

Meeting Minutes
MILL HALL BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
February 24, 2026

Council Members in attendance: Derek Berry, Derek Caris, Tom Evers, Richard Hetzel, Karen Houser, Michelle Kunes, Mike Renninger, Anthony Walker.

Guests in attendance: Tom Bossert, Bob Dwyer, Sara Egger, Mindy Packer

Media in attendance: Laura Tarantella

Staff in attendance: Brandon Coleman, April Bittner, Kevin Hoy

The regular meeting of the Mill Hall Borough Council was called to order at 7:00pm by President Berry.

Guest Comments

- Tom Bossert and Bob Dwyer gave an update on the Pool Renovation Project
- Sara Egger introduced herself as a candidate running for 76th District State Representative

JANUARY 27, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Ms. Kunes to accept the January 27, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

It was moved by Mr. Hetzel and seconded by Mr. Caris to approve payment of bills. Motion carried.

FEBRUARY 2026 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

It was moved by Mr. Caris and seconded by Mr. Hetzel to approve the February 2026 Financial Statements. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

It was moved by Mr. Renninger and seconded by Ms. Houser to adopt Ordinance 2026-01 relating to the reduction of Planning Commission from 7 to 5 members. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

No stone bids were submitted.

It was moved by Ms. Houser and seconded by Ms. Kunes to approve the Iron Man Competition to run through Mill Hall Borough on Sunday, June 14, 2026. Beech Creek Avenue and Water Street will be utilized. Mill Hall Borough Police Department to provide traffic control. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Renninger to approve Mill Hall Elementary School use of the Mill Hall Community Park for their end of the year school field trip on May 28 with a June 2 rain date. They will need to reserve all the pavilions that day. No charge. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Hetzel to allow KCSD Central Mountain Baseball use of the large baseball field for practice and games from March 2026 through June 2026. An athletic agreement will be required as well as attendance at the March 11 Park & Rec Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Hetzel and seconded by Ms. Houser to adopt Resolution 2026-08 recognizing April 2026 as Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month. Motion carried.

It was moved by Ms. Houser and seconded by Mr. Caris to not send a letter of support for the proposed Clinton County pedestrian safety improvement project along High Street in the Borough of Flemington, near the municipal connection with Bald Eagle Township. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Renninger to table the discussion to put the sale of the pump station in the newspaper and on Municibid until the Sewer/Highway Committee can discuss in detail. No trespassing signs should be placed at the property. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Caris and seconded by Mr. Renninger that Mill Hall Borough will not maintain the sidewalk on the PennDot owned bridge between Main and Water Streets. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Hetzel and seconded by Ms. Houser to change the Capital Reserve Budget line item name from Fire Equipment to Emergency Services Equipment/Maintenance. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Hetzel and seconded by Mr. Walker to update the Mill Hall Borough Personnel Policy in relation to emergency call outs and paid time off. Motion carried with Mr. Caris opposed.

It was moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Caris to approve the pay of Code Officer Dave Miller \$35 per incident during the off season. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Caris and seconded by Mr. Hetzel to have the Borough Solicitor create an agreement between Mill Hall Brough and Tom Smith/Valley Hotel/Clint Smith to cover all costs associated with creating a noise ordinance. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Renninger to have the Borough Solicitor change ordinances relating to Snow Removal fines and Grass/Weed Ordinance fines. Motion carried.

Snow Removal: § 21-404Penalties. [Ord. 61, 12/16/1952; as added by Ord. 1994-1, 11/1/1994, § 4]

Any person who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine not less than ~~\$50~~ \$100 and not exceeding \$300 and costs or, in default of payment thereof, shall be subject to imprisonment for a term not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Grass/Weeds: § 10-104Penalties. [Ord. 69, 6/4/1947, § 4; as amended by Ord. 184, 4/3/1990]

Any person who shall violate any provision of this Part 1 shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine not less than ~~\$25~~ \$75 nor exceeding \$600 and costs, or in default of payment thereof, shall be subject to imprisonment for a term not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense. Notice to the offender shall not be necessary in order to constitute an offense.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS

- SECRETARY/TREASURER-Ms. Bittner provided an updated written report noting some changes from her original report.
- PUBLIC WORKS-Mr. Hoy stated the stop sign on Dewey St run over again, KCSO sewer not cleaned out as they said it was, soon will be jetting storm sewer lines, waiting to hear back from City on their sewer line mapping program, dump truck fixed, Chevy broken hydraulic line fixed.
- POLICE-Chief Coleman shared that the police department is busy with investigations relating to juveniles, continuing working with Bald Eagle Twp on speed ordinance, held a brief discussion on a Dewey Street incident.

COMMITTEE REPORTS-each chair provided an overview of their committee meetings.

SEWER/HIGHWAY-Chair Caris

ORDINANCE-Chair Evers

- ZONING REPORT-written report provided by Light-Heigel
- CODE REPORT-none

PARK & RECREATION-Chair Berry

PERSONNEL-Chair Walker

SAFETY-Chair Evers

- FIRE COMPANY-written report provided by Lock Haven Fire Department

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Berry mentioned that he will be attending the Lock Haven Fire Advisory Board meetings relating to regionalized emergency services. He'll report back to the Safety Committee after each meeting.

Chief Coleman mentioned that KCSD will be voting on whether to have the Summer Rec Program in 2026. He encouraged Council Members to reach out to their Representative on the matter.

It was moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Caris to move to an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 8:14pm.

It was moved by Mr. Caris and seconded by Mr. Walker to return to the Regular Scheduled Meeting at 8:52pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Walker and seconded by Ms. Kunes at 8:53pm

Submitted by April Bittner, Secretary/Treasurer