

2026-5
STRASBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
February 10, 2026
MINUTES

Members Present: Mike Chiodo Ray Garraffa Bradley Book
 Dave Carson David Felpel James Rice

Others Present: Steve Echternach, Borough Manager David Esh
 Nick Ferretti, Police Chief Scott Weichler
 Eli E. Fisher Chad Forrey

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was held at the Strasburg Borough Municipal Office, 145 Precision Avenue, Strasburg, PA. Council President Mike Chiodo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the salute to the flag. President Chiodo announced that the meeting is being audiotaped and maintained until the minutes are approved. The Borough Manager took roll call.

REQUESTS TO BE HEARD: None.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2026: A motion was made by James Rice, seconded by Ray Garraffa and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2026 meeting as printed.

REPORTS:

Mayor – The Mayor was not in attendance for the meeting.

President – The President stated that the Borough Manager’s report includes a resignation from Steve VanOrmer from HARB. He congratulated and thanked Mr. VanOrmer for over 50 years of service.

Manager – The Borough Manager’s written report was received and accepted. The report contained updates on the following items: 1) Received Council approval to advertise via the website and social media that we have two open HARB positions available for candidates who live in the Historic District. 2) The stormwater project has begun and we are working through some detour signage challenges. 3) We were awarded the \$350,000 Eshelman Run Phase II streambank restoration grant. 4) The PA Auditor General’s office completed a reduced period engagement Pension audit. The Borough’s annual audit began and the auditors are pleased with how we maintain our records. 5) The Public Works Department repaired two sewer forcemain and three waterline breaks since the beginning of December. They also did a good job plowing the snow at the end of January. The Borough Manager and Council commended the Public Works Department for their dedication and hard work.

Police – The Police Department’s report for January 2026 was received and accepted.

Public Works – The Public Works report for January 2026 was received and accepted.

Zoning Officer – The Zoning Officer’s report for January 2026 was received and accepted.

Engineer – The Engineer’s report for January 2026 was received and accepted.

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made by James Rice, seconded by Dave Carson, and passed unanimously to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Payment of the Bills in the amount of \$131,037.60

Historical Architectural Review Board Certificate of Appropriateness – 136 Miller Street for downspouts and garage siding and 20 Miller Street for roofing

Acceptance of 2025 Annual Civil Service Commission Report

Acceptance of 2025 Annual Planning Commission Report

Fire Police Request from Strasburg Township – Rails & Ales Event on March 28, 2026

Fire Police Request from Bart Township – Mud Sales on March 7 and 21, 2026

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Volunteer Service Tax Credit Program – Consider a motion to accept the 2025 Qualified Strasburg Fire Company Volunteers from Strasburg Borough List: The Borough Manager stated that he has an amendment to the report – adding Eli E. Fisher. A motion was made by Ray Garraffa, seconded by Dave Carson, and passed unanimously to accept the 2025 Qualified Strasburg Fire Company Volunteers from Strasburg Borough list with the addition of Eli E. Fisher.

Brendle Tract Sewer Module – Consider a motion to approve the Brendle Tract Sewer Module and adopt Resolution 2026-3 to revise the Borough’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the new land development: The Borough Manager stated that these actions are required by DEP. He added that the Strasburg Borough Authority approved their allocation request in July 2025. A motion was made by James Rice, seconded by Dave Carson and passed unanimously to approve the Brendle Tract Sewer Module and to adopt Resolution 2026-3 to revise the Borough’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the new land development.

Charter Homes at Strasburg, Inc. Heritage Strasburg Bond Release – Consider a motion to approve the release of the two Borough bonds for Charter Homes at Strasburg, Inc. Heritage Strasburg in the amounts of \$22,533.00 and \$73,966.80: The Borough Manager stated that the Borough Engineer recommends the reduction and noted that maintenance bonds have been posted for the relevant performance bonds.

A motion was made by Ray Garraffa, seconded by Bradley Book, and passed unanimously to approve the reduction of the two Borough bonds for Charter Homes at Strasburg, Inc. Heritage Strasburg in the amounts of \$22,533.00 and \$73,966.80.

Eli E. Fisher Lot Add-On Application – Consider a motion to approve the Eli E. Fisher 101 Miller Street Lot Add-On Application: The Borough Manager reviewed the application, which is to annex 1.361 acres on Parcel “A” from Lot 1 to Lot 2. He also stated that the Borough is obtaining stormwater easements and recommends conditional approval of the plan because that the Lancaster County Planning Department is reviewing the plan this week. The Borough Solicitor, Borough Engineer, Zoning Officer, and Borough Planning Commission recommend conditional approval.

A motion was made by Bradley Book, seconded by Ray Garraffa, and passed unanimously to approve the Eli E. Fisher 101 Miller Street Lot Add-On Application, subject to the condition that all Borough Engineering, Solicitor, and Lancaster County Planning Department comments be addressed and resolved to the satisfaction of the Borough.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS: Scott Weichler reminded everyone that the Strasburg Fire Company’s annual “Mud” sale is February 27 and 28, 2026. He also stated that their new siren has been installed and anticipate it being operational the beginning of March.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Bradley Book, seconded by James Rice, and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Echternach, Borough Manager