

Meeting Minutes
MILL HALL BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
July 28, 2026

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

Guests in attendance: Tom Bossert, Jeff Haines, Lane Wallace, Sarah Nestor

Media in attendance: Laura Tarantella

Staff in attendance: April Bittner, Brandon Coleman, Dave Miller, Ryan Kunes

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

Guest Comments

- Jeff Haines shared his concerns with the numerous complaints from his neighbor.

JUNE 23, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Houser and seconded by Mr. Caris to accept the June 23, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

It was moved by Mr. Renninger and seconded by Mr. Walker to approve payment of bills. Motion carried.

JULY 2026 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

It was moved by Ms. Kunes and seconded by Ms. Houser to approve the July 2026 Financial Statements. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Held a discussion on the pool bid numbers. Tom Bossert reached out the Congressman GT Thompson on securing additional funds to bridge the gap of what is needed to move forward with the pool restoration. He requested a week to find the money. It was moved by Mr. Caris and seconded by Mr. Hetzel to hold a special meeting on August 4, 2026 at 6:30pm to continue the discussion on the pool restoration. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Caris and seconded by Ms. Kunes to adopt Ordinance No 2026-05 relating to noise in the Borough. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Hetzel to appoint Steve Gibson as the engineer on the CDBG project relating to sidewalks. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Hetzel and seconded by Ms. Houser to hire Joshua Weaver for the public works position at a rate of \$23 per hour. After 90 days, rate will increase to \$24.25. Healthcare will start immediately. Motion carried.

It was moved by Ms. Kunes and seconded by Mr. Caris approval for the property owner at 109 Danis Street to remove current sidewalk and pave. Owner will be required to paint lines on both Danis and Church Streets to show a walkway. Completion date of October 31, 2026. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Renninger to have the Borough's Solicitor review and create an ordinance change relating to Dogs Running at Large. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Ms. Kunes to have the Borough's Solicitor review and create an ordinance change relating to Outdoor Burning. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Hetzel and seconded by Ms. Houser to send Light-Heigel a letter informing them that Council will be terminating service with them in 60 days serving as Zoning Officer/Floodplain Administrator/Building Code Officer. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Hetzel and seconded by Mr. Caris to appoint Code Assessment Professionals as Mill Hall Borough's Zoning Officer/Floodplain Administrator/Building Code Officer immediately after the 60 days notice to Light-Heigel or upon termination from Light-Heigel. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Caris to have Patriot Tree Surgeons clean up the broken limbs on the maple tree in the park and various trees in the Borough's right of way at a cost of \$3650.00. \$500 will be paid out of Park Ground Maintenance with the balance paid out of Maintenance & Repairs to Roads. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Caris and seconded by Ms. Kunes to approve two additional EDUs for two new homes to be built on Dry Run Road, Howard, PA 16841. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Hetzel and seconded by Mr. Walker to close the air compressor maintenance account with Lamar Township and split the balance. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Hetzel and seconded by Mr. Caris to have RPM Parking Lot Maintenance paint lines at the Railroad Crossing at a cost of \$450. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS

- SECRETARY/TREASURER-Ms. Bittner provided a written report.
- PUBLIC WORKS-Public Work Foreman shared they are working on catch basins and will install the ballards at the memorial.
- POLICE-Chief Coleman provided a written report and shared they are very busy.

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-written report by Dave Miller

PARK & RECREATION-Chair Berry

PERSONNEL-Chair Walker

SAFETY-Chair Evers

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

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Walker asked about the safety surveys.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Hetzel at 8:00pm

Submitted by April Bittner, Secretary/Treasurer