STROUDSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 7, 2026

A regular meeting of the Stroudsburg Borough Council convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Stroudsburg Borough Municipal Building with the following members present: Council President Matt Abell, Council Vice-President Erica McCabe, Council Pro-Tem J. Zac Christman, Council Member Joseph Shay, Council Member Victoria DeVries, and Council Member Claire Crawford-Braun.

Also present were: Mayor Ellen Currie, Borough Manager Larry Kopp, Junior Council Member Emilie Protsko, Borough Solicitor Christopher Brown, Esq., Street Superintendent Brian Ace, Downtown Manager Michael Moreno, and Executive Assistant Becky Smith. Council Member Cheryl Joubert, and Zoning/Codes Officer Kenelle DeStefano were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for the regular meeting on April 7, 2026
The minutes of the regular meeting on April 7, 2026 were approved on a motion made by Ms. McCabe, seconded by Ms. DeVries. The motion was carried. (7-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

Old Business
None.

New Business
A motion was made by Ms. McCabe, seconded by Ms. DeVries to approve the bid of Northeast Site Contractors for the Kraemer Avenue Paving Project for $43,393.30, contingent upon favorable review by the Monroe County Redevelopment Authority and Borough Solicitor. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

A motion was made by Mr. Christman, seconded by Ms. McCabe to approve the Resolution to set the fees for Juror Parking Passes sold to Monroe County Courthouse. This will increase the fees from $5.00 to $7.50 each, or a pack of 200 passes from $1,000.00 to $1,500.00. The fee has not been increased since at least 2013. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

There was a discussion to restrict Juror Parking Passes from Main Street. Mr. Abell would like to see the restrictions include North 6th Street since the businesses are already struggling with other issues and would make it worse with limited parking. Mr. Moreno agrees but suggests it include all of the Downtown District. Ms. McCabe stated the jurors come from out of town and are already inconvenienced enough. When asked about the courthouse parking garage, Ms. McCabe advised the garage fills up when tax assessment is in session and county personnel are removed from the lot to accommodate other people. Other suggestions for juror parking included bussing from another location, and utilizing BioSpectra, Rite Aid, and Ann Street parking lots. A motion was made by Mr. Christman, seconded by Ms. DeVries to restrict Juror Parking Passes, effective immediately, from parking at any meter spaces on Main Street. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

A motion was made by Mr. Christman, seconded by Ms. McCabe to require Monroe County Constables, effective immediately, to write a valid license plate on each Juror Parking Pass in addition to the date and day of the week to be considered a valid pass. Any unauthorized Juror Parking Pass issued will continue to receive a ticket from Parking Enforcement. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

A motion was made by Mr. Christman, seconded by Ms. McCabe to approve the Resolution to set the annual fee for the Domestic Relations Parking Space on the 600 Block of Monroe Street from $992.00 to $2669.00 The fee has not been increased since at least 2013. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

A motion was made by Mr. Christman, seconded by Ms. McCabe to approve the Resolution authorizing the destruction of specific records in accordance with the Municipal Records Act of January 18, 1968 (P.L. 961, No. 428). The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

There was a discussion regarding the adoption of a Home Rule Charter in the Borough of Stroudsburg. Mr. Kopp advised the process to change is to have the item on the ballot in November, and if passed, the commission would meet to review. Home Rule Charter allows the Borough to have more flexibility with how funds are raised within the municipality, instead of being limited to property taxes. No action taken.

Mr. Kopp discussed maintenance options for the Borough's existing Big Belly Trash Cans. There are 29 cans throughout town, of which 27 have issues or are inoperable. The total cost of Preventative Maintenance Inspection is $5,742.00, and total cost to get all cans operable is $16,028.15, and suggested to purchase the warranty for approximately $8,000.00. Mr. Abell asked Mr. Moreno to get feedback from the businesses on the 700 and 800 Blocks of Main Street on their experiences with the Big Belly cans, and if the cans overflow on weekends. Mayor Currie asked if the batteries could be purchased elsewhere; Mr. Kopp will research. No further action taken at this time.

A request from East Stroudsburg University was received, requesting approval to hang ESU Flags on Main Street from August 1 to November 20, 2026. A motion was made by Ms. McCabe, seconded by Mr. Shay to table the request, pending adoption of the Flag & Banner Policy. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

Mr. Kopp discussed the Borough of Stroudsburg Non-Uniformed Pension's 2025 Combined GASB 67/68 Financial Statements. The Plan's fiduciary net position increased from 71% to 83%, where the healthy range is between 80-82%. Mr. Shay would like Mr. Kopp to speak with the plan's representative to move money out of stocks and into conservative yields due to increasing oil prices. No further action needed.

A motion was made to approve the Special Event Application for the Tropper Joshua Miller Memorial 5K Run/Walk for Saturday, June 6, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and to waive the application fee. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

A motion was made by Ms. McCabe, seconded by Mr. Christman to approve the Engagement Letter for appraisal services from Michael J. McKeown. Solicitor Brown will discuss further in Executive Session. The motion carried. (5-yes; 0-no; 1-abstain, Mr. Shay)

Committee Reports

Codes Committee – The next meeting is April 22 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Budget Committee – No report.

Parking Committee – Ms. McCabe asked Brian Ace to paint the yellow curb at Collins and Broad Street corner. No new permits are being sold to the parking deck until construction is complete, encouraging the use of other municipal parking lots. The next meeting is Monday, April 27 at 5:15 p.m.

Recycling Committee – The next meeting is Monday, April 27 at 5:00 p.m.

Sewer Committee – No report.

Street Committee – The next meeting is Wednesday, April 15 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Personnel Committee – No report.

Public Relations/Media Committee – Ms. McCabe reported the Concert Ad Hoc met; they are hiring a graphic designer for Facebook, posters, sandwich boards, and a banner. Porta potties are being investigated. No decisions have been made for a food truck, as there may be another dining option opening in Courthouse Square. Any downtown restaurant is invited to sell their food at the concerts. The list of bands is being finalized, with the fee for each band around $200. The PR/Media Committee discussed an overhaul of the Borough's website. The next meeting is Thursday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Redevelopment Committee – The next meeting is Wednesday, April 8 at 4:30 p.m.

I-80 Expansion Task Force Committee – Jessica Delfino advised the appeals are at a standstill. The Federal Fish & Game Commission is coming to check out the eagles.

Parks and Rec (SROSRC) Committee – Ms. McCabe advised SROSRC is hiring for multiple positions. About 30 people attended the soiree. Monroe County is sponsoring the levee loop race and movies in the park.

Junior Council Committee – Applications for Junior Councilmember have been sent to a group of students at Stroudsburg High School.

Mental Health Committee – Ms. Crawford-Braun reported the committee will be passing out materials on April 24. The next meeting is Friday, April 17 at 1:00 p.m.

America250 Committee – Ms. Crawford-Braun reported Monroe County approved a $10,000.00 grant for the America250 Events. The Keystone Art unveiling is Sunday, April 19 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Mayors Report

Mayor Currie submitted a letter of support on behalf of Habitat of Humanity for T-Mobile grants. Ms. Currie: spoke at Ramsey School on March 27 regarding a T-Mobile grant that was received and mentioned the school will have a fully-functioning kitchen; attended the YMCA Community Outreach, and noted the YMCA expansion project is slated to being next month; attending the Chamber of Commerce Public Policy; attending the Rotary Luncheon on April 16.

Council Member Reports

Mr. Abell requested that Brian Ace seed both sides of the Glen Park Dog Park, and check the fitness equipment at Glen Park.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Brown has an item for Executive Session regarding real estate.

Manager's Report

Borough Manager Report
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Meetings

3rd Street Project/Contractor	March 17th
Pelham Check-In	March 17th
Comprehensive Plan Update	March 18th
America 250 Committee Meeting	March 19th
Levee Certification & Accreditation	March 19th
Borough C2P2 Submission/DCNR	March 19th
Downtown Focus Groups	March 21st
Saint Patrick's Day Parade	March 22nd
Developing Revolving Loan Fund Seminar	March 24th
America 250 Committee Meeting	March 26th
McCormack Staff/Appropriations Request	March 27th
Delta Development Update	March 27th
Pocono COG Meeting	March 30th
Jim Evanisko/Go Collaborative	March 31st
America 250 Committee Meeting	March 31st
PMVB/Stroud Fest	March 31st
Founder Day's Event	April 1st
Developing Revolving Loan Fund Seminar	April 1st
Pelham Check-In	April 7th
PennDOT Liquid Fuels Review	April 8th
Enterprise Fleet Management	April 8th
Zoning Law Update/NEPA Alliance	April 10th
Downtown Stroudsburg Meeting	April 14th
Pelham Check-In	April 14th
Parking Compliance Trends	April 16th
Pension Board Meeting	April 20th

Infrastructure/Streets/Capital Projects

Quick Build / Main Street Project. One-year extension approved by DCED. Submitted determination for Mural Artists' hourly wage requirements. Finalizing budget and costs.

Creek Walk Trail. Statewide LSA, DCNR and DCED GTRP Grants submitted. Going forward with the levee portion of the trail with awarded grant funds. Awaiting approval on plans/contract documents from DEP; then we can go out to bid. Constructions easements out; received word back from PPL. Hoping to do work in 2026.

Parking Garage Repair/Rehabilitation. Work began April 6th.

Levee Erosion Mitigation. Emplacing rip rap on the Brodhead Creek side of the levee to stop erosion. Working on alternate funding options. Work in 2026 if funding is available.

Paving 2026. CDBG Project (Kramer Avenue) winning bid on agenda. Need final approval for 3rd Street Project to go out to bid in 2026. 3rd and 8th Street Paving w/BCRA can use COSTARS for portions of the project; received COSTARS pricing ($318,941) from vendor.

Slip Lining Wastewater & Stormwater Lines. Received OK to use COSTARS vendors. Begin to contact vendors and schedule work in the next several weeks. Total of $446,845 available.

Grants Strategy 2026

Congressional Appropriations. Congressional Appropriation through Congressman Bresnahan going to Appropriations Committee. Senator's McCormack and Fetterman submitted. For Five Points Roundabout and Borough Building Upgrades/Renovations.

2026 DCNR Grant C2P2 Grant. Met with DCNR on March 19th. Looking at Rotary Park improvements. Due April 30th, 2026.

2025 Statewide LSA Grant. Submitted. For engineering for Five Points Roundabout.

Monroe County LSA. Submitted. For new parking meters for the remainder of the Borough. Discussed with Representative Probst.

PennDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA). Draft application submitted. Presentation to NEPA Alliance on December 16th.

Office of the Budget (OMB) Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP). Submitted. For Borough Building improvements.

Main Street Matters Program Grants. Submitted. For Business Improvement Grants.

Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program. For engineering study for Main Street Project. Will be resubmitted when the grant program reopens.

PennDOT Automated Red Light Enforcement Program (ARLE). Received $483,565. Project in 2027. For Park & Broad Streets traffic signal. Awaiting contract approval from PennDOT to go ahead with project.

2025 DCED PA Small Water & Sewer Program. Submitted. Received $250,000. For slip lining sewer and water lines.

2025 DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund. Submitted w/BCRA. $600,000 received for street repaving and water line replacement.

Office of the Budget (OMB) Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP Grant). Received $500,000 for Parking Garage Repairs.

2024 Monroe County LSA Grant. Received $200,000 for Parking Garage Repairs.

PMVB Beautification Grant Program. Received $8,500 for Bollards & Sleeves, requested amount.

2023 Statewide LSA Grant. Received $250,000 for the Creek Walk Project.

2023 Monroe County LSA Grant. For Parking Garage Repairs. Received $250,000.

2022 Monroe County LSA Grant. Received $500,000 for the Main Street Project.

Monroe County Hotel Tax Allocation. Received $9,847 for equipment for Dog Park. Equipment received.

DEP Levee Inspection Reimbursement. $3,975. Reimbursement received.

Loans for Street Sweeper and Trailer for Twin Boroughs Recycling

Received proposals for both items: 4.76% fixed rate over 60 months. Looking for second proposal.

Big Belly Waste Receptacles

Trash receptacles no longer under warranty. Two different maintenance options on the agenda. Also considering updated warranty.

My Work Program 2026

Will participate again in 2026. Initial discussions with PA Labor & Industry. This year, we will host 4 participants for 16 Hours/week.

KMIT/Workers Comp Insurance

Two visits scheduled from Keystone Risk Management in 2026 due to still being considered higher risk due to past claims.

Borough Funds Investment in CDs

ESSA Bank CD Rates lower than our current money market account rates. PLGIT rate slightly higher than ESSA rates, in my opinion not worth the effort to move them to another institution.

Downtown Visioning/Strategic Planning

Focus Groups Saturday, March 21st. Received results of groups from Pelham and distributed.

Solid Waste Ordinance

Began alleyway pick-ups on March 11th. Appears that we have finally worked out all issues.

Sewer Units/Trash/EDU Reassessment

Reassessment complete. Coordinating with County to update Assessment and 911 databases.

Commercial/Residential Recycling

Residential inspections complete. Looking to do another round of enforcement in April/May. Problems of pick-up seem to have been resolved without expanding pick-up schedule to four days from three.

Residential Rental Property Inspections

2025-26 inspections underway.

Monthly E-Newsletters

April E-Newsletter to go out this week.

Safety Committee

Safety Training and Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for March.

Borough Newsletter

Winter/Spring Newsletter distributed.

Bicycle Racks

Three racks remain to be installed: 745 Main, 401 Main & 33 North 7th Streets. North 7th Street was approved with a slightly changed location. Installation in Spring 2026.

Upcoming Priorities

Downtown Visioning/Strategic Plan
LSA/Main Street Project
Summer Infrastructure Projects Planning

Engineer's Report

No report.

Downtown Manager's Report

Mr. Moreno stated the Borough is anticipating award of the façade grant, therefore, budgeted $50,000 to use towards a potential loan program. He will attend training for such loan program, most likely next spring. Mr. Moreno will be in Harrisburg from April 20-22, and is working on the downtown brochure.

Zoning/Codes Officer Report
Absent.

Street Superintendent's Report
Mr. Ace reported he and his team are working on the roofs at the Borough Park's pavilion and pool, saving the Borough about $15,000. Bollard sleeves will be installed around N. 6th Street, with the goal to be done by PRIDE Fest. Brush collection is April 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, and 24.

BCRA Report
Michael Schroder provided his quarterly report for BCRA. Major projects: BCRA is coordinating with the Borough for the 2026 line replacement/paving project; and the Waste Water Treatment Plant is slated to receive a $2 Million renovation.

Approval of Bills on Warrants 260407
A motion was made by Mr. Christman, seconded by Ms. McCabe to approve the payment of bills on Warrants 260407. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

Public Input for Non-Agenda Items
Jessica Delfino announced a comedy show on Sunday, April 12 at the Signature Saloon, May 9 at the Sherman, and June 13 at the Yard of Ale. Saturday, April 18th will be the Entertainment Breakfast at Square Fare, 10:00 a.m. Michelle Riegel complemented Mr. Kopp and Brian Ace's team regarding the removal of graffiti.

Executive Session
A motion was made by Ms. McCabe, seconded by Mr. Christman to move into Executive Session at 8:38 p.m. The motion was carried. (6-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain).

A motion was made by Mr. Christman, seconded by Ms. McCabe to move from Executive Session to the regular meeting at 9:02. The motion was carried. (6-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain).

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m., on a motion made by Mr. Christman, seconded by Ms. McCabe. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)