

New Wilmington Borough Council Minutes

August 4, 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, Lee Ann Miller, Cherry Poteet, Ken Hilke and Janet Robb.

Members Absent: David Hunter & Kiersten Reiber

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

Approval of Minutes: Ken Hilke made a motion to approve the previous month's meeting minutes. LeeAnn Miller seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Bills: Ken Hilke made a motion to ratify the payment of the previous month's bills. Janet Robb seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Helen Boylan shared that the PA Heart & Soul program offers a two-year, grant-funded process that includes coaching and training. New Wilmington Borough would serve as the fiscal sponsor, with the potential to begin early in 2026 or, preferably, in September 2025 to meet upcoming deadlines. The program provides a strategic solution for community planning. Helen would be interested in volunteering. The grants provided would pay for a part-time employee.

Beth Verterano emphasized that the borough needs to pay for a company to perform the zoning updates. Well intentioned it cannot be done by volunteers alone.

Pittsburgh passed an ordinance to have more sky friendly streetlights. Beth is hoping the council will take that into consideration when planning for the updates in the borough.

President:

Police Pension: Cherry Poteet made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-05 to waive the 5% Individual Contribution for 2025 and 2026. Ken Hilke Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

15 Mile Restrooms: Ken Hilke made a motion to approve installing 5 Porta Johns yearly for the 15-mile yard sale. LeeAnn Miller seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Porta Potties will be located in Red's Parking Lot, Fresh Market, 2 in the high school parking lot and a handicap accessible placed behind Neshannock Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Lawnmower: LeeAnn Miller made a motion to advertise the 98 Toro mower on Municibid. Cherry Poteet seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Streets: LeeAnn Miller made a motion to accept the street cut permit with Attorney Verterano recommended modification that includes Superintendent's consent. Ken Hilke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Adjournment: Ken Hilke made a motion to adjourn. Cherry Poteet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm