

The Factoryville Borough Council held their regular council meeting on July 8th, 2026 at the Borough Hall. Council Chair, Bill Edwards, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

PRESENT

Mayor Lou Jasikoff
Bill Edwards
Colin Fricke
Gregg Yunko
Dan Engler
Elena O'Connor
D. Charles Truitt

ALSO ATTENDING

Paul Litwin, Solicitor
Rebecca Nelson, Assistant
Corey Huff
Jay Travis
Lori Travis
Tunk. Ambulance Mike Markovitz

ABSENT – None

A motion is needed to allow R. Nelson to serve as proxy for S. Cantner.

C. Fricke made a motion to allow R. Nelson to serve as proxy for the Council Meeting. G. Yunko seconded the motion. All yea.

AGENDA – Approval is needed to add an executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

D. Engler made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition. C. Fricke seconded the motion. All yea.

MINUTES: June 10, 2026 minutes were reviewed and no corrections were made.

C. Truitt made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 10th, 2026. C. Fricke seconded the motion. All yea.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Citizen Jay Travis questioned speeding of a small silver Acura sports car with a black hood that has loud exhaust. This happens twice per day. L. Jasikoff did speak with the Police Chief about this, and the Chief requested a plate number for next time. J. Travis requested resources from the Town Hall Meeting. He stated there are 6 miles of road with 4 miles being State roads. He is requesting signs on the side streets owned by the Borough. Finally, Jay Travis wanted to know about the budget and where monies are kept.

Mike Markovitz from Tunkhannock Ambulance. Slower dispatch this past month with 151 total calls. Call volume has increased as well as more crews. There were 16 townships and boroughs covered. There were 8 total calls in the Borough with just over 2 minutes out the door. There were 7405 miles on the ambulances this month. Over \$2000 paid man hours were covered. The membership drive is under way. Finally, a third truck will be added for non-emergency transfers during the day.

Citizen Lori Travis asked about paving. B. Edwards answered that we do not yet have a date.

CORRESPONDENCE – We received an invitation from Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce for a Midsummer Mingle. This is a celebration with food and games at the Stonehedge Golf Course on July 16th from 5:30 to 8:30pm. Cost is \$65 a person. Anyone interested can register on the WYCCC.com website.

MANAGER’S REPORT –

- a. Act 13 monies were received and totaled \$28,034.10. This is an increase from last year’s total of \$17,697.
- b. The Watkins/Kemmerer paving project starts July 10th. The payment bond was updated as it previously stated “Factoryville Township” rather than “Factoryville Borough.” Motion to approve the updated bond is needed.

E. O’Connor made a motion to approve the updated payment bond. G. Yunko seconded the motion. All yea.

- c. The Watkins/Kemmerer paving should be completed next week. S. Cantner would like to know what Council would prefer to do about payment. Factoryville could wait until next month to make a payment or payment approval could be made pending inspection and approval of the project by J. Gesek or B. Edwards. If approval to pay is made, we need a motion to approve J. Gesek or B. Edwards to sign off on the project.

G. Yunko made a motion to approve J. Gesek and B. Edwards to sign off on the Watkins/Kemmerer Project. D. Engler seconded the motion. All yea.

C. Truitt made a motion to approve payment upon approval for the Watkins/Kemmerer Project. D. Engler seconded the motion. All yea.

- d. R. Nelson is working through the first set of rental license renewals. There are currently two individuals awaiting inspection. R. Nelson has reached out to the inspectors to schedule, followed up one month later, and no return email or schedule has been made. R. Nelson is seeking guidance on next steps. The Rental Ordinance cannot be enforced if the issue is getting an inspector out to the locations. B. Edwards recommended calling again and speaking with the secretary or directly with the inspector.
- e. Northeast Signal provided a repair estimate of work that needs to be done at the corner of Civic Club Way and Keystone. The total amount is \$3826.31. Approval is needed to allow them to make repairs.

G. Yunko made a motion to approve the work proposed by Northeast Signal. C. Truitt seconded the motion. All yea.

D. Engler made a motion to approve the manager’s report. G. Yunko seconded the motion. All yea.

BILLS – R. Nelson sought approval for the bills. Unusual expenses included the final invoice for the recycling trailer in the amount of \$111 as well as \$1825 from Northeast Signal for the

preventative work done and previously approved. R. Nelson also requested that Council revisit payment of the two bills for engineering work on the Trail project to be paid to Clinton Township. There are two separate bills for \$25,443 and \$5293.50. B. Edwards stated that he would prefer a meeting before paying the engineering costs.

G. Yunko made a motion to pay the bills, excluding the two Clinton Township bills totaling \$30,736.50. C. Truitt seconded the motion. All yea.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

- a. **Finance**: C. Fricke had nothing to report.
- b. **Parks and Recreation**: C. Truitt reported that the Park Day will be July 15th from 11am until 2pm. No park meeting took place this month.
- c. **Building and Grounds**: G. Yunko remarked that J. Gesek repaired the sidewalk in front of the Borough building.
- d. **Roads and Maintenance**: B. Edwards reported on J. Gesek's monthly progress. After the June meeting, J. Gesek found two catch basins that had blown apart over the winter. Those were rebuilt. A new pad was dug out and poured in front of the Borough building. The ditches on Watkins were cleaned, and Midland is scheduled to tar and chip on Friday the 10th. J. Gesek has been weed whacking, mowing, and dealing with trash removal. Finally, the dump truck will be going in for inspection and to check for and fix recalls. Will be getting two to three more loads of anti-skid to fill the shed for the winter.
- e. **Mayor's Report**: Mayor Jasikoff summarized the police report from May and June. In May, there were 4 calls, 475 miles patrolled, and 140 total hours. In June, there were 9 calls, 625 miles patrolled, and 128 total hours.

Mayor Jasikoff and B. Edwards met with the Police Chief yesterday to update on speeding concerns. Borough will need to give the Chief addresses of locations to paint the lines. Issuing warnings would also be helpful.

There is money available to purchase a speed sign for traffic calming. Mayor Jasikoff would like to introduce opportunity to donate for these signs.

Mayor Jasikoff held a Town Hall Meeting last week and provided a summary of that meeting. The focus was on ongoing speeding and traffic concerns throughout Factoryville. Discussion included traffic calming, electronic signs, and police coverage. Citizens asked about a Factoryville or Regional police force. There were many questions asked. Next steps included attending this council meeting, potentially creating a formal traffic calming policy, forming a committee to work on above policy and related issues, and looking into grants and funding options for electronic signs.

Next townhall meeting will be July 30th to form a citizen committee. The time will be 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

G. Yunko stated that there was a problem with police protection and getting State Police or Dalton Police coming. G. Yunko called the non-emergency police numbers. B. Edwards stated that 911 must be called in the future.

- f. **Enforcement Review**: All issues are being addressed quickly and without issue.
- g. **Zoning**: Nothing to report.
- h. **Solicitor's Report**: Resolution 2026-5R requires approval and signatures. This ordinance allows the ordinance enforcement officer to enforce designated ordinances other than zoning, sewage, building code, property maintenance, or other police matters assigned to officials or contractors. This will allow T. Schofield to issue file non-traffic citations where authorized by law. This will give T. Schofield a badge/employee number.

D. Engler made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-5R. G. Yunko seconded the motion. All yea.

A motion is needed to ratify all prior enforcement actions taken in good faith.

C. Truitt made a motion to ratify any prior enforcement actions taken in good faith. D. Engler seconded the motion. All yea.

Because of a possible conflict of interest, Solicitor Litwin is requesting that the Borough recognize the conflict and allow the solicitor to write and submit an Intergovernmental Agreement between Clinton Township and Factoryville Borough. Factoryville Borough understands the conflict and will need to authorize Paul to stay on as Council.

C. Fricke made a motion to keep Solicitor Paul Litwin as Council in light of a conflict of interest. D. Engler seconded the motion. All yea.

An agreement between Clinton Township and Factoryville Borough is needed to address payments of the Trail costs as well as maintenance relationship.

C. Truitt made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement. G. Yunko seconded the motion. All yea.

- i. **Events**: E. O'Connor has nothing to report. Jay Travis stated that there will be a stage on the backside of the dugout for the Christmas Market this year. A branch needs to be removed from that location.

ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS – Discussed above in the Solicitor's report.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS –

New Business:

- a. S. Cantner is proposing the Borough celebrate the 250-year celebration. Her idea is to utilize a time capsule to be buried under the flagpole. Ideas are welcome. Council will think about ideas to put in the time capsule.

Old Business:

- a. G. Yunko stated that an individual has been parking recreational vehicles such as boats and pop-up campers across from Creekside Café in the public lot. A 24-hour parking sign is needed. G. Yunko recommended a sign that says, “No trailers overnight.” An ordinance would be needed to set penalties. Council will revisit this and research regarding Ordinances will be done.
- b. Trail Project Updates: This was discussed above in the Solicitor’s report. Additionally, the Creekside Park Board will be discussing a potential donation to help cover some of the engineering costs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Recess for executive session for personnel issues at 7:28pm.

Council reconvened from executive session at 7:36pm.

C. Fricke made a motion to accept Grant writer Jen Saslo’s email as a letter of resignation and to approve resignation. G. Yunko seconded the motion. All yea.

D. Engler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. G. Yunko seconded the motion. All yea.

The regular meeting of the Factoryville Borough Council adjourned at 7:36pm. The next regular meeting will be held August 12th, 2026, at 6:30pm in the Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Nelson
Borough Assistant