

AUBURN BOROUGH COUNCIL
OCTOBER 1, 2025 MINUTES

The monthly meeting of Auburn Borough Council was held on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 7:00 P.M., in the Community Center at 451 Pearson Street. In attendance were: President John Eckert and Council-members Liz Shaner, Jim Fox, and Jesse Spencer. Also attending was: Solicitor Stanley Burke, Engineer Chip Pohronezny, and Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Fessler. Mayor Frank Cataldi and Vice-President Doug Naftzinger were unable to attend this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Eckert who then opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

September 2025 minutes and financial reports

A motion was made by Jesse, 2nd by Jim, to accept the September minutes and reports as submitted. Motion carried.

Approval to pay bills

A motion was made by Jesse, 2nd by Liz, to approve payment of check #16875 through #16891 as attached to the October agenda. The motion also includes payment of the regular monthly invoices after they are reviewed, approved, and signed by President Eckert or Vice-President Naftzinger. Motion carried. The complete check register and end of month financial reports are included with the minutes.

Recognition of Guests

Guests attending this meeting were: John Fessler, Jackie Schaeffer, Nathan Schaeffer, Daniel Webber, Richard Krebs, Aaron Brommer, and Raymond Burkey. They had nothing to discuss at this time.

REPORTS

Animal Control Officer – Kyle Schwenk

No report submitted

Mayor – Frank Cataldi

--On September 2, 2025 the mayor posted notices of high grass and weeds. All properties posted have been rectified except for 141 Orchard Street. Mayor Cataldi will follow up with that issue before forwarding it to code enforcement.

A motion was made by Liz, 2nd by Jim, to accept this report. Motion carried.

Safety – Jesse Spencer

No report

Fire & Ambulance

--The fire company responded to eleven calls in September. One in South Manheim, four in West Brunswick, three in Auburn, and three in Wayne. The calls were: four automatic alarm, one farm vehicle fire, one fire police, one tanker truck fire, one shed fire, one chief request, one explosion, and one tree down.

--The ambulance association responded to 22 calls in September. Three in West Brunswick, zero in Auburn, four in South Manheim, two in Deer Lake, six in Orwigsburg, five in Hamburg, one in Wayne, and one in Sch. Haven. The calls were: twelve medical, seven traumas, and three were cancelled.

--Anyone who is interested in volunteering their time with the ambulance or fire company can contact Judy @570-754-3014.

A motion was made by Liz, 2nd by Jesse, to accept these reports as submitted. Motion carried.

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SEO/Engineer – Chip Pohronezny

--No UCC permits issued for the period of August 17th through September 20th.

--No update regarding the animal cruelty complaint on Orchard Street

--The owners of 426 Washington Street were granted a deadline of November 20th to clean up their property or they will have to pay the maximum amount of fine permitted.

A motion was made by Jesse, 2nd by Jim, to accept this report. Motion carried.

The full report is on file.

Tax Collector – Marlene Naftzinger

No report

Sanitation – Melissa Schwenk

--September total deposits = \$2,950.00 + Delinquent accounts = \$2,340.00

--The quarterly report was scanned to all council-members as well as the current lien list.

A motion was made by Jesse, 2nd by Jim, to accept this report. Motion carried.

Municipal Authority

--August minutes are on file

Streets & Roads – John Eckert

--The road crew have been painting crosswalk and curb lines, and other routine maintenance. They will try to check and empty the garbage cans at the park on a more frequent basis. One load of rock salt will be ordered for this year and the remaining load will be ordered at a later date. It was noted that repairs are needed at the inlet across from the firehouse.

A motion was made by Jesse, 2nd by Liz, to accept this report. Motion carried.

Solicitor – Stanley Burke

--The Solicitor noted that he has been in contact with a family member regarding a past due garbage account. Several liens are placed on the property and they plan to pay the full amount of what is owed. Stan said that the borough can expect the funds by the end of this month.

--No new information regarding the Meade and Yuschock delinquent garbage accounts. At the September meeting Doug offered to try and contact Meade to inform her that her account is in arrears. No update. The owner of the Yuschock property recently passed away and council questioned who is now responsible for the delinquent account. Stan agreed to look into this matter.

A motion was made by Liz, 2nd by Jesse, to accept this report. Motion carried.

Blue Mt. Recreation – Liz Shaner

August minutes and financial reports received

SCOG

No report

Emergency Management – Eddie Schwenk

No report

OLD BUSINESS

--Abandoned property on Bear Creek Street on list for judicial sale in October

--No contact from Comcast regarding their franchise renewal

--Liz agreed to ask Terry when he will begin the repairs to the grate on Bear Creek Street

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NEW BUSINESS

--No decision was made regarding the suggestion to stop garbage collection at properties who do not pay the fees for a long length of time.

--A motion was made by Jesse, 2nd by Jim, to approve the donation of \$70.00 for the Halloween parade prizes. Motion carried. Jackie Schaeffer and her daughter volunteered to be judges the night of the parade.

--A 2026 budget meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 20th, at 6 P.M.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5th, at 7 P.M. A work session will be held, if needed, at 6 P.M. before the meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Jesse, 2nd by Jim, to adjourn the October meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Brenda J. Fessler
Secretary-Treasurer