



**Borough of Milesburg  
Council Meeting Minutes  
April 20, 2026 - 6:30 pm  
416 Front Street, Milesburg, PA**

**Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Campbell, Jr.*

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Roll Call**

**Attendance:** **President:** Barry Campbell, Jr., **Vice President:** Lesa Weaver, **Pro-Tempore:** Catlin Horn, **Council Members:** Lauren Davidson-Haupt, Timothy Glenn, Jared Bressler, **Solicitor:** Michael Levandoski, **Secretary-Treasurer:** Robyn Dyke, **Ordinance Enforcement Officer:** Shannyn Prisk

**Absent:** **Council Member** Ethel Kellerman & **Lead Worker** Devon Bechdel.

**A Quorum was established.**

**III. Community Outreach Guest Speaker**

- *Lieutenant Moyer, Pennsylvania State Police*

Lieutenant Moyer reported ongoing speeding and illegal parking on Turnpike Street, along with illegal ATV activity throughout the Borough. He noted that State Police patrols had been active and said he would look into additional options, including increased patrols and checking with PennDOT about obtaining Radar Speed Signs for each end of town. President Campbell, Jr., added that he had been exploring grant funding for speed-alert signage.

- *Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority [brief update]*

Jason Neidig and Mimi Cooper reviewed the services offered by their agency, including refuse disposal, hazardous waste collection, shredding events, and other facility programs, some of which were free at certain times of the year. They also discussed the Recycling Mini-Grant Program, noting it could support improvements to the Borough's two recycling sites on Front Street and at the Catherine Street (CH&L fire station) parking lot.

- *Tony Rider* [requesting approval to use Ball Field at Milesburg Park]

Tony Rider, representing the County League Baseball League, requested permission to use the baseball field at Milesburg Community Park and noted that the League planned to complete landscaping and other field improvements at no cost to the Borough. He added that last year's coordination with BEALLS and the Church League went very smoothly and that he did not anticipate any issues this year.

#### **IV. Public Comment**

Ruth Barndt requested updates on the Central PA United event. She also asked about the status of the Scot McAfee matter, noting he attended the November 10, 2025, council meeting after receiving *an Ordinance No. 360 Prohibiting Nuisances* violation for not mowing grass in his wetland floodplain area, and that he believed there had been an agreement exempting him when the area was inaccessible.

President Campbell, Jr., emphasized the need to document all verbal agreements, something that has not been done in the past. Solicitor Levandoski stated he would work with the Secretary-Treasurer to draft a letter documenting the verbal agreement for the McAfee property to be exempt from mowing when the wetlands were inaccessible..

Don Peters, President of the Milesburg Museum & Historical Society, requested permission to hang two banners over the Borough's welcome signs to celebrate the United States 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration.

Council granted permission contingent upon verification that the request complied with *Ordinance No. 340 for Regulating the Use of Temporary Commercial Signs*, which the Secretary-Treasurer and Solicitor Levandoski would review.

#### **Motion #1: Approval to Hang the United States 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Banners**

A motion was made by Catlin Horn and seconded by Jared Bressler to approve the United States 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration banners to be hung over the Borough's two welcome signs, contingent upon compliance with *Ordinance No. 340 Regulating the Use of Temporary Commercial Signs*. The banners were approved to remain in place through Labor Day, September 7, 2026.

**[6 in favor / 0 opposed] – Motion carried.**

Daniel Smith asked Council to reconsider its November 10, 2025, denial of his request to keep chickens under *Ordinance No. 280, Abolishing the Keeping of Livestock*. He explained

the chickens had briefly been housed elsewhere but are now kept inside his barn, and he requested an exemption through the end of May as he plans to move. He also asked Council to consider amending the ordinance to establish regulatory guidelines for keeping chickens in the borough.

President Campbell, Jr., responded that the Council could not act on *Ordinance No. 280, Abolishing the Keeping of Livestock*, until the necessary research was completed and that any revisions would be reviewed at a future council meeting.

**Levandoski stated that if Council intended to discuss an exception to *Ordinance No. 280, Abolishing the Keeping of Livestock*, a motion would be required to amend the agenda before any request could be considered.**

**Motion #2: Amend the Agenda to Add Consideration of an Exception to *Ordinance #280 Abolishing the Keeping of Livestock***

A motion was made by Catlin Horn and seconded by Lauren Davidson-Haupt to amend the agenda to add consideration of an exception to *Ordinance No. 280 Abolishing the Keeping of Livestock*.

**[6 in favor / 0 opposed] – Motion carried.**

Council considered to allow the chickens at 107 Serge Street to remain as a one-time exception while research on the keeping of chickens in the Borough was completed.

**Motion #3: Temporary Stay on *Ordinance No. 280 – Daniel Smith, 107 Serge Street***

A motion was made by Lauren Davidson-Haupt and seconded by Lesa Weaver to allow a temporary stay from enforcement of *Ordinance No. 280, Abolishing the Keeping of Livestock*, for Daniel Smith and his family at 107 Serge Street through June 15th. Conditions included no roosters, all chickens remaining contained, until the family moved out of the borough.

**[6 in favor / 0 opposed] – Motion carried.**

**V. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- March 16, 2026 (Regular Council meeting)

**Motion #4: Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2026, Regular Council Meeting**

A motion was made by Lesa Weaver and seconded by Catlin Horn to approve the meeting minutes of March 16, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

**[6 in favor / 0 opposed] – Motion carried.**

- March 24, 2026 (Public Hearing – Applicant John M. Daughenbaugh Proposed Crematorium)

**Motion #5: Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2026, Public Hearing – Applicant John M. Daughenbaugh Proposed Crematorium**

A motion was made by Lauren Davidson-Haupt and seconded by Jared Bressler to approve the meeting minutes of March 24, 2026, Public Hearing – Applicant John M. Daughenbaugh Proposed Crematorium

**[6 in favor / 0 opposed] – Motion carried.**

## **VI. Financial Reports**

- Treasurer’s Report: Bank Account Status; Deposits Received, Paid Bills & Budget Report Review

The Secretary-Treasurer reported submission of the ARPA report and is awaiting approval to file the close-out. The Fire Escrow account has been established for the insurance proceeds from Rodney Wellar’s fire-damaged 106 Turnpike Street property. The Borough also received the \$1,000 security deposit and \$1,000 first month’s rent for the apartment, deposited into the appropriate accounts.

- Approval of Unpaid Bills/Invoices
- Approval of Unpaid “Outstanding” Bills - Milesburg Borough Water Authority

### **Motion #6: Approve Paying All Unpaid Bills**

A motion was made by Lauren Davidson-Haupt and seconded by Lesa Weaver to approve paying all unpaid bills, including the outstanding balance owed to the Milesburg Borough Water Authority, in the total amount of **\$34,050.91**.

**[6 in favor / 0 opposed] – Motion carried.**

## **VII. Solicitor’s Report**

- Updates

Solicitor Levandoski reviewed the draft decision approving the crematorium installation, noted the property’s Residential-Commercial zoning, and outlined required contingencies. Additionally, the Council continued discussion on whether to keep the park open year-round, agreeing to gather insurance and liability information and report back next month; President Campbell, Jr., noted several issues still need consideration, and would be discussed at a future meeting.

## **VIII. Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Christian had nothing to report.

## **IX. Ordinance Enforcement Officer**

- Monthly Report (Prisk)

Ordinance Enforcement Officer Prisk shared her monthly report summarizing all calls she received this past month.

## **X. Community Group Report**

- MOG - Milesburg Organization Group (Vice President Weaver)

Council received an update on June 28, 2026, celebration, discussed quorum considerations, confirmed the Mayor would speak with prepared remarks, and noted the Museum's request to repair the Doughboy before the event.

Council discussed the repair of the Doughboy statue and asked Bressler to obtain contractor bids and present the estimates at the next meeting.

Solicitor Levandoski reviewed the Borough's bid thresholds, noting that projects under \$13,200 require no bid, those between \$13,200 and \$24,500 require three written quotes, and those over \$24,500 require a formal bid process.

## **XI. Old Business**

- Penns Valley Code - Rental Applications (Update)

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that there was no formal agreement for the Borough to handle rental permits and that she has updated the Borough website to direct all rental permit applications and payments directly to Penns Valley Code Enforcement Agency.

## **XII. New Business**

### New items requiring discussion or action

- 103 Serge Street driveway

President Campbell, Jr., reported that he and Lead Worker Bechdel reviewed the homeowner's materials, met with the homeowner, and acknowledged the Borough's past use of the driveway for turnarounds contributed to the damage. They agreed the Borough could reseal the surface during late-summer road work at minimal cost, and the Secretary-Treasurer was directed to draft a letter summarizing the discussion.

### **Motion #7: Approve Repair of Driveway at 103 Serge Street**

A motion was made by Lauren Davidson-Haupt and seconded by Jared Bressler to repair and maintain the driveway area at 103 Serge Street during the late-summer road work schedule, contingent upon the homeowner's agreement.

**[6 in favor / 0 opposed] – Motion carried.**

- Auditor & Banking discussion

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that she and the Water Authority's Secretary-Treasurer were seeking a new auditor, most firms quote around \$15,000 and aren't taking new municipal clients, they are awaiting a response from one firm, and she hopes to have an update by the next council meeting.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that she, President Campbell, Jr., and Vice President Weaver were scheduled to meet via Zoom on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, with representatives of First National Bank to review municipal banking options. She noted the convenience of the Bellefonte branch and its ability to handle business checking locally, which would be extremely helpful.

- Bellefonte Area Public Transit Task Force

Council declined the request from the Bellefonte Area Public Transit Task Force for a letter of support or participation in a meeting, noting that public transit was not a feasible option for Milesburg and that no funding was available to support such an initiative.

#### Motions, approvals, or announcements

- Adoption of the approval granted on March 24, 2026, at the Public Hearing for John M. Daughenbaugh's request to install a crematorium at 200 Spring Street

#### **Motion #8: Formal Adoption of March 24, 2026, Public Hearing Decision**

Motion made by Lauren Davidson-Haupt and seconded by Lesa Weaver to formally adopt the approval granted at the March 24, 2026, Public Hearing for John M. Daughenbaugh's request to install a crematorium at 200 Spring Street.

**[6 in favor / 0 opposed] – Motion carried.**

- GP-14 streamlined application permit for Human and/or Animal Incinerators - CRS-2300 Cremation Letter

#### **Motion #9: Acceptance of GP-14 Streamlined Application Permit – CRS 2300 Cremation Letter**

Motion made by Lesa Weaver and seconded by Lauren Davidson-Haupt to accept the GP-14 streamlined application permit for Human and/or Animal Incinerators – CRS-2300 Cremation Letter.

**[6 in favor / 0 opposed] – Motion carried.**

- Spring/Summer Newsletter

Council suggested to add crime-reporting and dog-catcher contacts, along with more local events, and Davidson-Haupt requested one more review before the newsletter was sent out to the residents of the borough.

#### **Motion #10: Approval of Newsletter Following Council Revisions**

Motion made by Barry Campbell, Jr., and seconded by Catlin Horn to approve the Spring/Summer Newsletter after all suggested revisions were incorporated and reviewed by Council members prior to sending out the newsletters.

**[6 in favor / 0 opposed] – Motion carried.**

### **XIII. Committees**

- **Budget Committee (Chairperson Weaver)**

Chairperson Weaver had nothing to report.

- **Building & Zoning (Chairperson Glenn)**

- ◆ Apartment Rental Update

Chairperson Glenn reported that the apartment had been rented and the lease signed, and the tenant planned to move in toward the end of the month and the lease would be prorated accordingly.

- **Community Development/Park Committee (Chairperson Davidson-Haupt)**

- ◆ Opened - Status Update

Chairperson Davidson-Haupt reported routine maintenance needs at the Milesburg Community Park, that include sifting and refreshing the sandbox, and adding playground mulch to ensure the landing zones were well padded. She noted that last year's natural salt-and-vinegar weed treatment was effective and caused no chemical concerns. She also reported that the brown shed doors needed repaired, and ownership was unclear; the Secretary-Treasurer planned to contact BEALLS to determine ownership. She also planned to draft donation-request letters to the Milesburg Lions Club and the Milesburg American Legion for mulch, as they had previously contributed to in the past.

#### **Motion #11: Playground Safety Mulch Purchase Authorization**

Motion made by Lauren Davidson-Haupt and seconded by Jared Bressler to purchase mulch for the equipment landing-zone areas at the park to ensure they were well padded for safety.

**[6 in favor / 0 opposed] – Motion carried.**

#### **Fire & Police (Chairperson Campbell, Jr.)**

- ◆ Oversight Committee Meeting Report

Chairperson Campbell, Jr., reported that the fire company had been receiving many new members.

**Health & Sanitation (Chairperson Horn)**

Chairperson Horn had nothing to report.

- **Personnel Committee (Chairperson Campbell, Jr.)**

Chairperson Campbell, Jr., had nothing to report.

- **Street Committee (Chairperson Bressler)**

Chairperson Bressler stated that he planned to contact Lead Worker Bechdel to schedule a ride-around in the Borough.

**XIV. Adjournment**

**Motion #12 – Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Lauren Davidson-Haupt and seconded by Lesa Weaver.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

**[6 in favor / 0 opposed] – Motion carried.**

*Submitted for the Record by,*

Robyn D. Dyke  
Milesburg Borough Secretary-Treasurer