

New Wilmington Borough Council Minutes

June 2, 2025, Meeting

President John Geidner called the meeting of Council to order in the Council Chambers at 6:30pm.

President Geidner led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Members Present: President Geidner, David Hunter, Cherry Poteet, Ken Hilke, Kiersten Reiber and Janet Robb. Absent – Lee Ann Miller

Other borough representatives present: Mayor Sherie Babb, Tracy O'Neill – Administrator, Brad Latimer – Superintendent and Attorney Frank Verterano. Roger Garrett representing New Wilmington Municipal Authority
Mayor Sherie Babb

Approval of Minutes: Ken Hilke made a motion to approve May 5, 2025, meeting minutes. Kiersten Reiber seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Bills: Ken Hilke made a motion to approve and pay the bills as presented. Kiersten Reiber seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Mary James – Garden Club – Expressed her gratitude to council for supporting the Garden Club.

Personnel: Dave Hunter made a motion to ratify the hiring of the summer staff as well as the permanent employment of Patrick Buckley. Kiersten Reiber seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sanitation/Water: Cherry Poteet made a motion to accept the June 2025 Water Terminations. Ken Hilke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Cherry Poteet made a motion to authorize Brad Latimer to enter to notify them we wish to proceed on behalf of the Borough with Mid Atlantic Storage Systems Inc. to install manway access doors to each of the two sewage tanks for maintenance at a cost of \$18,248 each to facilitate maintenance, cleaning, and address safety concerns. Ken Hilke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Utilities: Ken Hilke made a motion to accept the June 2025 Electric Terminations. Cherry Poteet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning: Cherry Poteet made a motion pursuant to the New Wilmington Borough Dangerous Buildings and Structures Ordinance to designate Zoning officer James Farris to investigate and examine the following buildings which have been reported to be in a dangerous condition:

1. 328 S. Market Street - A fire occurred at this residential property in September 2022 and it subsequently flooded. The property has been vacant since 2022 with boarded up windows and appears to be uninhabitable.
 2. 310 S New Castle Street - This residential property has been unoccupied for years and the interior is gutted and appears to be uninhabitable. The debris from the interior has been dumped into the backyard.
 3. 123 High Street (formerly Chubby's Pizza) - This property is vacant and the pipes broke this winter and it appears to be unfit for use in its current state.
 4. 135 W. Neshannock Avenue -This house in the commercial district has been gutted and has been sitting vacant for years and is deteriorating and appears to be unfit for occupancy.
 5. 202 W Neshannock Avenue – Red house located next to Chubby's Pizza. Empty for years. Dilapidated.
 6. 218 Francis Street – Tarp over the front of the house for years.
- Janet Robb Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting recessed for executive session 7:32pm

Executive Session: Zoning

Meeting resumed at 8:26pm

Adjournment: Ken Hilke made a motion to adjourn. Dave Hunter seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm