

Borough of Thompsontown
Council Meeting
November 17, 2025
7 PM

A regular meeting of the Borough of Thompsontown Council was held in the Thompsontown Borough Office at 121 N. Mill St., Thompsontown, PA on October 20, 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 were read. Municipal Authority meeting notes were not available. Motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Andy Lenig and seconded by Connie Eaton. Nathan Claybaugh noted two corrections were needed on the minutes, first one: Robert Speece was not on the attendance list, secondly: the votes on the donations and meeting date for last month needed changed. Solicitor Mosebey noted the meeting dates was not correct they will be changed from September 18th to September 15th.

President Stutts presented the Thompsontown Volunteer Fire Department with two checks. The first check was from the Borough of Thompsontown a donation for \$4000, the second check was for the Fireman's Relief Association allocation for \$3297.83. The Juniata Sentinel representative Becky Lock took a photo for next week's paper.

President Stutts informed Council he needs a motion for the approval to have Secretary Pontius apply for a grant to the Local Share Account Fund (Gaming Funds) Statewide for the Community Building Renovations. A motion was made by Connie Eaton and seconded by Nathan Claybaugh. President Stutts sent around Resolution #5 for Council to sign for the grant approval.

Secretary Pontius asked if she can look into another grant for the Helipad? Nathan Claybaugh made the motion to give permission and the motion was seconded by Connie Eaton.

President Stutts reviewed with Council an issue located above Evergreen Street where a resident claim they have a deed that came from the borough years ago. The issue is a matter of a right of way. The resident who originally brought up the issue, was invited to come, but is absent tonight. Solicitor Mosebey asked Council if this issue is a public question or a borough interest? Solicitor Mosebey commented that this may have come from years ago when a plan for proposed streets never opened (Sausman Years). After 21 years these proposed streets are dead, this is not a Council issue.

Chris Strawser representing the Port Royal ALS Service came to the meeting to ask the Borough of Thompsontown for support of their program. He explained that they are still going around and asking townships and boroughs to assist them with the cost of continuing ALS services for Juniata County. President Stutts asked what the actual cost

they are looking for from the borough? Based on our population approximately \$6000. Several suggestions came from Council on how to cover this cost:

- ✓ A \$10 per/household to be collected in February
- ✓ Possible 1 ml tax increase
- ✓ A per capita increase

Solicitor Mosebey asked if per capita tax can be increased without permission to do so. These were all suggestions to look into until our next meeting in November. Engineer Book informed Council, Port Royal has all the stats they need to assist.

Since ALS covers all of Juniata County, Secretary Pontius asked if this was taken to the Commissioners to see if it would be an item that should be put on a ballot for all residents of Juniata County to be able to approve or disapprove. Mr. Strawser said it had been reviewed with the Commissioners, but not put on a ballot.

Solicitor Mosebey reported to Council, Pennian Bank sent the borough a letter asking if the borough would like to save the 52 shares given to us from Joyce Frey or do we want to sell? Council voted to keep the shares at this time. Solicitor Mosebey will send back their decision to Pennian Bank. Motion made by Robert Speece and seconded by Nathan Claybaugh.

Vice-President Andy Lenig informed Council Bill Shelley told him the Christmas lights will be going up either November 14th or November 20th.

Mayor Hart reported Halloween will be held October 31st from 6-8 PM.

Councilwoman Connie Eaton stated leaf collection will be from November 1-November 30th again this year.

Fire Chief Jay Walton asked Council to approve East Waterford Fire Company assisting with the Halloween parade on October 25th from 4-8 PM. Connie Eaton made the motion to approve and Willard Roush seconded the motion. Secretary Pontius will draft and send a letter with Council approval.

Meeting adjourned by: Connie Eaton and Willard Roush at 8:10 PM

Notes submitted by: Sue Pontius, Secretary

