STROUDSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 16, 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 Victoria DeVries, Council Member Joseph Shay, Council Member Cheryl Joubert, and Council Member Claire Crawford-Braun.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for the regular meeting on June 2, 2026
The minutes of the regular meeting on June 2, 2026 were approved on a motion made by Ms. McCabe, seconded by Ms. DeVries. The motion was carried. (7-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

Monthly Administrative Reports
The following monthly reports were approved on a motion made by Ms. McCabe, seconded by Ms. DeVries: Right-To-Know Report, Parking Report, Fire Department Report, and the Police Department Report. The motion was carried. (7-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

Accept Unaudited May 2026, Treasurer Report
A motion was made by Ms. McCabe, seconded by Ms. DeVries to accept the Balance Sheets, FY 26 vs FY 25, and the Budget to Actual Report. The motion was carried. (7-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

New Business
A motion was made by Ms. McCabe, seconded by Mr. Christman to approve Payment Requests #1 and #2, total amount of $41,019.70 from Northeast Site Contractors for the Kraemer Avenue Milling and Paving Project, to be paid with 2023 CDBG funds. The motion was carried. (7-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

A motion was made by Ms. McCabe, seconded by Mr. Christman to approve a Resolution of the Borough of Stroudsburg, Monroe County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the submission of a request for funding of up to $500,000 to the Commonwealth Financing Authority's Flood Mitigation Program. The motion was carried. (7-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

A motion was made by Ms. McCabe, seconded by Mr. Christman to approve a Resolution of the Borough of Stroudsburg, Monroe County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the submission of a request for $250,000 to the Commonwealth Financing Authority's Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program. The motion was carried. (7-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

There was a discussion to appoint Peters Consultants, Inc. as Zoning Officer for the Borough of Stroudsburg. Mike Schroder asked if there is a conflict with Peters Consultants, Inc. being the Borough's Engineer and Zoning Officer to which Solicitor Brown advised there is not a conflict of interest, and an Alternate Zoning Officer will be in place for any situations that could pose a conflict, such as the parking garage repairs. Mr. Shay stated when the sewer plant was built, the engineer inspected their own work, and Mr. Shay does not think the Borough should appoint Peters Consultants, Inc. as the Zoning Officer. Mr. Peters advised his firm would never inspect their own work, they would not even review their own work. Solicitor Brown will confirm that

there is not a conflict with Mr. Peters continuing his volunteer position on HARB, which is only an advisory committee. Mr. Schroder asked about the salary cost and if the Borough is paying contractor rates. Dulce Ridder asked if there will be a public job posting for the Zoning Officer position, and what the cost difference will be if the Borough utilizes an outside company rather than an employee. Mr. Peters stated Zoning will be done on an as needed basis, it is not a full-time job and his firm's rate schedule that was approved earlier this year will be utilized. Ms. McCabe added that the Borough will not be paying employee taxes, fees, or health insurance, which will be a savings. Solicitor Brown mentioned it is not uncommon to have one firm handle Zoning and Engineering. A motion was made by Ms. McCabe, seconded by Ms. DeVries to appoint subcontractor Peters Consultants, Inc., as Zoning Officer for the Borough of Stroudsburg. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 1-no, Mr. Shay; 0-abstain)

There was a discussion to appoint an alternate Building Codes Official. Denny Peters recommends Steve Bielskie's company, Tri County COG IBC Inspection Service. Solicitor Brown advised the Borough should only have limited engagement with an alternate Building Codes Official as their services would be necessary when the Borough constructs something such as the parking deck. A motion was made by Mr. Christman, seconded by Ms. McCabe to appoint an alternate Building Codes Official, contingent upon receipt of a Fee Schedule and proof of certifications to have on file. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 1-no, Mr. Shay; 0-abstain)

There was a discussion about the Sherman Theater's use of Quaker Alley. Ms. McCabe stated Sherman Theater is a cornerstone of our community, however Quaker Alley is blocked when trucks are unloading and loading for performances. Quaker Alley is one-way from North 6th to North 5th Street and with a large truck or bus behind the theater, vehicles cannot traverse the narrow alley. Sarah Street Grill's parking lot is private property and the public should not be encouraged to use their lot as a detour around the blocked alley. Ms. McCabe was recently told she would have to wait one hour until they were done loading the truck at 2:00 a.m. after a concert. Ms. McCabe is seeking a formal policy for Sherman Theater to follow for loading and unloading, prohibiting the blocking of Quaker Alley at any time. The theater has a parking lot behind 530 Main Street, accessible from Quaker Alley, adjacent to the theater. Mr. Moreno spoke with Katie McGee, of Sherman Theater, who apologized for the inconvenience, adding the individual who was responsible for blocking the alley has since resigned. Ms. McGee plans to utilize the parking spots behind 530 Main Street in the future, and will reach out to Stroud Area Regional Police Department and/or Borough Manager Larry Kopp going forward when they anticipate shutting down Quaker Alley. Mr. Christman stated no one should ever completely block an egress, adding he has never had an issue with trucks blocking the alley. Ms. McCabe is willing to work with Mr. Moreno to develop a policy for Sherman Theater to follow. Mr. Moreno suggested the Borough give grace and guidance to the theater since a new organization recently took over the operations. Mr. Christman stated there is only so much grace when lives are in danger. Mr. Kopp is meeting with Katie McGee on June 17; he will have a conversation about this issue and move forward with guidance to the theater's staff. Mr. Christman recommends developing a policy and the theater should provide the instructions to the events' crews outlining where to park and an action plan to the performers. Michael Schroder stated Rich Berkowitz operated the theater for many years without issues, and the Borough should make sure the new management does the same.

Committee Reports

Codes Committee – The next meeting is June 24 at 4:30 p.m.

Budget Committee – No report.

Parking Committee – The next meeting is June 22 at 5:15 p.m.

Recycling Committee – The next meeting is June 22 at 5:00 p.m.

Sewer Committee – No report.

Street Committee – The next meeting is June 17 at 4:30 p.m.

Personnel Committee – No report.

Public Relations/Media Committee – Ms. McCabe reported the eight-week Concerts in the Square series begins June 18; concerts are every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Council members are encouraged to help with setting up around 5:00 p.m. and cleaning up around 8:00 p.m. The next meeting is June 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Courthouse Square.

Redevelopment Committee – Mr. Abell reported the committee continued discussion to redesignate the C1A Zoning District to C2 Zoning District; the committee recommends Borough Council to forward a draft ordinance to the Borough Planning Commission and the Monroe County Planning Commission for their review. A motion was made by Ms. McCabe seconded by Mr. Christman to authorize Solicitor Brown to draft an ordinance to be reviewed by the Borough Planning Commission and the Monroe County Planning Commission, and add to a Borough Council Agenda. The motion was carried. (7-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

The Redevelopment Committee also discussed the Creekwalk Trail and the easements still necessary around the UGI and PPL properties. Mr. Peters suggested a closed loop trail, starting at the access point and turning around. Instead, it was suggested to use the Borough-owned Dansbury Cemetery on Lower Main Street to connect the trail. A motion was made by Ms. McCabe, seconded by Mr. Christman to authorize additional engineering to create a path through Dansbury Cemetery. The motion was carried. (7-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

Due to the lack of lighting and security on the trail it was proposed to look into adding electric service for lights and possible cameras. A motion was made by Ms. McCabe, seconded by Mr. Christman to authorize additional engineering to add electric service and cameras on the Creekwalk Trail. The motion was carried. (7-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

The committee discussed improvements at Glen Park, including the potential addition of electric service. Mr. Kopp submitted a work order to Met Ed and could take up to two months for a response. Lighting and wired cameras will be added to the 2027 Budget.

The committee discussed waiting for potential additional grant funding to accomplish the list of goals for the Main Street Quick Build Project. They are waiting for a full report from Pelham Advisors. The next committee meeting is July 8 at 4:30 p.m.

I-80 Expansion Task Force Committee – Jessican Delfino reported the committee filed two new appeals for Stroud Township.

Parks and Rec (SROSRC) Committee – Ms. McCabe reported crews are working on the trail around the Mill Creek road section. The recent 5K was a successful event, and summer camp is underway. Ms. McCabe thanked Brian Ace for getting the pool ready – it is open for the season!

Junior Council Committee – Ms. Currie reported Junior Council Member interviews are being conducted; the next committee meeting will be in August.

Mental Health Committee – The next meeting is Friday, June 19 at 1:00 p.m.

America 250 Committee – Ms. Crawford-Braun reported that July 20 is a clean up event on Main Street; volunteers will meet on the corner of N. 7th and Main Streets at 11:30 a.m. to begin trash pick up through 2:00 p.m. for Pennsylvania Day. The Heroes Dinner will be held on July 20, recognizing volunteers in Stroudsburg Borough. Hero nominations can be made online. Ms. Currie thanked everyone who participated in the recent Mocktails on Main event, noting that Bovino's won the contest for best mocktail. Ms. Currie will be building the float for the Independence Day Parade; anyone interested in helping should reach out to her.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Currie announced: Fusia Center for the Arts is now open at 40 N. 2nd Street, providing an amazing art space for the community; she will attend the Pocono Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at their new location (Washington Street in East Stroudsburg Borough) on June 23rd; and stated the revitalization of the planters along Main Street was a great success.

Council Member Reports

Ms. Crawford-Braun suggested the Borough start an Adopt-a-Block program, where participating businesses and/or residents can keep their block clean and free of litter.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Brown advised the Supreme Court recently determined that Skill Games are considered gambling and slot machines; more information will be forthcoming so the Borough knows how to proceed with its current Skill Games Ordinance.

Manager's Report

Borough Manager Report
June 16th, 2026

Meetings

PSAB Conference (Hershey)	May 31st – June 3rd
RACP Entrance Meeting	June 3rd
Summit Equipment	June 4th
Pride Fest Coordination Meeting	June 4th
Bill Paletski/Bi-Annual Safety Meeting	June 5th
Jessica/Creative Communities	June 5th
Delta Development Status Meeting	June 5th
SARP Executive Committee	June 8th
Downtown Stroudsburg Board Meeting	June 8th
Verkada Camera Maintenance	June 8th
Downtown Stroudsburg Business Meeting	June 9th
Denny/Parking Garage	June 10th
America250 Committee	June 10th
Enterprise Fleet Analysis	June 10th
Service Line Program Meeting	June 10th
Coordination Meeting/Juneteenth	June 11th
Potting Shed/Steve	June 11th
SARP Formula Meeting	June 15th
Denny/Zoning Procedures	June 16th
Revolving Loan Fund Webinar	June 16th

Downtown Planters	June 16th
Junior Councilperson Interviews	June 17th
Concerts in the Square	June 18th
Safety Training/Committee Mtg	June 22nd
Recycling Committee Meeting	June 22nd
Enterprise/Fleet Analysis	June 23rd
Pelham Check In/Update	June 23rd
DCED Grant Coordination/BCRA	June 24th
Concerts in the Square	June 25th
Pocono COG Meeting	June 29th
Delta/Grants Status Meeting	July 3rd
250th Anniversary Parade	July 4th

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. All approvals/permitting complete; working easements from UGI and PPL to go out to bid. UGI has concerns in regard to EPA and former "Superfund" site on Borough property adjacent to levee.

Parking Garage Repair/Rehabilitation. Work began on April 29th. 120 days allowed for completion.

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; if not 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.

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. Holding off on Stormwater lines ($100,000) for potential cost overruns on Parking Garage Project. Submitted streets and linear feet to vendor.

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. Coordination Meeting May 12th. Working on Bid Packet for PennDOT approval.

Grants Strategy 2026

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.

Pennsylvania Creative Districts. Submitted Letter of Intent.

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 PMVB Community Impact Grant. Submitted. $10,000 request. For Big Belly Trash Receptacle Maintenance and Repair.

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.

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.

Downtown Streetscaping

Planting flowers in the planters on Main Street today (June 16th); have arranged watering by PMVB. 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 the next month to look at all of our cameras and fix problems with inoperable cameras.

Creative District Designation

Had two meetings with arts organization/businesses/individuals on May 28th to discuss the PA Council on the Arts Creative District Program. Letter of lntent submitted June 11th. Will also be setting further meetings with an Advisory Committee to flesh out details for the full grant proposal.

Downtown Visioning/Strategic Planning

Pelham Associates finalized Plan, sent to graphic designer. Tentatively 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 scheduled for June. Met with KMIT Safety consultant Friday, June 5th.

Loans for Street Sweeper and Trailer for Twin Boroughs Recycling

Received second proposal for streetsweeper, 5-Year, 5.68% interest. ESSA for both items: 4.76% fixed rate over 60 months. Working on a third proposal for street sweeper, second for trailer.

Big Belly Waste Receptacles

Grant request to PMVB for maintenance on cans. Working on cleaning and removing graffiti.

My Work Program 2026

2026 Program June 22nd through July 30th. This year, we will host 4 participants for 16 Hours/week.

Borough Newsletter

Summer issue in June.

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 it is not worth the effort to move them to another institution.

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

Monthly E-Newsletters

June E-Newsletter in conjunction with first Concert in the Square.

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

Streetscaping/Main Street Project
Creative District Designation
Solid Waste Liens
Summer Infrastructure Projects Management
Verkada Cameras

Engineer's Report

Mr. Peters reported: Kraemer Avenue paving project is complete; surveying at the Broad Street/Park Avenue intersection is almost done and forms for the ADA ramps have been submitted to PennDOT; two areas on Scott and Thomas Streets have been marked for future speed tables; and the parking garage contractors are on schedule with repairs. Mr. Peters noted that the weight limit to the top deck of the parking garage has to be changed once the repairs are complete.

Downtown Manager's Report

Mr. Moreno provided his report to Council via email. Mr. Moreno added he is now a resident of Main Street. The PRIDE Fest had about 8,000 attendees and according to a survey, over half of

the attendees traveled from outside the area. Mr. Moreno will attend a conference in Erie from June 28 through July 2.

Street Superintendent's Report
No report.

Approval of Bills on Warrants 260616
A motion was made by Mr. Christman, seconded by Ms. McCabe to approve Bills on Warrants 260616. The motion was carried. (7-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

Public Input for Non-Agenda Items
None.

Executive Session
None.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m., on a motion made by Ms. McCabe, seconded by Mr. Christman. The motion was carried. (7-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)