STROUDSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – JULY 21, 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 King, Council Pro-Tem J. Zac Christman, Council Member Victoria DeVries, Council Member Cheryl Joubert, and Council Member Claire Crawford-Braun. Note: Erica McCabe name change to Erica King as noted in attendance list and going forward in council minutes.

Also present were: Mayor Ellen Currie, Borough Manager Larry Kopp, Borough Solicitor Christopher Brown, Esq., Downtown Manager Michael Moreno, Street Superintendent Brian Ace, and Executive Assistant Becky Smith. Junior Council Member Emilie Protsko joined virtually. Council Member Joseph Shay was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for the regular meeting on July 7, 2026
Mr. Abell stated a correction to the voting on the Safety Stick motion is needed; Mr. Shay voted "No", however, the Minutes show his vote as a "Yes". Ms. Smith will correct the motion regarding Safety Sticks to reflect Mr. Shay's "No" vote. The minutes of the regular meeting on July 7, 2026 were approved with the correction stated above on a motion made by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. DeVries. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

Monthly Administrative Reports
The following monthly reports were approved on a motion made by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. DeVries: Right-To-Know Report, Parking Report, Fire Department Report, and the Police Department Report. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

Accept Unaudited June 2026, Treasurer Report
A motion was made by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. DeVries to accept the Balance Sheets, FY 26 vs FY 25, and the Budget to Actual Report. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

New Business
A letter was received from Mr. Shay announcing his resignation as a member of Borough Council effective immediately. A motion was made by Ms. King, with regret, seconded by Ms. Joubert to approve Mr. Shay's resignation as a member of Borough Council, effective immediately. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

The vacancy for this position will be advertised; candidates must be a resident of Stroudsburg Borough for at least one year and a registered voter. Letters of interest should be submitted to Borough Manager Larry Kopp to be reviewed at the August 4 Borough Council meeting, with a decision expected to be made at the August 18 Borough Council meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. King, seconded by Mr. Christman to approve advertising a Public Hearing on September 15, 2026 for the consideration of an Ordinance of the Borough of Stroudsburg, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, amending Part 8, Sign Requirements, of Chapter 27, Zoning, of the Stroudsburg Borough Code of Ordinances. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain) Solicitor Brown needs to make changes to the ordinance before it is advertised and will not be ready for a public hearing sooner than September 15.

A motion was made by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. DeVries to approve advertising a Public Hearing on August 4, 2026 for the consideration of an Ordinance of the Borough of Stroudsburg, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, amending Chapter 21, Part 2, Sidewalks, of the Stroudsburg Borough Code of Ordinances. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

A motion was made by Ms. King, seconded by Ms. DeVries to approve a Resolution approving the submission of a Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Grant to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) in an amount not to exceed $3,000,000 to be used for the Downtown Sidewalk and Walkability Improvement Project in the Borough. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

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Enterprise Account Executive Michael Bamiro presented information regarding management of the Borough's vehicles by Enterprise Fleet Management. This would include Street Department trucks and street sweeper. Mr. Bamiro would like to schedule a workshop with council members to further discuss the program details. Mr. Abell directed Mr. Kopp to crunch the numbers and schedule another meeting with Mr. Bamiro. Mr. Kopp will provide an update when additional information is available.

A motion was made by Ms. King, seconded by Mr. Christman to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as recommended by the HARB for the following applications: #26-000050, 730 Main Street, to change the color of painted brick, replace roof with GAF 3-Tab shingles, the replacement of two cracked windows at the street front using Oldcastle Building Envelope, the addition of lighting sconces at the ground floor and painting gutters; #26-000063, 917 Sarah Street, to install at the rear and both sides a 6-foot tall dog-eared style wood fence and to make repairs to weathered wood on the front deck; and #26-000065, 23 N. 9th Street, to replace the roof with architectural shingle. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

Committee Reports

Codes Committee – The next meeting is July 22 at 4:30 p.m.

Budget Committee – No report.

Parking Committee – Ms. King reported that new signage and wayfinding is forthcoming; Robin did an excellent job coordinating. About 100 signs will be installed with parking information and options to pay. The next meeting is July 27 at 5:15 p.m.

Recycling Committee – The next meeting is September 28 at 5:00 p.m.

Sewer Committee – No report.

Street Committee – Michelle Riegel noted that she has received multiple compliments about how nice the flowers on Main Street look and thanked the Street Department employees for watering them. Mr. Abell reported the committee discussed: options to reroute traffic during parades; flower baskets and planters being watered by Street Department; various signs to be replaced or

installed; speed tables near Ramsey School; Park and Broad traffic light; parking deck repairs; Five Points intersection; slip lining project; potential lighting on North 6th Street and at Glen Park; bike lane striping; new parking meters to be purchased with grant funds; sewer lateral repairs and associated degradation fee. The next meeting is August 19 at 4:30 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Mr. Kopp has a personnel item to discuss in Executive Session.

Public Relations/Media Committee – Ms. King reported the July 16 Bill Rooth and the Agitators concert was postponed until August 13. The next meeting will be in person at the concert Thursday, July 23; please contact Ms. King for directions to call in or join virtually.

Redevelopment Committee – Mr. Abell reported the committee discussed: possible public-private partnership parking deck; C-1A Zoning; Main Street Matters Program; Levee Loop Trail; Creekwalk Trail; Glen Park Improvements; Alta Main Street quick-build plans; County-owend properties; S. 8th and Main Streets property; and parking needs for Sherman events. The next committee meeting is August 12 at 4:30 p.m.

I-80 Expansion Task Force Committee – Ms. Delfino advised of a company, RES First PA Source LLC recently bought 140 acres from Stroud Township to build a water mitigation bank. These types of companies purchase wetlands at a cheap rate, then sells mitigation credits for over $90,000 per credit. Ms. Delfino wanted to make the Borough aware of this so educated decisions can be made about wetlands.

Parks and Rec (SROSRC) Committee – Ms. King reported that Autumn Hawthorne's employee review is complete; a meeting was held with Mr. Kopp, Mr. Ace, Ms. Hawthorne, and Ms. King to discuss operations at the pool.

Junior Council Committee – Ms. Currie reported three more people who are interested in becoming a Junior Council Member contacted her. Interviews are being conducted; the next committee meeting is August 3 at 5:00 p.m.

Mental Health Committee – The next meeting is Friday, August 21 at 1:00 p.m.

America 250 Committee – Ms. Crawford-Braun reported the Main Street Clean Up event on July 20 generated 34 bags of trash, 30 volunteers, 64 light posts were refurbished, 50 stickers were removed, over 20 tree wells were mulched, 100 cigarette butts were picked up and thanked everyone who participated, including the America 250 Committee members. It has been suggested to coordinate clean up days twice a year. The Hero's Dinner was also July 20 with 80 people in attendance. Daisy Medeiros was given the Community Compassion Award, Jenny Bogart received the Community Connection Award, and Charlie Frantz was honored with the Volunteer of the Year award! Using the PA Beautiful Grant, a welcome sign will be purchased and installed at the bottom of the Interboro Bridge. Ms. Crawford-Braun designed the sign and presented to Council for approval. Ms. King recommends also placing welcome signs on North 5th Street, near the Park Ave/Bridge Street intersection, near Westgate Apartments on West Main Street. Mr. Kopp will add the three additional signs to the 2027 Budget. A motion was made by Ms. King, seconded by Mr. Christman to approve the purchase of the Welcome Sign, as presented, using grant funds. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain) Mr. Ace was directed to look for lighting options, possibly solar, for the sign. Ms. Delfino suggested adding graffiti-proof coating to the sign.

Brodhead Creek Regional Authority – Mr. Schroder reported that the BCRA Mid-Year WWTP Report was released with usage of Stroudsburg, Stroud Township, and Pocono Township. Stroudsburg Borough has a decrease in usage and will receive a credit of $113,000 over the next 12 months. Mr. Schroder attributes this decrease to the slip lining that was recently installed, and everything Brian Ace has done to address issues.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Currie toured the Fort Hamilton site on July 11. Mr. Barthold thinks it is amazing and may help us with the Creekwalk. This project could turn into something very significant; a perimeter of a fort was found! Kathleen Brady will coordinate with Denny Peters regarding the Fort Hamilton site to be shown on the Creekwalk Plans. Ms. Currie encourages everyone to visit the renovated Monroe County Historical Association site.

Council Member Reports

Ms. King reported the brick wall of the cemetery on Quaker Alley was backed into and partially knocked over. Ms. Kopp will attempt to contact the friends of the cemetery group. Mr. Abell noticed a utility patch on the sidewalk on N. 7th Street in front of the Christ Episcopal Church; Mr. Kopp will remind Ed Bodine of UGI about the temporary patch. Ms. King took a DCED Training and one topic of interest was vexatious right to know requests. These types of requests involves time, labor, and other costs and Ms. King suggests reaching out to the state representative and senator to show support of moving forward on the Bill that is out there. A motion was made by Ms. King, seconded by Mr. Christman directing Mr. Kopp to send letters of support to Representative Probst and Senator Brown regarding the Bill preventing vexatious right to know requests. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Brown reported a Public Notice from Monroe County Courthouse regarding a court hearing for the vacant constable position to be held on August 26 at 11:30 at the Monroe County Courthouse. More information is available at the court administration office.

Manager's Report

Borough Manager Report
July 21st, 2026

Meetings

BCRA/DCED MTF Grant	July 7th
Parking Garage/Onsite Meeting	July 8th
Enterprise Vehicle Leasing Quote Analysis	July 9th
Concerts in the Square	July 9th
Danny Younger/Fort Hamilton	July 10th
Danny Younger/Fort Hamilton	July 11th
SARP Executive Committee Meeting	July 13th
Downtown Stroudsburg Meeting	July 14th
Scott Peckins/YMCA Project	July 14th
Northern Bank/Loans	July 15th
PA Council on the Arts/Creative Communities	July 16th
Enterprise Vehicle Leasing Quote Analysis	July 17th
Denny/Staff/Codes & Zoning Procedures	July 21st
Tolemi Connect Demo	July 22nd
SARP/Sherman/Stroudfest 2026	July 23rd
Concerts in the Square	July 23rd

DCED MTF Check-In/BCRA	July 24th
Pocono COG	July 27th
Concerts in the Square	July 30th

Infrastructure/Streets/Capital Projects

Quick Build / Main Street Project. One-year extension approved by DCED. Submitted determination for Mural Artists' hourly wage requirements. Going to request an additional extension through Fall 2027.

Creek Walk Trail. Statewide LSA, DCNR and DCED GTRP Grants submitted. Going forward with the levee portion of the trail with awarded grant funds. Looking at "work around" to avoid having to get easements from UGI and PPL by going through Dansbury cemetery.

Parking Garage Repair/Rehabilitation. Work began on April 29th. 120 days allowed for completion. Change Order on Agenda this evening for additional necessary work and time required.

Levee Erosion Mitigation. Emplacing rip rap on the Brodhead Creek side of the levee to stop erosion. Working on grants for 2027 completion.

Paving 2026. CDBG Project, Kramer Avenue, complete. Extra funds from Kraemer, plus current year funds for 3rd Street going towards next year's project, McConnell Street, which will be expensive (3 long blocks plus handicapped crossings). 3rd and 8th Street Paving w/BCRA can using COSTARS pricing ($318,941). Remainder of funding ($281,059) will go towards next year's joint project, the 500 -700 blocks of Thomas Street. Borough projects late Summer-Fall.

Slip Lining Wastewater & Stormwater Lines. Received OK to use COSTARS vendors. Using grant funds ($346,845; $250,000 Grant plus Sewer Funds) for sewer lines. Stormwater lines funds ($100,000) to be used for cost overrun on Parking Garage Project. Met with Vendor last week to finalize plan.

Transforming Main Street Initiative/Engineering. Webinar on April 29th. Waiting on signed contract to go forward. May be able to use Borough Engineer for design.

Traffic Signal Park Avenue & Broad Street. Received signed contract from PennDOT. Agreement and resolution signed and sent to PennDOT. Working on Bid Packet for PennDOT approval.

Grants Strategy 2026

2026 DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund. In progress, due 7/31. Submission for 2027 Project, Thomas Street. With BCRA.

2026 DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund. In progress, due 7/31. Borough grant. For sidewalk replacement on Main Street Corridor.

2026 DCED Main Street Matters Program. In progress, due 8/31. For District Development Grant of the Main Street Corridor.

Congressional Appropriations. Congressional Appropriation through Congressman Bresnahan approved by Appropriations Committee for inclusion in 2027 Budget. Must be approved by House, Senate and President. Met with DOT May 6th to discuss. Senator McCormack advanced Congressionally Directed Spending request for Borough Building Upgrades/Renovations to Committee.

USDOT Safe Streets and Roads. Submitted. For safety studies. Resubmission of 2025 request.

DCED Flood Mitigation Program. Submitted. For needed levee repairs.

DCED Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program. Submitted. For Rotary Park improvements.

2026 DCNR Grant C2P2 Grant. Submitted. For Rotary Park improvements.

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

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

Pennsylvania Creative Districts. Letter of Intent accepted. Met with PCA on July 16th to discuss next steps.

2026 PMVB Community Impact Grant. Approved $10,000 request. For Big Belly Trash Receptacle Maintenance and Repair. Contacted vendor and work is scheduled to be completed late-July or August.

Monroe County LSA. Approved for $180,000. Parking Meter Replacement.

Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program. Approved for full amount ($441,810).

PennDOT Automated Red Light Enforcement Program (ARLE). Approved for $483,565 (full amount). Project in 2026/27. For Park & Broad Streets traffic signal. Contract signed by PennDOT; working on bid packet.

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.

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

Rental Property Registration

Finalizing comprehensive mailings to rental properties/owners for registration. Past two weeks have been spent updating the list of rental properties in the Borough; it had not been updated since the Ordinance was first implemented. Registration this year will include a detailed "scrub" to gain compliance on overdue water, sewer and trash fees as well as property taxes. Ordinance requires that rental license be withheld if property is not current on fees and taxes.

Codes/Zoning Reorganization

Met with Peters today to discuss the division of labors and responsibilities now that Denny has taken over as Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer.

Rooming/Boarding Houses

There are multiple properties in the Borough that have unauthorized rooming/boarding houses. Working on plan for compliance. The Zoning Ordinance only allows Boarding Houses in the R-3 Zone as a Special Exception.

Downtown Streetscaping

Planting flowers complete in planters. Replaced flowers in hanging baskets. Watering to be done by Borough staff. Potential replacement existing trash cans; working plantings in tree wells and directional signage.

Verkada

Met with Gridless Representative (Verkada Regional Vendor) on May 28th to look at options for Glen Park and maintenance on remaining cameras. Glen Park will be around $20,000; solar may be less expensive than getting electricity to park. A technician will be coming to Stroudsburg in July to look at all of our cameras and fix problems with inoperable cameras.

Creative District Designation

Letter of lntent accepted by PCA. Zoom meeting on July 16th to discuss next steps. Will be setting further meetings with an Advisory Committee after the Zoom Meeting to flesh out details for the full grant proposal.

Downtown Visioning/Strategic Planning

Pelham Associates scheduled presentation to Council during July 7th Council Meeting.

Solid Waste Ordinance/Liens

Developing procedures for liens on overdue trash accounts with PAMS. Identified accounts, letters to delinquent accounts from PAMS notifying them that a lien will be placed on their property if accounts not paid.

Safety Committee

Safety Training and Safety Committee Meeting on June 23rd. Met with KMIT Safety consultant Friday, June 5th. Received Report to Management on our account.

Loans for Street Sweeper

Received second proposal for streetsweeper, 5-Year, 5.68% interest. Getting a proposal from Northern Bank. Have been holding off to see results of proposal by Enterprise to lease all vehicles in our fleet.

Big Belly Waste Receptacles

PMVB grant approved for maintenance on cans. Maintenance has been requested from vendor and will be completed July/August. Cleaning and removing graffiti scheduled to be completed this summer.

My Work Program 2026

2026 Program June 22nd through July 30th. This year, hosting 4 participants for 16 Hours/week, Monday through Thursday mornings.

Borough Newsletter

Summer issue in July.

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 July/August. Problems of pick-up seem to have been resolved without expanding pick-up schedule to four days from three.

Monthly E-Newsletters

July E-Newsletter this week.

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

Rental Property Registration
Creative District Designation
Solid Waste Liens
Unauthorized Rooming Houses
Summer Infrastructure Projects Management
Verkada Cameras
Streetscaping/Main Street Project

Downtown Manager's Report
Mr. Moreno provided his report to Council via email.

Engineer's Report
Kathleen Brady reported the contractors for the parking garage repairs are questing a 90-day extension. Mr. Peters disagrees and said 45 days should be sufficient and the contractors should put more people on the job to get it done. A motion was made by Ms. King, seconded by Mr. Christman to approve a 45-day extension for the parking garage repairs. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer's Report
Kathleen Brady reported everything is going create and is current; their office could supply a list of all activity if council wishes.

Street Superintendent's Report
No report.

Approval of Bills on Warrants 260721
A motion was made by Mr. Christman, seconded by Ms. King to approve Bills on Warrants 260721. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

Public Input for Non-Agenda Items
Pete Andrews asked the status of the potential traffic circle at the five-points intersection; Mr. Abell advised the project has gone through committees but has not officially moved forward yet.

Jessica Delfino inquired about the vacant hotel at 1220 West Main Street; Mr. Kopp explained the location of the current hotel entrance and exit would be on the entrance ramp to I-80 once the PennDOT expansion project is done, which is illegal. The driveway will be routed onto an adjoining property which PennDOT has taken, but without formal documentation of such easement, potential buyers are concerned about hotel access.

Ms. Delfino asked about a report of contaminated water at the former gas station on West Main Street that PennDOT took as part of the highway expansion project. Mr. Kopp stated when gas tanks were removed from the site, it was found that petroleum spilled into soil. It is unknown if this occurred when they were removing the tanks or if the tanks were punctured. Radiation of that spot occurred, and Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requires a report detailing the extent of the spill. A report has not yet been submitted to DEP.

Ms. Crawford-Braun is interested in developing an Adopt-a-Block program; Mr. Abell encouraged Ms. Crawford-Braun to proceed with creating such a program.

Michael Schroder noticed a house on Fetherman Street has been demolished and asked if the Borough is aware. The Borough Engineer was recently made aware of the demolition.

Executive Session
A motion was made by Mr. Christman, seconded by Ms. DeVries to move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 8:28 p.m. The motion was carried. (6-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain)

A motion was made by Mr. Christman, seconded by Ms. King to move from Executive Session to the regular meeting at 8:41. The motion was carried. (6-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain)

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m., on a motion made by Mr. Christman, seconded by Ms. King. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)