

BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 6:00 P.M.

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A meeting of the Punxsutawney Borough Council was convened on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. in Borough Council Chambers, Civic Center, 301 East Mahoning Street, Punxsutawney, PA, with Council President Jessica Smith presiding.

The following council members were in attendance: David Burkett, Joe Ferrara, Sharon Murray, Jessica Smith, and Eric Story. Jen Blose and Josh McAfoos were absent.

Others present included Mayor William Clement, Recording Secretary Jessica Yoder, Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito, Fire Chief Chris Smith, and media representatives Larry McGuire of The Punxsutawney Spirit. Borough Manager Dr. William Spencer and Police Chief Matt Conrad were absent.

APPROVAL OF BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES—REGULAR MEETING September 8, 2026

Upon motion by Councilman Burkett and seconded by Councilwoman Murray, Borough Council unanimously approved the Borough Council minutes for the September 8, 2026, regular meeting.

PETITIONS AND COMMENTS

None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Skill Game Machines

Solicitor Nick Gianvito stated he drafted a letter to send out to the owners of skill game machines that states: On June 15, 2026, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court issued two rulings, In RE: 3 Pennsylvania Skill Amusement Devices and POM of Pennsylvania, LLC v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In those cases, the court held that the skill games that you currently have on your premises and which are licensed by the Borough of Punxsutawney are "slot machines", prohibited by the Gaming Act, 4 PA CS section 1101 et seq and the PA Crimes Code, 18 PA CS section 5513(a). Furthermore, Section 5513(b) of the PA Crimes Code authorizes confiscation and forfeiture of such devices. Unless the Pennsylvania Legislature acts, and/or an intervening court decision occurs before October 15, 2026, these machines will be held to be illegal slot machines on that date. Accordingly, the purpose of this letter is to advise you of the borough's intention to refund a prorated share of the license fee that you paid from October 15, 2026 through the end of the license fee term. Such amounts will be refunded to you on or before November 30, 2026. You are also hereby notified that such machines may be subject to confiscation and forfeiture by the borough or state police, or other authorized agency of the Commonwealth. You may also be subject to further criminal charges for possession of such machines.

Upon motion by Councilman Ferrara and seconded by Councilman Burkett, Borough Council unanimously approved the letter for the skill game machines to be sent to the owners.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No Report

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Clement stated that he did a proclamation for the Daughters of the American Revolution naming week of September 14th Constitution Week

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

No Report

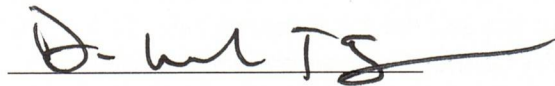
BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

2027 MMO's

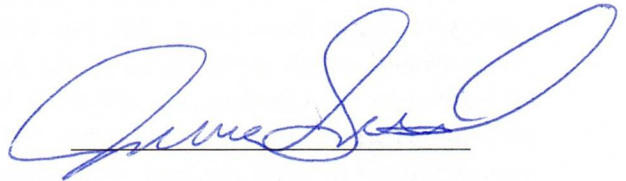
Upon motion by Councilman Story and seconded by Councilman Burkett, Borough Council unanimously approved the 2027 MMO's.

ADJOURNMENT

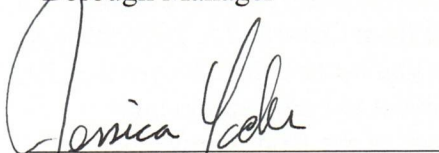
There being no further business to come before Borough Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m. upon motion by Councilman Story, seconded by Councilman Ferrara.



Dr. William Spencer
Borough Manager



Jessica Smith
Council President



Jessica Yoder
Recording Secretary