STROUDSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 2, 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 Cheryl Joubert, and Council Member Victoria DeVries.

Also present were: Junior Council Member Emilie Protsko, Borough Solicitor Christopher Brown, Esq., Downtown Manager Michael Moreno, Zoning/Codes Officer Kenelle DeStefano, and Executive Assistant Becky Smith. Council Member Claire Crawford-Braun, Mayor Ellen Currie, and Borough Manager Larry Kopp were at the Annual PSAB Conference. Street Superintendent Brian Ace was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for the regular meeting on May 19, 2026
The minutes of the regular meeting on May 19, 2026 were approved on a motion made by Ms. McCabe, seconded by Mr. Christman. The motion was carried. (5-yes; 0-no; 1-abstain, Ms. Devries was not present at the May 19, 2026 meeting)

Old Business
None.

New Business
A motion was made by Mr. Christman, seconded by Ms. McCabe to approve a Resolution of the Borough of Stroudsburg, County of Monroe, establishing a schedule of Attorney's Fees, Costs, and Interest for the Collection of Delinquent Municipal Claims. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

A motion was made by Ms. McCabe, seconded by Ms. DeVries to approve free pool passes for the season to all Elected Officials, Appointed Officials, Fire Department Volunteers, Borough Employees and their families. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

Committee Reports
Codes Committee – Mr. Abell reported that a Sign Ordinance is drafted, the language on the Sidewalk Ordinance is being finalized, the committee discussed the Real Estate Transfer Inspection Ordinance, and is reading samples of Data Center Ordinances to create a draft ordinance that fits our Borough. The next meeting is Wednesday, June 24 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Budget Committee – No report.

Parking Committee – Ms. McCabe thanked Michael Moreno for connecting the committee with Park Mobile to discuss a potential new parking app in the Borough. Park Mobile charges $0.75 per transaction whereas the current app, MPay2, charges $0.30. Park Mobile suggests replacing parking meters with pay stations, which cost between $6,000 and $10,000 apiece. Ms. McCabe explained that the current grant covers parking meters, not pay stations. The committee recommends staying with the current parking app, adding that MPay2 will provide 30 free signs without a QR Code to advertise the Text to Park option, which is another option to pay a parking meter without downloading the app. The committee received a request to remove the compact

space from the area of 21 North 6th Street. PennDOT's requirement for a regular parking space is 19' x 9'; anything smaller would be considered a compact space. There are nine marked compact spaces within the Borough; Parking Enforcement believes the two spaces on North 6th Street, one space in Courthouse Square, and the one at 712 Monroe Street should remain. The compact spaces at 745 Main Street, 919 Main Street, and the three spaces in Lot 5 can be removed, and the ordinance should be updated accordingly.

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

Sewer Committee – No report.

Street Committee – Mr. Abell reported that the Borough Engineer is designing speed tables for Thomas Street; paving projects are coming up; and bike lane signage for Glen Park will soon be installed. The next meeting is Wednesday, June 17 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Personnel Committee – The committee met prior to this Council Meeting; no decisions were made.

Public Relations/Media Committee – Ms. McCabe thanked Michael Moreno for coordinating the porta potties for this season's concert series! Ms. McCabe thanked the Borough of Stroudsburg, ESSA, Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau, and businesses providing in-kind donations for making this 8-week concert series possible. The concerts begin Thursday, June 18 at 6:00 p.m. Ms. McCabe encourages Council Members to help before, during, and after each show. Concertgoers are encouraged to support the many dining options along Main Street and surrounding side streets. Ms. McCabe sent the Borough's webmaster a list of updates to begin the website transformation, however she has not gotten a response back. Lastly, Ms. McCabe reminded anyone who has access to post on the Stroudsburg Borough's Facebook page: Please be sure you turn off comments to your posts! A Social Media Policy is forthcoming. The next meeting is Thursday, June 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Redevelopment Committee – Mr. Abell reported the committee discussed the vacant properties at South 8th and Main Streets, and next to Pocono Bike. Engineering began for the Monroe County's parking lot on North 6th Street and Quaker Alley. The next meeting is Wednesday, June 10 at 4:30 p.m.

I-80 Expansion Task Force Committee – Tara Mezzanotte, of the I-80/611 Delaware Water Gap Coalition and municipal liaison to NJDOT and PennDOT provided an update the projects:
NJDOT I-80 Projects: The NJDOT I-80 projects remain active. NJDOT is conducting additional behind-the-scenes studies and work. The release of the NEPA environmental documents is now scheduled for the end of 2027 and into 2028—a positive development for the projects as it indicates they are taking our input seriously.
Upcoming Meeting: PennDOT is moving toward public outreach and plans to hold a meeting in July to gather feedback from DWG-area municipalities. This input will help develop the project's Purpose and Need Statement. The meeting will be held in a hybrid format, with Smithfield Township providing its meeting room. While attendance is not limited, we recommended one representative per town attend in person to keep the meeting efficient. Officials from Monroe, Northampton, and Warren Counties will also be invited. Municipal contact information will be shared with PennDOT for direct communication.
Expansion of Project Scope: The project has evolved from the original slope and retaining wall work into a broader 611 DWG Corridor Improvement Project. This allows PennDOT to more holistically address additional safety, mobility, structural, and congestion issues both north and south of the area currently reduced to one lane.

Municipal Input: We are compiling a list of all issues raised through resolutions and letters over the years regarding Route 611 between the 191/611 intersection and Portland. The list will be distributed to towns and counties before the meeting. Municipalities have discussed adding to the list and preparing a joint resolution (after the meeting) to demonstrate their willingness to be productive partners and help keep the project on schedule.
Point of Gap Traffic Signal: This matter is now folded into the Corridor Improvement Project, with a dedicated PennDOT team focused on the signal. The situation is expected to remain for four-plus years while studies and design work proceed. The team recently met to identify signal issues and brainstorm improvements.

Parks and Rec (SROSRC) Committee – Ms. McCabe reported the committee is revamping the bi-laws; summer camp is beginning; Square Fare will be the vendor at the Stroudsburg Pool for this season; and a grant is being researched to remodel the kitchen at the Day Street Community Center.

Junior Council Committee – This month's committee meeting was cancelled; interviews are scheduled with potential Junior Council candidates.

Mental Health Committee – No report.

America250 Committee – Mocktails on Main will be held on June 6, with 9 participating establishments; Michelle Riegel will be at the Farmers Market on Saturday morning to hand out passports. Pennsylvania Day is Monday, July 20: Main Street Clean Up day is scheduled from 11:30 to 2:30, and the Heroes Dinner will be held at 6:00 p.m.

Mayors Report
No report.

Council Member Reports
Ms. McCabe wanted to acknowledge Brian Ace who is always available to help and answers his phone outside normal working hours, and added there is a great team within the Borough. Ms. McCabe advised that the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau is in charge of the planters along Main Street; businesses can maintain a planter that is located in front of their establishment. Mr. Shay suggested a local garden club spruce up the planters and keep up with the maintenance. Michael Schroder relayed to council that enough money was raised from a social media post to plant 30 planters. The group would like to work with the Borough so the planters could be ready before the July 4th Parade. Mr. Abell stated he is more than willing to work with the group, however, details like maintenance and responsibility of the planters need to be addressed. Mr. Shay reported the planters on the North 7th Street side of Penn Stroud are in the way of pedestrians, not ADA complaint, and they should be removed.

Solicitor's Report
Solicitor Brown advised approval from PA DEP and US EPA is required for the Creek Walk easements around the UGI and PPL properties; he will coordinate with the Borough Manager and Borough Engineer.

Manager's Report

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Meetings
DEP Flood Protection Workshop May 18th – 19th

Denny/Traffic Calming Thomas Street May 19th
Verkada/Glen Park May 20th
Tarah/Monroe Historical/Fort Hamilton May 20th
County Engineer/Parking Lot Plan May 26th
Pelham Check-In May 26th
PennDOT/VRU Safety Assessment May 27th
BCRA/DCED Multimodal Grant May 27th
Creative District Organization Meetings (x2) May 28th
Verkada/Gridless Cameras May 28th
Pre-Construction Meeting/Kraemer Ave May 29th
SARP Pension Board Meeting May 29th
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
Delta Development Status Meeting June 5th
Downtown Stroudsburg Board Meeting June 8th
Downtown Stroudsburg Business Meeting June 9th
Pelham Check-In June 9th
Enterprise Fleet Analysis June 10th
Service Line Program Meeting June 10th
SARP Formula Meeting June 15th
Revolving Loan Fund Webinar June 16th

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. All approvals/permitting complete; working easements from UGI and PPL to go out to bid. Hoping to do work in 2026.

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) this year. Pre-Construction Meeting May 29th; Paving June 4th. 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.
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
Working on planting flowers in the planters on Main Street; have arranged watering by PMVB. Replacing existing trash cans on Main Street.

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. Will be sending in a Letter of lntent by the deadline of June 12th. Will also be setting further meetings with a Advisory Committee to flesh out details for the full grant proposal.

Downtown Visioning/Strategic Planning
Received proposed strategies, implementation plan, transformational strategies and verbiage for plan. Pelham Associates working on finalizing and completing.

Solid Waste Ordinance/Liens
Developing procedures for liens on overdue trash accounts with PAMS.

Safety Committee
Safety Training and Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for June. Meeting 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. Contacted by Supervisor and Onsite Provider May 15th. 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 Summer Infrastructure Projects Management
Creative District Designation Verkada Cameras
Solid Waste Liens

Engineer's Report

Kathleen Brady reported the Broad Street/Park Avenue intersection improvement project is moving along; their office is completing the TE-672 Pedestrian Needs Accommodation at Intersections Checklist and it will be submitted to Mr. Adam Stettler, Assistant District Traffic Signals Manager, PennDOT. The surveying for this intersection is almost complete. Mr. Peters marked out Thomas Street for the speed tables.

Downtown Manager's Report

Mr. Moreno provided his report to Council via email. He has been involved with planning the June 6 Mocktails on Main event with the America250 Committee, and Pocono PRIDE Festival on June 7. There is a Stroudsburg Main Street Board meeting on Monday, June 8. Ms. McCabe thanked Mr. Moreno, adding he has been doing everything that is expected of him in his new

role. She has heard from multiple business owners that Mr. Moreno is doing an excellent job!

Zoning/Codes Officer Report

Ms. Destefano reported the third year of rental inspections begins in July. A meeting is scheduled with the owners of 712 Thomas Street on June 3 to discuss windows.

Street Superintendent's Report

Mr. Ace was absent.

Approval of Bills on Warrants 260602

A motion was made by Mr. Christman, seconded by Ms. McCabe to approve the payment of bills on Warrants 260602. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

Public Input for Non-Agenda Items

Dulce Ridder asked how many bids were received for the parking garage repairs and which company was awarded the contract. Kathleen Brady advised that eight bids were received, and the contract was awarded to D&M Construction Unlimited, Inc. This was approved at the November 18, 2025 Council Meeting.

Executive Session

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m., on a motion made by Mr. Christman, seconded by Ms. McCabe. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)