

Borough of Thompsontown
Council Meeting
December 15, 2025, 2025
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A regular meeting of the Borough of Thompsontown Council was held in the Thompsontown Borough Office at 121 N. Mill St., Thompsontown, PA on November 17, 2025. The following were in attendance Mayor Kenneth Hart, President Roger Stutts, Vice- President Andy Lenig, Secretary-Treasurer Sue Pontius, Councilmen/ Councilwoman: Williard Roush, Martin Wilson, Robert Speece, Connie Eaton, Nathan Claybaugh, Solicitor Seth Mosebey and Engineer Brian Book. Fire Department minutes their meeting is later this week. Municipal Authority meeting notes were not available. Motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Andy Lenig and seconded by Connie Eaton. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Robert Speece and seconded by Andy Lenig.

President Stutts went around the room to Abby Testament. Abby addressed the possibility of placing rumble strips on the roads to slow down speeders. After a discussion with Council it was decided to drop this option.

Residents Frank Resner and Adam Naylor representing the Mid State Monarchs girls' softball league, asked for permission to use the Thompsontown Park Fields? They also asked if they can use the fields for a new fourteen (14) year old team? The dates for the games will not be out until after January. After Council asked several questions, a motion was made to give permission to use the fields by Robert Speece and seconded by Willard Roush. All of Council approved.

Representative Frank Resner asked for permission to rework the fields by removing the grass around the mounds? Nathan Claybaugh made the motion to be able to do so and Connie Eaton seconded the motion. Council approved.

Thompsontown EMT Darlene Peachey reported to Council that the Thompsontown Ambulance League gives the Port Royal ALS \$20,000 each year and another \$20,000 for coverage. She doesn't understand why the borough would have to pay to cover their residents for ALS services. Since there wasn't a rep at the meeting at this time, it was tabled until the next meeting.

Coming into the meeting late was Port Royal ALS representative Dwyane Hart, President Stutts asked Mr. Hart to review with Council where we are with supporting the ALS. After Mr. Hart's review, President Stutts asked Council what they want to do? A motion to pay the \$4000 agreed upon price was made by Connie Eaton and seconded by Andy Lenig.

Secretary Pontius asked Council to approve sponsoring the Thompsontown Ambulance League for a bunkroom addition grant from the Local Share (Gaming Fund). A grant will be submitted by Secretary Pontius for this addition. A motion was made by Nathan

Claybaugh and seconded by Robert Speece. All of Council approved. Secretary Pontius also informed Council a grant with the Fire Association has already been filled and approved for \$15,000.

Secretary Pontius informed Council it is time to decide what they want to do about the tax rate for 2026. President Stutts asked around the table what Council wants to do. A motion was made by Robert Speece to keep taxes at the same rate of 8.5 mills. Nathan Claybaugh seconded the motion. The resolution was sent around for all to sign to keep the tax rate at 8.5 mls. All of Council approved.

President Stutts asked Council if they brought back any ideas for the 2025-2026 budget? Secretary Pontius handed out updated budget sheets to Council to review. One of the biggest items on the list is electricity she informed Council electrically rate for 2026 will be 12.681 per kwh. We do have a 36-month contract with Direct Energy already as our supplier. No other items were brought up.

President Stutts asked Council to think about pay increases for staff. A motion was made by Andy Lenig to increase both maintenance workers and our secretary pay beginning 2026. The motion was seconded by Connie Eaton. All approved.

After Council discussed and reviewed the budget for 2025-2026, a motion by Robert Speece to approve the proposed budget and seconded by Nathan Claybaugh. The final budget review will be on next months Council meeting agenda. A budget proposal for resident review will be placed in the Juniata Sentinel.

Meeting adjourned by: Robert Speece and seconded by Martin Wilson at 20:05 pm.

Notes submitted by: Sue Pontius, Secretary-Treasurer