WYALUSING BOROUGH MEETING
Wyalusing Borough Hall
October 5, 2026

The Wyalusing Borough Council held their council meeting at the Wyalusing Borough Hall on Monday October 5, 2026, at 7:00. Those in attendance were:

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

Absent:

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

Public: Peg Huyck, Chris Case, Matt Hicks-Daily Review, Bruce Ashley, Warren Howland-Rocket

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- drug possession/attempt to deliver on Gaylord/High Street (Monday 12:24 PM), theft at Dandy (Tuesday 1:4;9 PM), criminal mischief at Creekside Park (Wednesday 11:15 am)
- Community Updates:
  Suky Burgess Rotary Disc Golf Tournament was a huge success- The Captain and Crew 2nd Tournament got a lot of new patrons of the sport to turn out.

  Lions Club Bingo netted around $20,000 up from the wine fest of about $1500 profit last year

  The last farmers' market was held on Friday. Jennifer Good did a great job heading up the market.

- Upcoming:
  Food Truck Fest on the Jack Pine Campus and HOCO Bonfire on Thursday 10/8 with the Homecoming Game on Friday

  Saturday 10/10 in Her Home Fire Safety Event at Borough Park and the F Flat- Masked singer competition including some local business owners (Jeff Homer, Jessica Smith, Joe Rinkus, Adam Woodruff) with Wes Skillings hosting.

Lions Club White Cane Days October 8 – 10. Lions Club members, including myself, will be collecting donations for the vision impaired at Connie's, Dandy, Pen Mart and the Homecoming Game.

Rainbow Club is holding their annual Elimination Party Fundraiser on the 17th.

Wyalusing's Trunk or Treat Event is 10/25 at the elementary school from 1-3

- Municipal Authority Meeting (9/8/26):
  -Looking into hiring a grant writer
  -c/o ballpark profanity for borough to address (Bruce was informed)
  -Brad requested timeline of events regarding school well
  -budget session

Citizens' Comments & Concerns:

- Peg Huyck attending the meeting with sharing, she is a huge fan of the speed bumps around the park as there are concerns of traffic driving around the park too fast during events. Peg would like to have speed bumps on her street permanently to help ensure safe speeds. Bruce agreed to reinstall speed bumps and shared they were only removed for the Street crack sealing that is scheduled. Bruce also shared they would be unable to leave them through the winter due to plowing.
- Bruce Ashley, Bruce's Lawn Service, attended the meeting asking for a gas supplement for mowing due to gas price increases. Council explained that the mowing is based on lowest bid and the adjustment was not requested when the bid was submitted. Council explained this creates unfairness to the other bidders and was unable to authorize his request.
- Chris Case from RTL attended the meeting to discuss ownership of the buildings at Boro Park, most especially the concession stand. RTL has taken ownership with discussion of redoing the upstairs, gutters etc. Structurally the building is sound, just needs maintenance and repairs. RTL plans to address these issues looking at fall and winter to repair. Building by the firehall to be sold and removed. RTL and fireman are discussing fencing and costs, possibly half and half shared in the expense. The Boro Council opted to leave insurance on the building for protection on the Boro.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of September 14, 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 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 Dee Huber; 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**

  Honorably placed American flags at ½ mast for 911
  Graffiti reported on John Street covered over
  Weed control and management
  Prepare trail cameras for placement
  Cut back overgrowth clean curbs Front Street & Homets Heights
  Storm Drain CLEANOUTS from RESIDENTIAL GREEN WASTE and gravel
  Nuisance tree removed from Gaylord fire hydrant

- **BUILDING & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE**

  F-350 State inspection and service
  GMC 3500 shift solenoid replaced (warranty)
  Pressure wash front of borough hall
  Skid Steer latches were repaired
  Prepare leaf box and Billy Goat for leaf season

- **CEMETERY**

  Continued support to maintain cemetery
  Mark out graves and dig cremation holes
  Spray perimeter for week control
  Maintained equipment, fuel, cleaning and repairs
  Mike Davis mows. Bennies awarded emergency bid remainder 2026 season. Noted: A+ work
  Replace top-soil tarp
  Rake topsoil and reseed damaged area by ZMX

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

- **CURRENT PROJECTS**
  - Prepare for 2027 Budget
  - Prepare for leaf season

- **CREEKSIDE PARK**

  Continue storm damage cleanup. Remove fallen trees when required.
  Vandals turf cemetery. PA State Police incident reported 9/18

Granted permission to race ducks utilizing access road, ready park
Prep park for disc tournament

- **BOROUGH PARK**
  Clean pavilion for weekend rentals
  Leaf and litter cleanup

- **GUARDIAN GREEN SPACE**
  Maintain lawn and weed control
  Tree damaged by out-of-control car- repaired damage
  Neighbor dumping debris behind fence, (dumping brush debris on borough owned property) registered letter-trees against fence

- **BREWER HOLLOW**
  Clean out pipe crossing
  Hunting permits being issued

- **Zoning/Permits**
  D&C Quick Mart: BCPC working on development plan
  Possible Zoning request change in B-1- apartment building requires zoning board hearing?
  Contractor permit roof on State Street
  Contractor permit step replacement rear of museum

- **CODE ENFORCEMENT**
  - (Franko Property) 5th cutting- move to Solicitor?-Council agreed to move to Solicitor
  - Junk cars unlicensed expired inspection 7 of 12 removed
  - High Grass and weeds 3
  - Backlash is significant
  - Citizens' complaint of three properties. Contact made to owners- all resolved
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- **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** – N/A

- **QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL**
  1. VETERANS FLAGS at Streetlights WHO?
  2. Impose fines for code violations. (Grass on streets, junk cars, Illegal dumping)
  3. 123 Gaylord Ave (Franko) 130 Riverside drive (Catrell) 51? Taylor Ave (Merrit)

Foster Correspondence and Report:

None

Wyalusing Municipal Authority Liaison Report:

- No minutes or reports were submitted from WMA

- New secretary is still pending

Cor**respondence:** None

New Business:

- Borough Park buildings were discussed with Citizens' comments and concerns
- Franko Home- will be moved to Jon Foster-Solicitor- 1st Motion made by Josh VanDeMark with a 2nd motion from Micah Dietz- Council was all in favor
- Zoning- Training for committee: zoning meets only if there is an issue, if no issue they stay dormant. An Attorney is needed for the Zoning committee, and Josh Kilmer will work on that. Eric from Stiffler-McGraw will be asked to advise on this. Council is in favor of committee having training. Motion made by Dee Huber for the training, 2nd by Brooks Blemle and Council was all in favor.
- 2027 Budget- motion to approve budget for advertisement- budget reviewed with no changes- motion to approve for advertisement, Micah Dietz made 1st motion to approve with Dee Huber making the 2nd motion and Council was all in favor. Sandie to complete final draft of Boro Budget and Cemetery Budget then sends them to Warren at the Rocket Courier.

Old Business:

- D&C Fuels review- no changes- new engineer has been assigned to the project and they are in the process of resubmitting their plans. Borough is waiting for the plans to be received, and Borough will have 30 days to review and respond. Planning Commission shares Borough's concerns on the project.
- Leatherstocking- no new information

Council moved to Executive Meeting at 7:31 to discuss Zoning and Employee evaluations.

Regular meeting resumed at 7:59. Council review of employee evaluations completed, and Council shared their gratitude to Bruce, Steve and Sandie with the job they are doing for the Borough. Motion was made by Micah Dietz with a 2nd from Josh VanDeMark to move Bruce to $30/hour, Sandie to $26/hour and Steve to $20/hour. Stipend of $75 for the Cemetery when there are weekend burials or layouts needed for funerals. This will come out of Cemetery budget.
Zoning questions/concerns being moved to Jon Foster for later discussion.

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:05.
Next Meeting November 2, 2026
Submitted by,

Sandie Zionkowski, Boro Secretary/Treasurer