

# Troy Borough Council Meeting Agenda

## Reorganization Meeting January 5, 2026

6 PM

Troy Sale Barn

50 Ballard ST.

Troy, Pa

1. Call To order (Pledge to the Flag)- President Chris O’Conner led the pledge.  
6 PM start.
2. Public Comment- Sign in sheet- Jamie Wise talked about the Planning committee and how Troy used to have a 3 person Planning and Zoning Commission.  
Charlie Earle deferred until after the meeting to speak.
3. Recognition of re-elected Mayor Mike Powers- Mayor Powers was acknowledged and congratulated by the Council President and Council for years of service.
4. President O’Conner read allowed Council Man David Blair resignation letter from the Council. He cited the work of the council, and his time on the council, but was looking forward to his new position on the school board. Motion made by John Raub to accept the resignation, seconded by John Davis. Council approved unanimously. An appointment for replacement will take place during the next regular council meeting to be held on January 29.
5. Recognition of newly elected Council Members
  - a. Bill Brassington
  - b. Wayne Pratt
6. Newly Re-elected Mayor will swear in the newly elected Council members. New members were sworn in by Mayor Powers.
7. Election of Officers i.e. President, Vice President. Outgoing President O’Conner Opened the floor for nominations. Councilman John Raub

nominated Chris O'Conner to for President. Seconded by John Davis. Tim Bruce nominated himself as President. No seconds. Vote was taken for the nomination of Christopher O'Conner for President. All Ayes one Abstain. John Davis nominated John Raub for Vice President, seconded by Wayne Pratt, no other nominations. President O'Conner called for a vote all approved.

8. Selection/assignment of Committee Members
  - a. Finance Committee- Chair John Davis, Vacant
  - b. General Government Committee-Chair Timothy Bruce, Bill Brassington, Meeting Jan 14 7 PM Pearce Library.
  - c. Personnel Committee-Chair John Raub, Wayne Pratt
  - d. Protection of Persons and Property Committee- Chair John Davis, John Raub.
  - e. Streets and Sidewalks Committee- Chair Wayne Pratt, Bill Brassington
  - f. Technology Committee- Chair Tim Bruce, Vacant
  - g. Water/Sewer Department Committee-Chair Vacant, John Raub.
  
9. Selected Dates and times of Monthly Borough Council Meetings- See attached schedule of dates. Motion by Tim Bruce and Seconded by John Raub. Discussion was had relative to location. Either the Troy Sale Barn or the Library. It was decided to continue at the Troy Sale Barn. Votes carried unanimously. (attached to minutes in book)
  
10. Manager report - Official business – approval of LDG retainer as the Borough's Engineering firm. Street light settlement. President O'Conner entertained a motion to retain LDG as the Borough Engineers'
  
11. Additional Business – Police vehicle and other new business-Discussion on purchase of used police vehicle form Asia Motors. Paper work attached to minutes. Questions centered on need vs want. Current car has continued mechanical problems monthly and is near the end of its life cycle. The new/used car can get us through until we can procure a grant for a new police vehicle. The used car can be purchased for \$23,850 after delivery fee

and dealer fee. Concern was made about mechanical issues for this generation of vehicle. (2020 Ford Explorer Hybrid Interceptor). Common issues were transmission issues as a result of prolonged idling and exhaust leaks. A check of this vehicle history showed no signs of problems. Manufacturer currently has two recalls for items that are not broken. Recalls are for the life of the car, local dealer contacted and said recall will be honored at time of breakage. The car will come with a limited warranty. Arrangements will be made to purchase car and have it delivered as soon as possible. Once here it will be given a once over by the dealership in Mansfield. Motion made by John Raub, seconded by John Davis. Vote resulted in 5 ayes and 1 no. (Councilman Brassington)

12. Final comments- Charlie Earle spoke for 15 minutes on various topics: Jake Brakes coming into town, Bridge sidewalk (PennDOT) needs to be cleared, Congratulated Council and Mayor Powers, and is glad to see they are looking at meeting in committees to address Borough Issues.

13. Adjournment Motion to adjourn John Raub, second by Bill Brassington, vote carried 6:50PM.

Submitted on 1/29/26 for approval by Rodney A. Manning

Approved.

# Troy Borough Council Meeting Minutes

## Regular Meeting January 29, 2026

6 PM

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1. Call To order (Pledge to the Flag)- President O'Connor led. John Raub, John Davis, Tim Bruce, Bill Brasington, Wayne Pratt, Mayor Mike Powers, and Chief Wibert were present.  
Additional attendees included Walt Woods, Charlie Earl, the Borough Staff as well as several from the community.
2. Public Comment- Sign in sheet- Charlie Earl discussed Ordinance Officer position advised council should wait until ordinances updated.
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. 12/18/25 Final meeting of the 2025 year
  - b. 01/05/26 Reorganization meeting  
John Raub and Tim Bruce voted to vote all minutes together. All aye
4. Current Vacancy on the Council-discuss, recommend, follow up action  
Several council members discussed and asked for volunteers to send letter to council through the borough manager.
5. Letters of request to council
  - i. Half-shire Harvest Festival request to utilize Davidson Green  
  
on Oct 17, 2026 9 AM – 9 PM. Vendor placement
  - ii. Half-shire Harvest Festival request to have a parade on Oct 17<sup>th</sup> time TBD with conjunction with Troy Police Dept. and

approvals by PennDOT. Route of travel Left Turn out from Croman Elementary school on Canton ST to intersection with Route 6 and 14, then east on Elmira St/Rt 6 to Taylor St. then another left turn towards the High School Parking lot for adjournment of participants.

Motion by Bill Brassingotn and John Davis approved by all.

- iii. AI Data meeting February 3, 2026 6 PM- Chris attempt to attend. Car pool contact Chris.
- iv. 250 Anniversary-monument by DAR celebrating event-info only no formal request yet. Bill Brasington informed council about the county task force 250 initiative.

#### 6. Committee Reports

- a. Finance Committee-approval of Bills, any bills of notable cost-discussion of 2025 closeout. -2 sets of ways looking at the ledger explained by the borough manager. Some big bills included for council to see generator, hook up and treescapes ground fault updates. Lock box GFI for the trees with a lock box John Raub motion and John Davis 2<sup>nd</sup> -all approved.
- b. General Government Committee-Chair Tim Bruce, Wayne Pratt and Borough Manager were at Meeting held Jan 14. Topics of discussions included updated universal ordinances, Landlord permits/compliance review, Updated Zoning designations and map, Ordinance pathway, and enforcement process. Zone Hearing Board vacancies. Minutes of committee attached to these minutes. Lengthy discussion from Chair Tim Bruce on the meeting. Planning Committee would like to continue with working with the Streets

and Sidewalks on Ordinances concerning the outside of residents etc.

Tim Bruce made a motion and requested to continue on this committee to work on the aforementioned discussion. John Raub seconded. Prior to a vote the Borough Manager reminded the council that a Zone Hearing Board currently does not exist and the appeals are heard by the Borough Manager. An effort should be made to solicit for a Zone Hearing Board to handle appeals in light of future events that may be in violation of current ordinances. Bill Brasington wanted clarification on who appoints to the Zone Hearing Board if more than three applicants apply to which the reply was the Borough Council. John Raub recommended that the Borough Manager advertise for the positions. Lengthy discussion on the various methods of advertisement to include print radio, web page and Facebook. Tim Bruce made a motion for this and John Raub seconded. Mr. Davis wanted to clarify that all four were going to be utilized. Council approved aye. Back to the original motion made by Tim Bruce to continue working on the Government committee and with the Planning Committee.

Mr. Davis brought up info about asking why streets and sidewalks would do what ordinance officer would do. Tim Bruce reiterated he feels the Streets committee should create the ordinance for the officer to enforce. John Raub talked about the grey area of codes vs ordinance enforcement. Codes inspection from Dushore covers code inspections. The ordinance officer will enforce current ordinances. Mr. Pratt discussed we currently have a framework and working with the

Planning Committee and Tim Bruce's Government can rectify issues using the template being provided by the Borough Solicitor as mentioned previously by Mr. Bruce. Discussion continued on expanding safety issues, rental home safety, exterior issues seemed paramount except agricultural and industrial areas. A checklist was discussed to make the task easier. Violations would be cited thru Borough manager or ordinance officer or service. An example of changing a home into apartments is under the zoning commission. After lengthy discussion the motion was called for a vote and approved.

- c. Personnel Committee-Chair John Raub, Met Jan 12 Re: Borough Manager position, Police officer position, and code enforcement position. Jan 12 meeting. Borough Manager reviewed and asked Rod Manning to submit a contract. Board members have reviewed. Contract submitted and signed by all members. 2nd issue part-time police officer, Kyle Wisel will increase hours towards part-time status. Two applications received, interviewed one other one did not meet criteria. Mr. Raub made a motion to higher Christopher Popolo as a part-time officer. He discussed his back ground will benefit the current needs of the police department. Tim Bruce seconded vote; carried unanimously. Tim asked do we need a motion for the Borough Manager position. President O'Conner calls for motions to fill the Borough Manager position with Rod Manning. John Raub made a motion seconded by John Davis. Call for votes were all ayes no nays. No proposal for changing Kyle Wisel this is internal office

business. A call for vote for Ordinance officer as put forth in the resolution. Resolution attached to minutes in book. Motion by John Davis and seconded by John Raub. Before a vote John Raub wanted to make sure the public that the focus is on the nuisance ordinances not to overstep and pick on individuals etc. Discussion on safety issues to which the officer can help prevent with enforcement. Position will be posted for applicants.

Bill Brasington did not support the position. He touted the lack of support for Police and we are not up to levels as in the past for currently hired. Would prefer filling police department first. Vote taken Tim Bruce abstained from voting, Bill Brasington voted no. All others were ayes and so carried.

- d. Protection of Persons and Property Committee-Chair - Met Jan 15- Discussed Troy PD, uniforms, equipment, p/t Police and Code enforcement officer postings. Last to report missed during the meeting order. Mr. Davis related the meeting about police equipment: body cameras, two cameras from Axon, cost \$15,000 for three. New police car in our position. Going for inspection to ensure safety. Already discussed part-time police and ordinances. Uniforms discussed new style, French blue shirts dark pants with stripe to match blue stripe. Chief will wear white shirt. Blauer to provide equipment pending Estimate from Cranston company in Scranton. No agreement of covers/hats. Teamster contract submitted for us to review. Weapons and ammunitions, out of date. Cost for new are \$600 including lights maybe get a cost of \$430 per

gun. Chief Wibert discussed donation from Repsol which will help cover some equipment but no weapons.

- e. Streets and Sidewalks Committee-Received a request for handicap parking designation in front of Redline Therapy location along Route 6. No meeting as of yet. Redline Rehab opened up and requested a handicap spot. We discussed the situation, Redline as private parking by his building and will put a handicap parking there. He has since rescinded his request.

Chief Wibert discussed the need for a handicap parking spot on that side of town to accommodate those who utilize the businesses in that area.

Tim Bruce related he has ideas and would submit detailed maps highlighting possible locations with the borough for the Streets and Sidewalks meeting.

Mr. Brasington related the Council should be looking at parking as a whole and not from one business perspective as that could open an issue of problems. Discussion centered on potential locations.

- f. Technology Committee-Chair Tim Bruce Review of New Website proposal by D3Sales and recommendation. The Chair discussed the Website change and update with a contract not to exceed \$1600. Also recommended utilizing D3 email services for the borough. Bill Brasington seconded the motion. Question on cost by Mr. Pratt was not sure of the number. All approved. Mr. Bruce made a motion to expand into Facebook and/or Twitter. Mr. Pratt seconded. Discussion by Mr. Davis about control of the comments. Comments from

Walt Woods and Charlie Earl discussed the ability to shut down comments thereby making it an information only platform for the Borough to the public. Motion amended to include only a Facebook account. All in favor no ayes.

- g. Water/Sewer Department Committee-Chair Vacancy, Implementation of new water rates go into effect on January 20, 2026. President O'Conner asked Borough Manger for any input. Borough Manger acknowledged the work that Kim has been doing getting the new software up and running correctly. She has been dealing with the company daily to get the bugs worked out of it. The water/Sewer committee needs to review the ordinance for every water use. It is currently at 100,000 gallons per quarter, which may be low considering a small family can use that without problem. Once the committee comes to an agreement then we can go back to the software company to incorporate this in to the formula for billing. Borough Manger asked Nick the Streets Manger for update on water usage for day. He replied 450,000. Charlie Earl want ed to know where it is going. Borough Manger advised that two leaks have been identified and will be fixed when the cold weather breaks. One has been going on for a while.  
Discussion into Zoning etc. Mr. Raub was looking for historical data on original design of the water plant and sewer plant for usage.

- 7. Mayor's Report – Police – Mayor Powers pleased and excited about current direction of the Police Department. The new Ford Explorer has

arrived and will be put into service shortly. Accolades for Chief his current work. A few disturbances, couple of disputes, and PSP covers when Police not on duty. PSP gives a monthly report to Borough now with states. Dui's, assaults etc.

Mayor recognizes the Borough workers for their response to the last major storm. The work they did was great and continuous. Chief advised the patrol getting radio and changing light scheme. Fob system is being installed in the borough hall. Hearings coming up for the snow removal citations no update at this time.

8. Old Business-no old business
9. New Business for the good of the order-cub scout fish fry on Feb 22.
10. Final comments-Mr. Davis discussed perceptions on Mr. Bruce's behavior with online posts and in the council meetings.
11. Additional final comments Charlie Earl related he feels his job may done. He has been coming to council meetings for 3 years the council has done a 180-degree turn and is moving forward on many areas. He suggested emphasizing ordinance vs code to get away from misconceptions.
12. Adjournment Motin made by John Raub and seconded by John Davis all approved. Time out 7:08 PM

Submitted for approval 2/26/26 by Rodney A. Manning

Approved.