WYALUSING BOROUGH MEETING
Wyalusing Borough Hall
August 3, 2026

The Wyalusing Borough Council held their council meeting at the Wyalusing Borough Hall on Monday August 3, 2026, at 7:00. Those in attendance were:

Council Members: Ali Huber, Josh Kilmer, Brooks Blemle, Micah Dietz, Josh VanDeMark, Dee Huber

Absent:

Others: Sandie Zionkowski, Boro Secretary, Bruce Pitts, Public Works Manager

Public: Warren Howeler, Tammy Radney, Steph Cole, Jennifer Hicks, Stefani Whipple, Diane Showalter, Jessica Gee

Council member Josh Kilmer led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Josh Kilmer acknowledged the use of digital voice recorder.

Mayor's Report:

- Review of Police Report- Problem areas, Riverside Drive, Rocky Path Road, Cayutas Ave, and 2nd Street. Citizens concerned about warranting officer interference are on the list. Reports to Mayor from Citizens feeling unsafe with people lurking and with shooting episode.
- Updates on clubs/events:
- Wyalusing Community Theatre-their latest play held at the TW Room was a great success. Their following continues to expand. The next event is October 10th (Who the F-Flat?) Volunteers welcome.
- Farmers Market 9-3 on Fridays continues to grow (10 vendors) Vendors welcome.
- Rainbow Club had their summer picnic. Parade float prep now. Then on to Elimination Party Event Prep (10/17) is event date)
- Lions Club-prepping for parade and for Gun/Purse Bingo 8/22 (replaces Wine Fest)
- Ribbon Cutting-Rise up Smoothie Bar 7/27
- Rotary – Selling Bull Raffle Tickets at Carnival, Member get together this month, preparing for Disc Golf Tournament (10/3) looking to expand memberships
- Chamber-selling ducks and getting sponsors for the Duck Derby (9/19 11-3)
- Met with the Director of Bradford County Housing Authority (Jeramie Preffrer) regarding Park Place. He wanted to explain the clientele (elderly, handicapped, disabled) and changes to the fire system to add a stop gap between the fire going off and calling our fire dept. (10 calls this year)

- Mayor's Conference- Attended New May Workshop, hot topics of conference: Data Centers, electric bikes, disaster readiness, radar law, Human Trafficking, Crisis Response (persons trained to intervene that are no police/fire fighters) digitizing from communication, youth engagement

Citizens' Comments & Concerns:

- Tammy Radney, Steph Cole, Jennifer Hicks, Stefani Whipple, Jessica Gee, Diane Showalter along with a letter presented to Council from Alicia Brown with concerns for the community on the rise of crime. Their concerns revolved around possible drug activity (Drug Task Force has been notified), the Guardian Greenspace shooting, young kids/adults out all hours of the night not adhering to curfew times, non-stop four wheelers, alarms and all kinds of noise activity, human trafficking a concern at the borough park with individuals confronting young kids and their mothers, bikes being stolen. Concerns were raised with teenagers/young adults opening car doors and looking in people's homes. Citizens are asking for more police presence or coming together as a community to make the community feel safe again. Council does not disagree with Citizens concerns and asked if they would be willing to set up a Public Safety Committee with a leader appointed to compile ideas and plans to present to Council for discussion on how to resolve some of these issues and feelings of unsafe community. Borough Budget cannot support a police force; however, State Police can be asked to attend a meeting and share ideas on how to handle and report criminal activities being witnessed throughout the community and possibly provide more police presence. Discussion of more cameras throughout the Borough with homes/businesses included. Council indicated we need to come together as a group and compile ideas. The mayor also suggested that the concerned citizens communicate any activity being witnessed by the State Police regardless of how many times they need to call. Police need to hear from the witnesses. Council wants a mutual meeting ground to work out the issues and concerns. Additional speed bumps were also requested by the citizens and will be obtained. Citizens agreed to establish a Public Safety Group with forthcoming meetings to be scheduled.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of July 6, 2026, for the council meeting was reviewed by council members. There were no corrections to the minutes as presented. Micah Dietz made the motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dr Dee. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

- Josh VanDeMark made a motion to pay the bills and accept the Treasurer's Report as presented second by Brooks Blemle; the motion was carried out unanimously by voice vote.
- The Treasurer's Report was reviewed by Council members. The council accepted the report, and it was filed for audit.

Borough Maintenance/Ordinance Enforcement Officer Report:

- Brush, Branch pickup
- Garbage pickup
- Mowing, weed whacking etc., borough properties not contracted out

- **NON-ROUTINE MAINTENANCE**
  Trim low branches throughout borough when needed, signs line of site
  Storm water basin and gutter cleaning continue
  Delineators placed at several culvert pipes
  Weed control re-applied to gutters and curbs, entire town and State Roads

- **BUILDING & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE**
  Wash garage and front of borough hall
  Side by side/serviced by dealer
  Replace cut tire on GMC #1, non-repairable
  Service fountain leak
  Double doors replaced at basement access (HUD)

- **CEMETERY**
  Dead and damaged shrubs trees trimmed or removed, vines
  Weed preventor and mulch applied at sign and garage
  SERVE crew assists with maintenance, weeds, grave fill in

- **OLD BUSINESS**
  - D&C Mini Mart, planning and engineers' comments

- **CURRENT PROJECTS**
  - Borough Park playground equipment has deteriorated S/B replaced. (On Agenda) 2027 Budget
  - Continue crackdown on code violations in Borough. Junk cars, high grass, illegal dumping

- **CREEKSIDE PARK**
  - Clean up storm damaged trees, dress drainage ditch, trim back overgrowth on access road
  - Speed bump installed, signs, reflectors

- **BOROUGH PARK**
  14 cu yards, wood chips playground (Serve) back panels/screens painted at pump house
  Assist fire company with carnival project setup
  Weed control and wash pavilion prior to carnival
- Guardian Green Space

- **GUARDIAN GREEN SPACE**
  Maintain lawn and weed control

- **BREWER HOLLOW**
  Routine patrol

- **Zoning/Permits**
  D&C Quick Mart: BCPC working on development plan

- **CODE ENFORCEMENT**
  - Bradford County Courthouse (Franko Property)
  - HUD contacted regarding Franko Property
  - Franko abandoned property (weeds and grass cut)
  - Speeding concerns on Taylor Avenue
  - Junk cars unlicensed expired inspection fines to be issued
  - Illegal dumping by contractors at green dump

- **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** – N/A

- **QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL**
  1. Contractors and Landscapers dumping oversize loads at dump
  2. Junk Cars
  3. Impose fines for code violations

Foster Correspondence and Report:

E-mail reviewed from Foster and Foster is reviewed to establish a developer's agreement with D&C Fuels

Wyalusing Municipal Authority Liaison Report:

- No minutes or reports were submitted from WMA
- New secretary is still pending

Cor**respondence:** The following correspondence was reviewed by Council members:

(1) Bradford County Planning and Mapping Services
(2) Kinetik Resources
(3) Stiffler McGraw
(4) Pa Municipal and Nonprofit Leaders-Funding & Resource Newsletter

Correspondence reviewed/ discussed- no issues

New Business:

- September 14, 2026, meeting date was noted
- Security cameras, parks, and Borough dump were discussed, additional cameras will be put into force
- Stiffer McGraw services reviewed and Council agreed to continue with their services thru the D&C project with a cap of $10,000 and will be re-reviewed again when it reaches that point. Josh VanDeMark made the motion to accept with Micah Dietz seconding the motion and Council all in favor.
- Guardian Greenspace sign to be installed with hours of opening and closing
- Leatherstocking-review of permanent right of way- current offer is at $5 a foot with the total of $200. This agreement has been tabled pending further information needed. Plans were not clear on the amount of footage and amount seemed to be low. Council did not feel they had enough information to approve at this time. Further information is to be investigated.
- Borough playground equipment to be discussed with 2027 budget. Girl Scouts did install their sensory board and ribbon cutting took place on August 2, 2026.
- CDs were reviewed and agreed to have them left separate, set up for one year each. Motion made by Dr Dee to accept, 2nd Motion by Brooks Blemle and Council all in favor.

Old Business:

- D&C Fuels review- no changes, Foster is looking into developers' agreement, continuation of reviewing of intersection being done by Tractor Supply by D&C Fuels, once reviewed they will send to planning commission, borough will have 30 days to review from submission date.
- Update on Cemetery – grub control/grass seeding- 2nd grub treatment is forthcoming in August. Spot grass seeding was done with another round to come. Complete grass seeding is scheduled in future once grub treatments are completed.

Meeting adjourned by Josh Kilmer- 8:07
Next Meeting September 14, 2026

Submitted by,

Sandie Zionkowski, Boro Secretary/Treasurer