LYKENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Lykens Borough Council held a regularly scheduled monthly meeting Monday, February 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located at 200 Main Street. Kerry H. Teter, President of Council presided over the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by roll call.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carole Wertz	Harold Paul
Kerry H. Teter	Delton Kreiser
Gary Sallada	Spencer Yates

ALSO PRESENT:

Joseph Kerwin, Solicitor
Nicole Barge, Mayor
Nathan Pendal, Manager Public Works
Donald Pell Jr., Fire Police Captain
John Shultz, Liberty Hose Co. #2
Jim Hoffman, Liberty Hose Co. #2
Tommie Harner, Citizen
Gary Bingaman, Citizen
Jeanette M. Crabb, Secretary

MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Vice President Harold Paul and seconded by Spencer Yates the minutes from the January 5, 2026 Reorganization meeting were approved.

Upon a motion by Spencer Yates and seconded by Gary Sallada the minutes from the January 19, 2026 monthly council meeting were approved.

CITIZENS: Gary Bingaman addressed council. Gary explained he is looking into adding a one bay addition onto the back of his existing garage. Gary went through the permit process but needs to obtain a variance from the floodplain ordinance to allow the additional floor area. Upon a motion by Spencer Yates and seconded by Gary Sallada,

council approved the variance to allow the maximum floor area with the condition that flood openings and anchoring must be done in accordance with the ordinance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The total deposited for the month of January was $16,207.35.

Upon a motion by Carole Wertz and seconded by Spencer Yates, permission was given to send a direct payment request to the county to pay Mid-State Paving, LLC from grant funding in the amount of $7,761.43 for work completed on the Lawley Road Safety and Stormwater Improvement Project.

Upon a motion by Carole Wertz and seconded by Spencer Yates, the Secretary's Report was accepted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

There was nothing to report this month.

LYKENS PLANNING COMMISSION

There was nothing to report.

COG REPORT

President of Council, Kerry H. Teter advised that COG hired a consultant to look into the benefits of regionalizing the EMS in the Uppper Dauphin County. Kerry said he spoke with UPMC who has an ambulance stationed in Lykens Borough and was informed they have no plans to move out and plan to continue servicing Lykens.

Councilwomen Carol Wertz advised COG is looking for all the municipalities and townshows in the Upper Dauphin area to sign a resolution that they understand the structure and support moving forward with the next step of the process.

John Shultz addressed council, John explained that he has a background in EMS, fire ect.... John said a few weeks ago he attended an EMS meeting with Carole as well as a meeting with Kerry and Carole in Pillow. John advised he asked for a plan, how this will be supported, staffing, wages and if there was a business model. John said that all his questions were answered in the same manner that once a board is set up they will make these type of decisions. John further advised the board that will be set up may not be people knowlegable of EMS which he feels is not good. John expressed he feels they are

putting the cart before the horse when you expect a municipality or township to be on board with something you have no cost or business model to show any figures. John said there were no EMS personnel at the meeting. John further said he was not sure if there was going to be a centralized location which would not benefit Lykens since we have an ambulance staioned in Lykens why would we want a longer wait time.There is no benefit to anyone east of Millersburg or Upper Paxton Township.
John advised that when Medic 6 started they went around to every ambulance association to see what they thought of the plan. John further advised they had board members that had BLS backgrounds, Medic 6 and Advanced Life Suipport they tried to merge but could not pay what the hospitals paid. John said if you miss 50% of the calls the Health Department pulls your license.
Carole explained everyone that attends other than 1 or 2 are EMS personnel.
Carole further explained that Chris plans to ask Rob Consulting for a business plan.

A roll call vote was taken on whether to move forward and sign the resolution or opt out of the study.
Carole – yes
Haold – no
Kerry – no
Delton – no
Gary - no
Spencer – no

The motion did not pass to sign the resolution and move forward, Lykens has opted out with 5 no votes and 1 yes vote.

Upon a motion by Spencer Yates and seconded by Gary Sallada the COG Report was accepted.

REVITALIZATION REPORT

Vice President of Council, Harold Paul reported monthly meetings have started back up and they are hoping to make good headway this year. Jim Hoffman asked if the meetings are open to the public. Harold informed Jim they are open to the public anyone may attend.

Tommie Harner commented on the progress at 527 North 2nd Street. Tommie said she is very pleased with the work she sees taking place. Tommie advised she is keeping a close eye since it is a half double to ensure they do not cut any shared beams. Tommie further advised she met the owner and has thanked him for the work he is having done to fix the property up. Tommie wanted to make sure everyone knew it was not her complaining about the dumpster or porta potty on the street but rather the neighbor.

Upon a motion by Spencer Yates and seconded by Delton Kreiser the Revitalization Report was accepted.

LYKENS BOROUGH AUTHORITY REPORT

All members were given the January 14, 2026 monthly meeting minutes.

MAYOR REPORT

There was nothing to report this month.

FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BUDGET REPORT

There was nothing to report this month.

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

Upon a motion by Carole Wertz and seconded by Delton Kreiser permission was given to have Sedesse‘s Plumbing replace 3 toilets, 1 urinal, 2 sinks and installed splash guards in the Senior Center side of the Borough Building in the amount of $5,985.00.

Upon a motion by Spencer Yates and seconded by Vice President, Harold Paul the Property and Supplies Report was accepted.

PARKS AND RECREATION

There was nothing to report this month.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

There was nothing to report this month.

INSURANCE AND PENSION REPORTS

There was nothing to report this month.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR’S REPORT

Upon a motion by Spencer Yates and seconded by Gary Sallada, Resolution #2026-08 was adopted to approve and place into immediate effect the Emergency Operations Plan of Dauphin County. (This resolution is updated every two years.)

Upon a motion by Carole Wertz and seconded by Gary Sallada the Emergency Management Coordinator's Report was accepted.

SALARIES AND BILLS

Ordinary and necessary expenditures that have been paid for the month of January is included on the Treasurer's report.

Upon a motion by Gary Sallada and seconded by Carole Wertz the Treasurer's Reports were accepted with permission to pay the following bills.

1. Dauphin County Budget & Finance in the amount of $555.00 for the Borough's share of expenses in regards to the TSIP funding for ADA Curbing. An email was received from HRG informing the Borough that the county received bids for the project however the bids were rejected due to the bids did not meet the requirements of county ordinance 2022-1. As a result, the project cannot be awarded. HRG is currently awaiting direction from the county on how to proceed.
2. Kaitlan Kerwin in the amount of $1,850.00 for legal fees associated with the services provided to the Zoning Hearing Board in reviewing and conducting a hearing.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Kerwin advised there was no appeal to the zoning hearing. Joe said we need to review our variances and possibly modify to only allow so many variances per hearing.

Solicitor Kerwin further advised the old hotel and Isreal building will be sold to Dauphin County Housing Authority in the near future. Joe will check on the taxes and rate abatement.

Vice President Harold Paul asked if anyone knew anything about the timbering going on up on the mountain. President of Council Kerry H. Teter advised the state can do what they want.

Solicitor Kerwin advised all municipalities want the ambulance however things are mixed up and need to be redone. Joe thanked Carole and John for their involvement. Jae said saving lives is the most important thing.

John Shultz advised without figures and a centralized location he does not see how this will pass other boards.

Councilman Delton Kreiser asked why a centralized location was needed. John explained without a centralized location response times would change. John further advised something along 209 would make a fairly universal time or equal response time.

Upon a motion by Delton Kreiser and seconded by Gary Sallada the Solicitor's Report was accepted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned by a motion by Delton Kreiser and seconded by Spencer Yates at 7:51 p.m.

Jeanette M. Crabb
Lykens Borough Secretary