

HALLAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
250 West Beaver Street, Hallam PA 17406
2nd Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2026 – 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The January 22, 2026 meeting of the Hallam Borough Council was called to order by Council President, Sue Horner, followed by the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. President Horner announced there had been an Executive Session before the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sue Horner – President
Derek Dietz – Vice President
Cindy Knox – President Pro-Tem
Axel Ulrich
Rhonda Smeltzer
Stephanie Felix
Daniel Harsh

ALSO PRESENT

Sharon Dupler – Borough Secretary

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no visitors in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

- Appointment for IT services within the Borough office – After being tabled at the January 5, 2026 Council meeting, discussion continued regarding the appointment for providing IT services within the Borough office. Harry Smith Jr. (Chip) submitted interest in continuing to provide IT services to the Borough office at a rate of \$50 per hour with services to include email management, computer maintenance and replacement as needed, software management and more. Derek Dietz offered to provide IT services to the Borough office at no charge. Discussion continued regarding the various services and tasks involved, including emails, website maintenance, backups and computer hardware/software. Cindy suggested contacting Chip Smith if any issues arise that Derek cannot resolve.

Motion: Rhonda moved, seconded by Stephanie to appoint Derek Dietz to provide IT services within the Borough office. **Motion carried 5-1. 1-abstained.**

- Purchase of new computer for Treasurer – The Borough Treasurer’s computer is at capacity and is the oldest in the office. Council discussed purchasing a new computer for the Borough Treasurer and then transferring all files and QuickBooks to the new computer.

Motion: Dan moved, seconded by Rhonda to purchase a laptop for the Borough Treasurer in the amount of \$1,409.98 from Dell. **Motion carried 7-0.**

- Eastern York Recreation Authority 2026 Carnival – Stephanie stated the EYRA Board had a carnival meeting and asked if the Borough would pay the expense for the jiffy johns and trash collection for the 2026 Carnival to be held August 19th-22nd.

Motion: Cindy moved, seconded by Derek authorizing the Borough to pay the expense for the jiffy johns and trash collection for the EYRA 2026 Carnival to be held August 19th-22nd. **Motion carried 7-0.**

- Emig Park Programs/Events – Rhonda stated she would like the Borough to host a “Music in the Park” event one Saturday for the months of June, July and September. Council discussed having food trucks and available parking as it is a public park. Sue will speak with Attorney Myers regarding the legal aspect of hosting an event.
- Funds earmarked for Mountain Laurel/Tri-Color Beech Tree/plaque for Emig Park – Cindy has been searching for the Mountain Laurel and the Tri-Color Beech tree. Nurseries will not have any available until Spring. Cindy has been in contact with Paulette Toomey on the details of the plaque to be placed in Emig Park honoring Duffy and Marie Harms.
- Education Opportunities – President Horner encouraged Council members to use the PSAB website for training opportunities and for informational purposes and to attend the York County Boroughs Association quarterly meetings as they are often very informative.
- Committee Communication – Sharon distributed a copy of the committee policy to all of Council as a reminder to submit a report to the Borough Secretary after holding a committee meeting. Sue wanted to ensure all committee members are contacted and aware of matters being discussed or any site visits being made.

- Action Authorizing the use of Emig Park before hours – Sharon received an Emig Park rental application from Wrightsville Hope Church to use the Maple Pavilion on Sunday, April 5, 2026 for an Easter breakfast from 5:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Sharon requested Council’s approval for this rental since it is to take begin prior to the park being open.

Motion: Cindy moved, seconded by Dan authorizing Wrightsville Hope Church to use the Emig Park Maple Pavilion for an Easter breakfast on Sunday, April 5, 2026 from 5:00 AM to 9:00 AM. **Motion carried 7-0.**

- USA 250th Anniversary – Council discussed having a community event in the Borough to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the USA. Some ideas included having a shoe launch or a historical reenactment. Rhonda stated that Atlas (Nefra) will make a 250th Anniversary banner (free of charge) for the Borough and Rhonda would like to have it hung on the grandstand at the men’s baseball field. Stephanie will ask EYRA if they would allow the banner to be placed on the grandstand. Discussion on this matter will continue over the next couple of months.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Cindy moved, seconded by Dan to adjourn at 7:40 PM.

Motion carried 7-0.

Secretary,
/s/ Sharon L. Dupler