LYKENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Lykens Borough Council held a regularly scheduled monthly meeting Monday, July 20, 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

ALSO PRESENT:

Joseph Kerwin, Solicitor
Nicole Barge, Mayor
John Shultz, Liberty Hose Co.2
Donald Pell Jr, Fire Police Liberty Hose Co. 2
Jim Hoffman, Liberty Hose Co.2 Fire Chief
Bonnie Krepich, Citizen
AveMaria Grumbine, Citizen
Megan Downs, Citizen
James Castro, Citizen
Jerry Stoneroad, Lykens Little Tigers
Ryan Langhans, Lykens Little Tigers
Jeanette M. Crabb, Secretary

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Upon a motion by Delton Kreiser and seconded by Gary Sallada the minutes from the June 15, 2026 monthly council meeting were approved.

CITIZENS: AveMaria Grumbine property under Green Christina Trust located at 535 Main Street was present to appeal a Quality-of-Life Violation she received from the Borough. AveMaria was on the agenda to appeal a Quality-of-Life Violation she received for high grass. AveMaria addressed council by explaining she is 50 years old and this is the first home she has ever owned. She explained it is a fixer upper and she is by herself now to make the repairs since her and her finance have gone their separate ways. AveMaria advised she is trying to bless the community by staying faithful to scripture

(several bible verses were read) she believes since she is 50 this is the 50th year to let the land rest. AveMaria asked council to allow her to post her property that it is in a year of rest.
President of Council, Kerry H. Teter thanked AveMaria for being so noble, however he explained as a board there is a liability for the health and safety of residents. Kerry explained due to high grass someone's dog was just bitten by a rattle snake.

Solicitor Kerwin thanked AveMaria for her prayers and said regardless of religious beliefs there is a duty to protect the community.

A role call vote was taken. The question was asked will the board allow the grass to remain high?
Carole Wertz – No
Harold Paul – No
Delton Kreiser – No
Kerry Teter – No
Gary Sallada – No

All members were in agreement that the grass at 535 Main Street will need to be mowed.

At this time James Castro addressed the board regarding his wife Megan Downs being reimbursed for the towing of her vehicle that was ticketed and towed. James explained they won in court since the vehicle was towed a day earlier than the letter had stated. President of Council, Kerry Teter explained the court case was not about the towing but rather about the vehicle being on the public street and not licensed or registered. The ticket had nothing to do with the towing. A citation was filed because the parking ticket was not paid.

A role call vote was taken. The question was should the Borough reimburse the towing fees?
Carole Wertz – No
Harold Paul – No
Kerry Teter – No
Delton Kreiser – No
Gary Sallada – No

All members were against reimbursing the towing fees.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The total deposited for the month of June was $39,294.53.

A letter was given to Donald Pell Jr. for Fire Police to participate in the 5K Race and Fun Walk on September 12, 2026. This event is hosted through the Valley Lighthouse.

Donald Pell Jr. advised he had the wrong date for the Williamstown Bi-Centennial Parade. The date was given as August 8th however the date will be August 15th.
Upon a motion by Delton Kreiser and seconded by Carole Wertz, 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

Councilwomen Carole Wertz reported COG met last Tuesday. At the meeting Lindsay with Tri-County Planning gave an update on the recent survey the commission took.

Carole further reported PPL wants to build a high service line in the Upper Paxton Township area.

Upon a motion by Gary Sallada and seconded by Delton Kreiser the COG Report was accepted.

REVITALIZATION REPORT

Councilman Harold Paul reported a meeting was held on Friday. Harold advised progress is slow but the problem areas are being addressed.

Upon a motion by Gary Sallada and seconded by Delton Kreiser the Revitalization Report was accepted.

LYKENS BOROUGH AUTHORITY REPORT

All members were given the June 10, 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

There was nothing to report this month.

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

There was nothing to report this month.

SALARIES AND BILLS

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

Upon a motion by Harold Paul and seconded by Delton Kreiser the Treasurer's Reports were accepted with permission to pay.

1. Joseph D. Kerwin Esq. in the amount of $9,950.00 for legal fees.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Kerwin reported he attended a data center seminar and the Borough should consider getting something on our books.

Solicitor Kerwin further reported by 2027 the Borough will need to amend our Flood Plain Ordinance in order to comply with new changes and updates. Joe further advised the Borough has a few ordinances that need updated.

Upon a motion by Carole Wertz and seconded by Delton Kreiser 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 Gary Sallada at 7:22 p.m.

Jeanette M. Crabb,
Lykens Borough Secretary