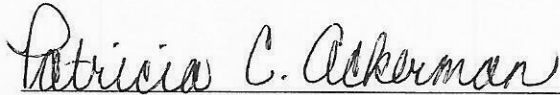
There were no additional items to be discussed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Ackerman made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 PM. Mr. Smith seconded. Motion passed.



Patricia C. Ackerman  
Borough Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2025

RESOLUTION

of the Meyersdale Borough Council establishing the Act 511 taxes for the Borough of Meyersdale for 2026.

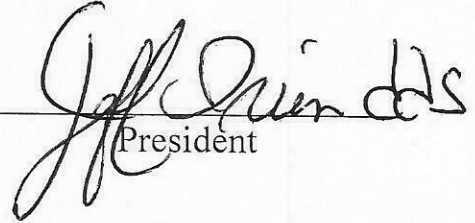
BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Meyersdale as follows:

1. The Earned Income Tax for all earned income and net profits is 1/2 of (1%) percent for individual residents and non-residents of the Borough.
2. The Per Capita Tax is FIVE (\$5.00) DOLLARS per person for all residents living in the Borough of Meyersdale.
3. The Real Estate Transfer Tax is one-half of one percent of the consideration in real estate transfers.
4. The Occupation Taxes shall be enacted via ordinance.
5. The Local Service Tax is FIFTY-TWO (\$52.00) DOLLARS per person for all those employed in the Borough of Meyersdale.

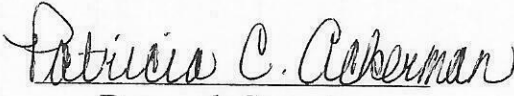
RESOLVED and ENACTED this 14th day of October 2025.


MEYERSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL

BY:

  
President

ATTEST

  
Borough Secretary

  
Mayor

**MEYERSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
 Regular Meeting 10/14/2025 Special Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

**GUEST SIGN IN**

PLEASE PRINT

	NAME	ADDRESS	TOPIC
1	Jeff Christian	Meyersdale PA	
2	Tamyn Hutchinson	Meyersdale PA	
3	Sandy Dible	Meyersdale PA	
4	Mike Mace	Meyersdale PA	
5	Bruce Sheng	227 Salisbury	Fire
6	Bruce Burkert	Meyersdale PA	mann
7	Becca Mull	Somerset, PA	Red Ribbon
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