

WYALUSING BOROUGH MEETING
Wyalusing Borough Hall
July 6, 2026

The Wyalusing Borough Council held their council meeting at the Wyalusing Borough Hall on Monday July 6, 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, Eric Casanave, Joe Rinkus, Kailee Conner, Brandon Connor, Melissa Wojtkowski, Michelle Heeman, Stan Wojtkowski

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:

- June 2, 2026 – Interview with Newswatch 16 regarding bridge opening
- June 3, 2026 – Wyalusing Education Foundation Top 10 Event
- June 3, 2026 – WCT Meeting – Little Shop of Horrors is next performance weekend of July 31st.
- June 6, 2026 – Library Fundraiser: Annual Cruise in Event
- June 8, 2026 – Rainbow Club Meeting – Planning for 100th Anniversary Picnic
- June 9, 2026- Plans for radio ads fundraiser discussion
- June 9, 2026- WCC Meeting
- June 10, 2026- Lions Club Meeting- installation of new officers, Doug Eberlin is new President
- June 13, 2026- Eagle Scout Project Display Viewed
- June 14, 2026- Rainbow Club 100th celebration
- June 15, 2026 – Chamber Event on Succession Planning
- June 16, 2026- Kayak with Youth Leadership Group (with Carol Goodman and EMO)
- June 16, 2026- Bradford County Planning Commission Meeting – engineer/borough concerns presented by our engineering firm with plans for PENNDOT Traffic study and engineer plans regarding necessary driveway option to follow
- June 23, 2026- Rotary-Plans for car wash fundraiser finalized
- June 23, 2026- Lions Club Bingo Fundraiser Meeting (donations and sponsors welcomed)
- June 25, 2026- Lions Club People Helping People Meal Boxes packed

- June 27, 2026- Rotary Car Wash (\$500)
- July 1, 2026 – WCT Meeting
- July 3, 2026- 1st Wyalusing Farmers Market (9-3 expanded hours and vendors)
- Park equipment resource: www.GeneralRecreationInc.com
- Police Report was Reviewed with no issues relevant

Citizens' Comments & Concerns:

- Alaska Wojtkowski – Girl Scouts are requesting Borough Park for October 10th, 2026, for an event “In her Honor” – fire safety fundraiser – looking to show the community what a fire looks like firsthand. Event to be held October 10th, noon to? They are in hopes to utilize Hop Bottom Smoke House once they double check with their council. Girl Scouts asked for food trucks to be available, limited to 2 or 3. They will have upper parking lot or next to firehall. They will be reaching out to the Church to possible utilize their parking lot. Micah made the motion to approve, Dee Huber 2nd the motion and all council were in favor.
- Wyalusing Chamber wishes to secure Creekside Park September 19, 2026, with the approval of food trucks as per previous year, no more than 2 to 3 allowed. Dee Huber made the motion to approve with Josh VanDeMark 2nd the motion and Council were all in favor.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of June 1, 2026, for the council meeting was reviewed by council members. There were no corrections to the minutes as presented. Josh VanDeMark made the motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Brooks Blemle. 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**
 - Pressure wash Bridge Street Fence and lights
 - Trim low branches throughout borough when needed, signs line of site
 - Storm water basin cleaning continues
 - Delineators placed at several culvert pipes
 - Portable speed bump deployed First Street
 - Weed control applied to gutters and curbs. Entire town and State Roads

Replace accident damaged and faded signs

➤ **BUILDING & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE**

ADA Ramp leveled to specs

F-350 electrical issue

Trim parking area trees, weed and brush control

Billy Goat Rebuild grinder and exit pipes. Tune up

Service Fountain, Clean rain gutters on garage

➤ **CEMETERY**

Dead grass issue: Grub control first application, dead areas seeded limed

Dead and damaged shrubs trees trimmed or removed

Weed preventor and mulch applied at sign and garage

SERVE crew assists with maintenance, weeds, grave fill in

➤ **OLD BUSINESS**

- TSC drainage Work Appears to be working
- D&C Mini Mart, planning and engineer's 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**

- Heavy use
- Clean up storm damaged trees, Dress drainage ditch, Trim back overgrowth on access road
- Old growth timber failure rate increase noted

➤ **BOROUGH PARK**

Playground equipment inspection, (protective coating has ended life cycle) Options?
Pressure wash facility, paint swing, plant grass, install swing
Cycle picnic tables, paint barn red, clean up and mulch by old well station

➤ **GUARDIAN GREEN SPACE**

Park is being used more now
Replace trash receptacles
Weed control applied
Maintain lawn and weed control

➤ **BREWER HOLLOW**

Routine patrol

➤ **Zoning/Permits**

D&C Quick Mart: BCPC working on development plan
TSC retention pond working as designed 6/22
Tuscarora Wayne Insurance inquiry about new building
2nd Street law office. Historic District rehab requirements
Chuck Howard. Start Phase 1. Water Sewer and slab request

➤ **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

- Main Street. No contract license. (Tewksbury) ADA Ramp sidewalk footprint. Ashleys
- Report on rats/garbage 19 Canal Street, complied to request, case closed
- Grass in road citations warnings issued
- Junk cars unlicensed expired inspection fines to be issued
- High grass and weeds, Business District and Residential Districts
- Complaint about three 18 wheelers on Main Street
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➤ **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – N/A**

➤ **QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL**

1. Lawn Care Company Safety concerns, quality of service
2. Junk cars
3. Impose fines for code violations

Foster Correspondence and Report:

None

Wyalusing Municipal Authority Liaison Report:

- Minutes were submitted from the WMA- minutes were reviewed- no discussion on minutes.
- New secretary is still pending

Correspondence: The following correspondence was reviewed by Council members:

(1) Pa State Association of Boroughs

Correspondence reviewed/ discussed- no issues

New Business:

- Eric Casanave reviewed his D&C letter presenting his concerns. Zoning was reviewed along with the storm water plans and reviewed with Bradford County along with Stiffler McGraw. The 30 days for the Borough to respond to the letter was ending July 7, 2026, and since the Borough was having their first meeting on July 6, 2026, there was not enough time to respond to the concerns, so an extension was filed with Duane Naugle asking for more time for the Borough to respond. Josh Kilmer feels that the extension will be granted. The Borough along with Stiffler McGraw is asking for a cooperation agreement so the cost of the roads, maintaining the roads can be discussed and agreed upon along with all plans/issues being transparent with everyone. The Council is asking for the agreement to protect the Borough. Once the project reaches the post planning stage, the Borough has no control. PennDOT was not aware of traffic concerns. Traffic study is being asked to be re-looked at. The project has been scaled back from initial presentation and D&C is working to amend concerns. Eric Casanave asked Council permission to send the letter of concern to Duane Naugle. Josh Kilmer is in favor of all the points of the letter that Eric put together and Council is in favor to have letter submitted. Eric will send the letter to Duane and have shared it with the applicant. Council needs Cooperative agreement with Josh VanDeMark making the motion to have this and Dee Huber 2nd the motion. This will be sent to the Planning Commission. All Council is in favor of this.
- Streets Crack Sealed was discussed since the paving of Homets Heights will not take place at this time. Liquid Fuels money to be allocated to crack sealing streets and bidding is being looked at to advertise in the Fall. The bidding out of crack sealing is dependent upon the number of streets that are in need. Motion made by all Council to move to crack sealing and all in agreement.
- Playground equipment – walk thru was completed with list of concerns forthcoming. Questions are do we repair or replace? Do we get a grant? Josh Kilmer will be presenting a list to Council of points that need to be reviewed and addressed. Estimates and ballpark numbers forthcoming for 2027 budget.
- Secretary/Treasurer will be out of the office from August 6th through the 16th and this has been approved by Council.
- Temporary mowing increase due to gas prices was re-reviewed and Motion was made by Josh VanDeMark to suspend the increase and go back to original bid agreement with Micah 2nd the motion and all Council was in favor.

Old Business:

➤ None

Meeting adjourned by Josh Kilmer- 7:38
Next Meeting August 3, 2026

Submitted by,

Sandie Zionkowski, Boro Secretary/Treasurer