

**Millersburg Borough Committee of the Whole
Council Chambers
August 26, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order – President Boyer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with Cl'ms Hoke, Snyder, Hoffman, Campisi and Hershey present. Mayor Bowman, Secretary Jackson, and Borough Manager Whitall were also present.

Visitors in Attendance:

- MASD: Eric Petery, Lee Garcia, Jason Minnich, Dan Troutman, Josh Eggleston, Dean Hershey
- K&W Engineering: Ryan Schuster
- CRA: Elysia Mikkelsen
- FSA: Matt Eck, Justin Doty
- TCRPC: Tanner Stroup
- Lion's Club: Yvonne Miller, Tina Billow, Barb Jury, Donna Peifer, Anne Walk
- Glenn Walborn

MASD Stormwater

Presentation by Councilman Hoke showing recent video taken during a storm that shows a significant amount of water bypassing the new storm-sewer inlets. The meeting was called in the interest of resolving this issue for the community in a professional manner. Meeting minutes were reviewed from the School's Land Development Submission where the Borough was assured throughout the process that the project would not contribute to the Tanner's Run watershed. The strained Tanner's Run watershed is the reason this issue is so important to the Borough.

Mr. Schuster from K&W stated that the as-built survey reflects the project being completed as designed and submitted. President Boyer stated that it was not the calculations that were in question, the issue is the water not making it into the storm drain. Mayor Bowman was assured during the land development process that the system would capture all of the water from the new parking lot. Cl'm Hoke insisted that the Borough wouldn't approve a system if they were told it wouldn't capture water.

Ms. Mikkelsen from CRA stated that the system was designed to allow bypass and is working as designed. MASD has met all requirements set by the Borough and TCRPC. Mr. Doty from FSA (Borough's Engineering firm) stated that the design is sound but is based on survey shots which could be incorrect. The specific issue is inlets I1 & I4. Low spots are circumventing the inlets. This could potentially be fixed with a rolled curb or by sinking the inlets. The Borough wants to capture more based on the watershed maps and he believes that less is being captured than intended.

Ms. Mikkelsen contended that specific inlets were never provided with instruction on how to address the issue during conversations with the Borough's Engineer; further, that every letter from FSA has been answered with a formal response.

Cl'm Hoke stated that Council could vote to release a portion of the much needed funds to provide some relief to the District. President Boyer added that the Borough does not want to hold more than necessary or cause hardship to the District, but that the money was intended as security for a working stormwater system. The current flaws must still be addressed.

Mr. Boyer stated that Council would authorize the Borough Engineer to work with K&W to find a resolution. The proposed solutions should come from K&W, and the financial burden would rest with the School District. All the Borough would like to see is the stormwater running into the system.

Mr. Petery agrees that the District wants a resolution and stated that they are happy to work with the Borough. He requested something in writing defining the outstanding issues and what would be needed for the Borough to release the remaining funds. To date, the District has not received any communication detailing the outstanding issues. Mr. Boyer asked if he was made aware of the letter sent from Solicitor Kerwin to the District's attorney that contained this information, Mr. Petery said that he had not yet seen that communication.

Mr. Boyer stated that the District could expect a letter within a week.

MASD, FSA, & TCRPC representatives left the meeting at 6:40pm.

Organization Reports

- MAWT Holiday Magic Public Forum – Cl'm Campisi provided an update on the Community Forum held by MAWT regarding the date of Holiday Magic this year. Discussed moving the date to the first Saturday in December to accommodate small business owners who had reported a decline in sales when the event was hosted on Small Business Saturday in 2025. Representatives from the Linos Club were in attendance and stated that the organization opposes any change in date of the event. They feel that it upsets the tradition moving it too much and asks Council not to vote to allow the date change. Would like Council to establish SBS as the date moving forward. Council advised the organization and business owners to work with MAWT to establish the event date and that Council would evaluate when the proposal was submitted.

Rick Hoy in at 7pm

Lions Club representatives left at 7:19pm

Employee Relations

Executive Session – Employee Issue – called at 7:24pm., ended at 7:47pm.

Rick Hoy out at 7:50pm

Health Insurance Opt Out – Secretary Jackson reviewed the current policy. Cl'm Snyder stated that the cost is unsustainable and proposes the policy be capped at 50% of the realized savings at the time of the employee's hire. President Boyer suggested removing the incentive for all new employees after reviewing all letters of hire. Cl'm Hoke stated that he was in favor of some type of incentive if it saves the Borough money, but agrees the current model is unsustainable. Cl'm Snyder will work with Secretary Jackson to draft a step based salary increase for all departments that will ultimately remove the opt-out incentive by incorporating it into salary raises.

Secretary Jackson out at 8:20pm

Community Outreach

Tiny Library – Cl'm Campisi is working with a rep from the Dauphin County Library to establish a little free library at the River front. She proposes allocating funds from the Community Outreach budget to fund the project. The Library would be responsible for stocking and maintaining it. Cl'm Hoke asked for a proposal to be submitted at the next meeting.

Junior Council Applicant – Cl'm Campisi presented an application from El Miller who is currently a senior at MASD. Item to be added to the 9/9 business meeting agenda for a vote.

MASD Partnership – Cl'm Campisi is working with a rep from the school district to support senior projects. She would like the Borough to evaluate and financially support select projects.

Cl'm Campisi out at 8:43pm

Streets

Golf Cart Ordinance – Manager Whitall provided an update to Council on the status of the golf cart rollout. After receiving feedback from several residents, Solicitor Kerwin was asked to look into any recent cases or case law about golf carts on public roads. At the advice of Solicitor Kerwin, the Borough Office has not issued any permits until the Solicitor has a chance to review with Council.

Property

Basketball Court Sub-Committee – Item is pending resolution of the stormwater issue with the school district. Cl'm Hoke will circulate a meeting date.

Economic Development

Nothing to discuss.

Parks

Nothing to discuss.

Public Safety

Nothing to discuss.

Finance & Risk Mgmt.

Nothing to discuss.

Mayor

Nothing to discuss.

Other Business

5 Year Plan Review – Tabled until September Committee Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James Whitall
Borough Manager