STROUDSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – MAY 19, 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 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, Zoning/Codes Officer Kenelle DeStefano, and Executive Assistant Becky Smith. Council Member Victoria DeVries was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for the regular meeting on May 5, 2026**
The minutes of the regular meeting on May 5, 2026 were approved on a motion made by Ms. Joubert, seconded by Ms. Crawford-Braun. The motion was carried. (4-yes; 0-no; 2-abstain, Mr. Shay and Ms. McCabe were not present at the May 5, 2026 meeting)

**Monthly Administrative Reports**
The following monthly reports were approved on a motion made by Ms. McCabe, seconded by Mr. Christman: 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 April 2026, Treasurer Report**
A motion was made by Ms. McCabe, seconded by Mr. Christman 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**
There was a discussion regarding approval of a Parking Services Agreement with Municipal Parking Services, Inc., (MPS) for the installation and monitoring of up to 500 Sentry Safety and Solar Stick Bollards within the Borough of Stroudsburg for the enforcement of Borough Parking Ordinances. The intent of the safety sticks is to provide around-the-clock enforcement of problem areas, such as blocking fire lanes and fire hydrants, in the Borough. The parking violation is sent electronically to the Borough for final approval, then issued to the offender. A Parking Services Agreement was received from Municipal Parking Services, Inc., to proceed with the implementation of the system. After reviewing the proposed agreement, Mr. Christman had concerns, including the Economic Terms in Schedule B, and Enforcement Terms in Schedule C. Schedule B refers to a 40% fee paid to MPS on any violation sent to the Borough, regardless of if it is approved or not. Schedule C refers to limited ability for the Borough to change anything, such as exempt plates. Mr. Abell believes this is a huge cost on the Borough or the violators and makes the Borough responsible for any repairs to the safety sticks. Ms. McCabe clarified the safety sticks would only be placed in areas with fire lanes, not any other parking violation at this time. She recommends starting in Quaker Alley, from the Courthouse Annex Building to N. 6th Street.

A motion was made by Mr. Christman, seconded by Ms. McCabe to direct Solicitor Brown to obtain all of Mr. Christman's concerns and renegotiate the agreement with Municipal Parking

Services, Inc., (MPS), and to bring the revised contract back to Council for approval. The motion was carried. (4-yes; 2-no, Mr. Abell, Mr. Shay; 0-abstain)

Mr. Kopp discussed the enforcement of Section 20-315 of the Borough's Mandatory Municipal Solid Waste Ordinance, Municipal Liens. Mr. Kopp advised that there are outstanding trash balances for which municipal liens can be filed. Solicitor Brown's office will file the liens on the Borough's behalf.

A motion was made by Ms. McCabe, seconded by Mr. Christman to direct Solicitor Brown to prepare a Resolution 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. Joubert to direct the Borough Manager to send a letter to the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts to engage interest for possible grant funding for the 2027-2028 Creative District Program. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

A motion was made by Mr. Christman, seconded by Ms. McCabe to approve the First Addendum to the Development Agreement with the YMCA, extending the Completion Date to June 30, 2028. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

A motion was made by Ms. McCabe, seconded by Mr. Christman to approve the following applications, as recommended for the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness by HARB: Shonette Rodriguez, 511 Thomas Street, removing the old, scalloped slate shingles on the rear of the property and replace with CertainTeed Carriage House shingles; Evelyn Pagan, 711 Scott Street, adding two new black steel handrails to the front steps; Kenneth Prush, 610 Thomas Street, replacing of the wood fence with a new aluminum 5-foot Tuff Built Mitchell in the color black with two gates in the rear and side yards; Michal and Gabriela Natkamiec, 833-837 Monroe Street, adding of shutters to the second-floor windows, adding a wood dog ear 34" fence around the parking area to make an outside sitting area), adding two new wood signs, adding a fabric awning over the storefront windows, and adding gooseneck lighting over the two signs and additional sconces on the first floor. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain) On behalf of the Redevelopment Committee, Mr. Abell requested that HARB create a preapproved product list.

**Committee Reports**

Codes Committee – Mr. Abell reported permits have been submitted from LaBar Village; a draft Real Estate Transfer Ordinance is being prepared; a draft Sign Ordinance is being prepared; and Data Center ordinances from other municipalities are being reviewed by the committee. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 27 at 4:30 p.m.

Budget Committee – No report.

Parking Committee – Ms. McCabe reported the committee will discuss a request for the 900 Block of Sarah Street become residential permit parking; utilization of a different parking app; and a request to remove a compact car metered space on N. 6th Street. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 27 at 5:15 p.m.

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

Sewer Committee – No report.

Street Committee – Mr. Abell reported he met with Brian Ace and Denny Peters at the Ramsey

School to discuss speed tables. Brodhead Creek Regional Authority is contributing to the paving of Thomas Street in 2027, so it makes sense to start with speed tables there and eventually add to Scott Street. Mr. Peters suggested that public meetings be scheduled for community involvement, and to confirm that emergency vehicles and the street department will be able to navigate the speed tables. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 20 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Personnel Committee – No report.

Public Relations/Media Committee – Ms. McCabe reported that Porta Potties will be available during the Concerts in the Square; the committee is coordinating with dining establishments for takeout options. Ms. McCabe encourages all Council Members to not only attend the concerts, but volunteer! A list has been provided to the Borough's webmaster to begin the website improvements. The next meeting is Thursday, May 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Redevelopment Committee – Mr. Abell reported the committee is discussing rezoning Lower Main Street from C-1A to C-2, making a continuous C-2 Zoning District from Stroudsburg High School to Veterans Memorial Bridge. The committee also discussed the Creek Walk, lighting at Glen Park, and crosswalk patterns. The next meeting is Wednesday, June 10 at 4:30 p.m.

I-80 Expansion Task Force Committee – No report.

Parks and Rec (SROSRC) Committee – Ms. McCabe reported volunteers are needed for the June 6th Levee Loop race; the committee is rewriting the Stroud Rec bylaws; summer camp is coming up and they are hiring! Square Fare will have their food truck at the Stroudsburg pool this summer. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Junior Council Committee – Ms. Currie reported that interviews for six interested candidates for the Junior Council Member will be conducted on June 15.

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

America 250 Committee – Ms. Crawford-Braun reported that Mocktails on Main is Saturday, June 6; she and Mayor Currie are conducting interviews with the participating establishments for social media promotions. The Heroes Dinner is Monday, July 20 with a volunteer clean up day earlier that day.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Currie will attend the PSAB Conference May 31 through June 3, and will perform a wedding on June 30.

**Council Member Reports**

Mr. Abell has a real estate item to discuss in Executive Session.

**Solicitor's Report**

The plans for the AWSOM property on Godfrey Ridge Drive are ready for Matt Abell's signature. They will be signed and returned to AWSOM's President Rich Homar.

## Manager's Report

Memorial Day Weekend Yard Sale Update: Council agreed to include Friday, May 22 to the yard sale dates, making the free, borough-wide yard sale Friday, May 22 through Monday, May 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

# Borough Manager Report
# May 19th, 2026

### Meetings

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| US DOT/Stroudsburg Projects | May 6th |
| Dan/ESSA Bank | May 8th |
| Congressman Bresnahan Visit to Stroudsburg | May 8th |
| SARP Executive Committee | May 11th |
| Downtown Stroudsburg Business Association | May 12th |
| Pelham Check-In | May 12th |
| Enterprise Leasing Fleet Analysis | May 13th |
| Senator Brown/Mayor Meeting | May 13th |
| Mental Health Committee | May 15th |
| Happy Hour Street Fest | May 16th |
| Pocono Council of Governments | May 18th |
| America/Stroudsburg 250 | May 18th |
| 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 |
| Pelham Check-In | May 26th |
| PennDOT/VRU Safety Assessment | May 27th |
| Develop Revolving Loan Fund | May 28th |
| SARP Pension Board Meeting | May 29th |
| RACP Entrance Meeting | June 3rd |

### 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; just need construction 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. Mobilization begins week of May 25th. 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 going to Appropriations Committee for Five Points Roundabout. Met with DOT May 6th to discuss. Senator McCormack advanced Congressionally Directed Spending request for Borough Building Upgrades/Renovations.

***USDOT Safe Streets and Roads***. Planning grant for safety studies. Due May 26th. Resubmission of 2025 request.

***DCED Flood Mitigation Program.*** For needed levee repairs. Due May 31st.

***DCED Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program***. For Rotary Park improvements. Due May 31st.

***2026 PMVB Community Impact Grant***. Submitted. $10,000 request. For Big Belly Trash Receptacle Maintenance and Repair.

***2026 DCNR Grant C2P2 Grant***. Submitted April 30th, 2026. For Rotary Park improvements.

***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. CFA Board Meeting May 20th. Next in July (July 21st).

***PennDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA)***. Not Funded.

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

***Main Street Matters Program Grants***. Not funded. For Business Improvement Grants.

***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.

**Stroudsburg Visit Congressman Bresnahan**

Visit on Friday, May 8th, 12:00 pm. Visited Borough Building, Pocono Soap, Dunkelberger's, Five Points and walked Main Street. Visit went extremely well!

**Downtown Visioning/Strategic Planning**

Received proposed strategies, implementation plan, transformational strategies and verbiage for plan. Working on finalizing and completing. Any last comments please let me know ASAP.

**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 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 April/May. Problems of pick-up seem to have been resolved without expanding pick-up schedule to four days from three.

**Monthly E-Newsletters**

May E-Newsletter out last week.

**Safety Committee**

Safety Training and Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for May.

**Borough Newsletter**

Summer issue in June.

**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**

LSA/Main Street Project Summer Infrastructure Projects Management

## Engineer's Report

Denny Peters reported the parking garage construction has begun and is on track with the timeline. Mr. Peters met with PennDOT regarding the Park Avenue and Broad Street intersection. A preconstruction meeting for the Kraemer Avenue paving project is May 29.

## Downtown Manager's Report

Mr. Moreno provided his report to Council via email.

**Zoning/Codes Officer Report**
No report.

**Street Superintendent's Report**
Mr. Ace reported he and his team will install bollard sleeves at the intersections of N. 6th and Sarah Street and N. 6th and Main Street this week.

**Approval of Bills on Warrants 260519**
A motion was made by Mr. Christman, seconded by Ms. McCabe to approve Bills on Warrants 260519. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)

**Public Input for Non-Agenda Items**
Brian Gallagher, President of the Pocono Irish American Club (PIAC), asked Council to reconsider PIAC's request for free parking throughout the Borough during the 6th Annual Irish Festival on September 12. Mr. Gallagher stated it would be an added perk for the festival, which is done for the town. Mr. Abell advised the Special Event Policy was revised in 2025, which includes a section regarding free parking requests, creating a uniform response to address the many requests received each year. Not providing free parking encourages turnover at meters, rather than allowing cars to stay parked in one space for a long period of time. The turnover of parked cars helps support the businesses during festivals. Shuttle services for future events is currently being worked on. The follow-up request for free parking during the Irish Fest was denied.

**Executive Session**
A motion was made by Mr. Christman, seconded by Ms. McCabe to move into Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. The motion was carried. (6-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain).

A motion was made by Ms. McCabe, seconded by Mr. Christman to move from Executive Session to the regular meeting at 8:25. The motion was carried. (6-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain).

**Adjournment**
The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m., on a motion made by Mr. Christman, seconded by Ms. McCabe. The motion was carried. (6-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain)