

Troy Borough Council Minutes

Regular Monthly Meeting
September 25, 2025

Location: Troy Sale Barn

In Attendance: President Christopher O'Connor, Vice President Tim Bruce, Attorney John Thompson, Mayor Mike Powers, John Davis, John Raab, Jason Peak, David Blair, Borough Solicitor, and Water/Sewer Operator Nick.
Borough Manager Rod Manning (not present – reports submitted).

Pledge of Allegiance led by President Christopher O'Connor.

Public Comment

1. **Jack Hulslander** – Spoke regarding past issues when building his garage. Reported having a valid permit but was told by the previous manager to remove materials. Discussed hiring attorneys and expressed frustration with prior treatment. Council acknowledged his comments.
2. **Bandstand Committee Update – Bill Brasington** of the Troy Historical Society provided a report on the Troy Memorial Bandstand project.
 - " The project is on schedule and supported by both the Borough Council and Bradford County Commissioners.
 - " Fundraising is going well with over \$40,000 raised and a \$15,000 matching grant from the County Commissioners through the Historical Society.
 - " Hunt Engineering is handling all design, ADA compliance, and bid processes.
 - " The committee emphasized “not a penny more” from Borough funds beyond the original engineering expenses.
 - " Estimated total project cost is between \$60,000–\$80,000, with completion planned by **Memorial Day 2026**.
 - " 8 or more local contractors have expressed interest in bidding.

3. Councilman John Davis discussed his prior “no” vote, explaining his concern that taxpayer money should not be used upfront for engineering costs if projects stall. Committee members reaffirmed that Borough contributions are limited to engineering costs only.
4. **Charlie Earle** – Presented an alternate plan for the Bandstand project, stating the work could be completed for less cost. Suggested removing overhead wires, running electric underground, repairing steps, and using volunteer labor. Council thanked Charlie for his input and encouraged him to work with the committee.

Minutes

Minutes from the August 28, 2025 meeting were motioned for approval by Councilman John Davis and seconded by Councilman John Raab.

Motion carried.

Special Event Requests

Troy Chamber of Commerce requested permission for the **Halloween Parade** to be held **Saturday, November 1, 2025**, starting at 6:00 PM with setup at 5:00 PM. Parade boss will be **Zach Gates**. Route was amended to **turn right at the light** instead of left.

Motion by Councilman Tim Bruce, second by Councilman John Raab.

Motion carried.

Pierce Library

Pierce Library received a grant for ADA improvements and requested to add an ADA accessibility sign if funds remain.

Council tabled the request until a design and location plan is submitted for review.

Financials

Transactions and bills for the preceding period were reviewed.

Motion made by Councilman Tim Bruce and seconded by Councilman John Raab to accept the financials for payment.

Motion carried.

Water and Sewer Report

Second round of water samples from ten selected homes has been sent to PACE for analysis. Awaiting results per DEP guidance. No action required.

Personnel Committee

Committee (Tim Bruce, Wayne Pratt, and Borough Manager Rod) reported interviews were held September 15–16 for the Administrative Assistant position.

Recommendation made to hire **Kim Getola** as **Administrative Assistant** beginning **September 29, 2025** at **\$20.50/hour** with a **\$1.50 increase after 90 days** upon successful completion of the probationary period.

Motion by Councilman Tim Bruce and seconded by Councilman John Davis.

Motion carried.

Police and Mayor's Report

Mayor Powers commended the Police Department for improved community relations and participation at the Troy Town Cruisers event.

Police Chief Brian reported eight calls for service during the period.

- M A tractor-trailer struck a light pole on Railroad Street; insurance information was obtained, and no citation was issued.
- M Chief noted upcoming PennDOT resurfacing on Routes 6 and 14 near the time of the Halloween Parade.
- M A juvenile-related incident at the bandstand was handled appropriately.

Council suggested the Safety Committee consider purchasing a **small-bore rifle** for humane animal dispatch in coordination with the Game Commission.

Old Business

- M **Slim-jim** kit has been ordered.

M **New office printer** is on order, and the existing unit will be reassigned to the Police Department office.

Public Comment (Closing)

No additional public comments were made.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman John Davis and seconded by Councilman John Raab.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately **7:10 PM**.

These minutes were prepared and submitted by Council President Christopher O'Connor.