

Borough of Thompsontown
Council Meeting
June 16, 2025
7 PM

A regular meeting of the Borough of Thompsontown Council was held in the Thompsontown Borough Office at the new location on 121 N. Mill St., Thompsontown, PA on May 19, 2025. The following were in attendance Mayor Kenneth Hart, President Roger Stutts, Secretary-Treasurer Sue Pontius, Councilmen/Councilwoman: Martin Wilson, Williard Roush, Robert Speece, Connie Eaton, Nathan Claybaugh, Solicitor Seth Mosebey and Engineer Brian Book. Vice-President Andy Lenig was absent. Minutes for the Fire Department and the Municipal Authority were read. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Robert Speece and seconded by Connie Eaton. Motion to approve the minutes by Connie Eaton and seconded by Nathan Claybaugh. The Fire Department minutes were reviewed for April and May. Municipal Authority minutes were not available.

President Stutts started the meeting with Mayor Hart presenting the EMS Proclamation to the Thompsontown Emergency Services. The men and women deserve credit for all that they do for our community. We need to let them know they are the backbone of our lives and they do it without even expecting accolades for all that they do.

President Stutts informed Council and the residents in attendance about an invitation to the open house located on 188 East Main Street, Thompsontown, PA 17094. This used to be a blighted house just off the two-lane bridge on Main Street. Contractor Leon King restored the house for his daughter who will eventually move in. The open house will be held on June 14th from 9-12 AM.

President Stutts reviewed with Council all of the upgrades for the Community Building. Both the Borough of Thompsontown and the Municipal Authority have moved in the Community Building. Council was impressed with the new meeting office having a 14-foot meeting table and chairs. The Borough of Thompsontown office received office furniture from the Millerstown Veterinary office since they recently moved into a new facility. We thank both the Millerstown Veterinary office and ACPL for their donations.

In other news, Jay Fulkroad & Sons rented a space to use for their office while they are doing road work on the Thompsett off ramp. They will be in the Community Building from April-November 2025.

Secretary Pontius reviewed issues with changing the phone and internet services. Definitely not just a phone call to do.

Engineer Brian Book reviewed a new contract for his services since he joined a new engineering company as Vice-President. A motion was made by Robert Speece to approve the contract and seconded by Willard Roush. All of Council approved.

Secretary Pontius informed Council she received a packet with information for a grant that fits the criteria for a new roof for the Community Building. The grant is a Community Development Block Grant Workshop that will be held on May 29th at 6 PM in the Juniata County Children and Youth Services Building 133 Industrial Circle, Mifflintown, PA 17059.

Secretary Pontius informed Council this grant pays for only 70% of the project and the Borough would have to come up with the 30% match. Pontius asked if, since without a doubt, we need a new roof, do we want to go for \$50,000 to do part of the roof or do we want to go for \$100,000 to try to do the whole thing at one time? Council Speece asked if we have the 30% to be able to go for the \$100,000? Secretary Pontius informed Council the Borough has the 30%. Councilman Speece made the motion to go for the \$100,000. Councilman Nathan Claybaugh seconded the motion.

Engineer Book asked if we received the estimate from Fisher Bros. Contracting, Secretary Pontius spoke to him the estimate has not been received yet. Secretary Pontius informed Council at first Mr. Fisher said he wasn't in favor of doing the job since we have a rubber roof on one section of the church. Pontius told him that she would think Council would want to put on a new roof to get a slope for run-off for rain water. When she talked to insurance about the roof some insurance companies will not cover rubber roofs.

Meeting adjourned by: Willard Roush seconded by Connie Eaton at 1740 PM.

Notes submitted by: Sue Pontius, Secretary

