

Summit Hill Borough Council
October 14, 2025, 6:00 p.m. Borough Hall

The regular scheduled meeting of the Summit Hill Borough Council was held at the above time and place with President David Wargo presiding.

Roll Call – President David Wargo, Vice President Joseph Weber, Lacey Gonzalez, Karen Ruzicka, Alan Kruslicky, Edward Kane, Marlene Basiago, and Solicitor Robert Frycklund were in attendance. Mayor Jeffrey Szczecina was absent.

President Wargo stated that the Mayor notified the Secretary that Trick-or-Treat will be moved back to Friday, October 31, 2025 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. with a rain date of Saturday, November 1, 2025.

Floor –

1. Mark Moore, Prospect14 LLC, explained that his company has signed a lease option agreement with 2J2M LLC for the proposed development of a solar project with an estimated size of 40-65 acres on a 342-acre parcel in Summit Hill Borough. The parcel is zoned R-1, Summit Hill does not have solar in the zoning ordinance, and he would like to discuss if a solar ordinance is being drafted or what the process would be to permit a solar project. They are also considering proper placement of the project to be out of the viewshed of the residents and given the elevation of the site, it appears they will not impact residents. Prospect14 also has signed an interconnection agreement with PPL utility to connect at the substation north of the project on Market Street utilizing PPL's right-of-way for their 69Kv lines. Site access would be best to enter from Treeline Drive, which the landowner said is the road they use for access. He would like to discuss the access more in depth as well and see if it is a Borough owned road and what the requirements would be such as bonding and improvements.

He wants to slowly introduce the project because they are a long way from applying but wanted to start the discussion with Council. The table requirements that are in the zoning ordinance, the R-1 District shows maximum lot coverage of 25%. In Table I Schedule District Regulations for R-1 low density residential under conditional uses it has large scale commercial development, which he feels would be solar because it is a commercial project. Since it is a conditional use, Council can tell them what they need to do and put conditions on to any approvals. Same would go for the setbacks and studies. Any electrical equipment or upgrades to the substation will be paid for by the company. There is nothing that is transferred onto the taxpayers or anyone in the public. They would be beefing up the substation and the area. All the energy from this goes to the substation but cannot tell them where the electrons will go but would assume that it is a smaller voltage circuit that they would be plugging into and would also assume that it would go into the distribution circuits that supply the area.

They will prepare a tax analysis to show the projected numbers of the increase of the tax base for the school, borough, and county. Further down the road, they can talk donations to the fire department, borough, parks, and recreation, etc.

The worst part of the project is construction. They will typically talk with the roadmaster about road bonding and the truck route. A traffic study would be done and will have escorts and bond the roads.

Another important thing would be decommissioning, which is in all the leases. They have decommissioning with the landowner so that they are protected. A second layer would be posting a bond/financial security with he borough, even if it is not in an ordinance, they will still do it.

He presented a map of the area to show what the project would look like. It shows the view and slope analysis of an area that is not 15% or greater. They know there are residential houses below and

stormwater will be a major concern. They follow DEPs manual and the erosion and sedimentation, which would require a DPS permit.

President Wargo asked if it would be visible from White Bear Drive and expressed his concern of the project staying away from the Switchback Trail. Mr. Moore assured him that it will not be anywhere near the trail, and he does not believe that it will be seen from White Bear.

President Wargo explained that they are currently in the process of finalizing new Zoning and SALDO ordinances, which he hopes will be approved in early 2026. The current ordinance is 30 years old, but the core of the ordinance will be approved in about 4-5 months. Once it is available to the public, he can request a copy. He does believe that solar fields are addressed in the new zoning ordinance. Solicitor Frycklund added that he can rely on the pending ordinance document even before it is adopted. President Wargo said that discussing zoning ins and outs will even be practical at this time. Mr. Moore asked if the R-1 District will be included with conditional use or special exception. President Wargo said they did do some adjusting to make conditional uses in all the districts. He stated that they cannot give much information at the moment and there will be a lot of discussion that will need to take place.

Councilman Kruslicky asked the lifespan of the solar field. Mr. Moore explained that they typically do a 25-year lease with four 5-year extensions, which is approximately 40 years. The lifespan of the panels is anywhere from 25-30 years. Once it is built, about 15-20 years down the road, they may come in and take the panels off, the inverters out and put new ones up that are way more efficient and better quality. They will degrade over the years. Nothing is from China; it is Canadian solar which is American made. Will use fencing, gravel and other resources and would like to get local contractors involved.

Councilwoman Gonzalez asked if it is a normal size for a project. Mr. Moore explained that they are looking to do three 3 megawatt projects that will all be grouped together. It is the net energy metering that is in Pennsylvania. Everyone is doing 3 megawatt projects because that is what the utilities allow to connect to grid and get what is called net energy metering. Being that the legislators in Harrisburg cannot agree on a policy for community solar, like they have in Maryland. They have a program that is clear cut, and everyone knows what to expect, which makes it easier to come to a hearing board and say they have followed everything and this is what we have. In the borough's new ordinance, they can consider making a conditional use for special exemption, which would allow them the ability to add additional setbacks, studies, etc. Councilwoman Gonzalez asked if there is a rough estimate of what they are going to invest in the town. What does the size of the project normally cost. Mr. Moore explained that for a 1-3-megawatt project, including the interconnection costs, it can be anywhere from \$1 million to \$5 million per project. For the project that he is speaking about, it would be \$15 million. When a tax analysis is done, they will find the numbers for the borough and county so it could be calculated based on the property. Another thing Prospect14 does, if they are enrolled in Clean and Green, is pay the 7-year rollback tax, which would be to the county and borough. Construction costs would most likely be a little bit hire for this project because of the bedrock.

Mr. Moore asked if solar would not be allowed at all in the R-1 District, is rezoning a possibility. He would like to know ahead of time before they start spending money and are told it cannot be done. Solicitor Frycklund said it is always a possibility, but they would have to work with the county because of the Comprehensive Plan so they would need to coordinate because of it. Mr. Moore said in the meantime he will have them move forward with the wetlands study and see where they are with the new zoning ordinance before they get too financially involved.

President Wargo noted that before they get into anything he would like to say that everyone has a chance to make public comment, but they are not going to move the agenda around to debate things out of order. We will take public comment, but they will talk about the issues further when they get to it on the agenda.

2. George Ruzicka, 144 West White Street, has concerns about the parking across the street from the Italian Club. He would like to know why they want to make a change to the parking area. President Wargo said they will address that once they get to it on the agenda. Mr. Ruzicka said that parking has been this way since 1938 and added adverse possession, which is Pennsylvania law. It concerns the property across the street, which they want to change. They maintained the property for more than 21 years. Solicitor Frycklund said that they need to be open, notoriously, and in a hostile position. Mr. Ruzicka said they can legally take the property. Solicitor Frycklund said they can take that position, but he disagrees. Mr. Ruzicka also asked why they would not change parking on both sides of the wall.
3. Millie Ashmore, 15 East Amidon Street, wanted to see if the borough would consider live streaming the meetings on Facebook like other neighboring communities have started to do. It would help residents to be more informed and get more involved. There are some big projects coming up and there are questions. Not everyone wants to get their information from Facebook but if they are not transparent with the residents, it does leave the imagination to run wild. President Wargo stated that most of those that are being livestreamed are being done by people who attend the meetings. It is a public meeting, tv cameras are at the meeting, and he personally has no objection if someone wanted to livestream their meeting. They do not have the resources to set up a livestream that is sponsored by the borough. Councilwoman Gonzalez added that with the updated website, there will be more possibilities with the website, but they do not know what that will look like at this time. Ms. Ashmore asked if there was a way the Council can do follow up or answer questions so people do not have to come to a meeting to ask the questions. President Wargo explained that the meeting is the forum that the public would come and talk about it. The purpose of the meetings is to provide information to the public. If there is sufficient enough interest, he is more than happy to have an informational session during the month. He is not a fan of putting things on social media because they, as public officials, have responsibilities that it is not the proper forum to discuss government matters. The proper forum is at meetings, and they have been advised not to do much on social media because of legal ramifications. Everyone's door is open to answer questions or talk to them. It is up to the person to reach out to Council.
4. Nathan and Arthur Vermillion, 303 West White Street, said they love Summit Hill. As kids who have homework and activities, please make Trick-or-Treat on Halloween.

Minutes – Motion was made by Marlene Basiago and seconded by Karen Ruzicka to approve the meeting minutes from the September 9, 2025 Council meeting. Motion was opened for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Mayor's Report – President Wargo read the Mayor's report. Total collected from the District Justice was \$893.21 and from Carbon County was \$283.81. **Motion was made by Karen Ruzicka and seconded by Joseph Weber to accept the mayor's report for the month of September 2025.** Motion was opened for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Police Report – Chief Woodward read the monthly report. He also asked for permission to place an order for seven Glock model 45 pistols for the police department in the amount of \$3,724.84. They will not be available until February or March of 2026, which is when payment will be due. He is not only asking because of the time it takes to receive them but because the cost will be going up come the new year. It has been about 12 years since the pistols have been upgraded. Ms. Steber asked what he would do with the old guns. Chief Woodward explained that the distributor will offer to buy each gun at \$230 a piece or the officers could buy them at the same cost if it is ok with Council. The amount of \$3,724.84 includes the trade-in price. **Motion was made by Alan Kruslicky and seconded by Karen Ruzicka to purchase seven Glock pistols for the police department at a cost of \$3,724.84 with payment due in spring 2026.** Motion was opened for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council. **Motion was made by Karen Ruzicka and seconded by Marlene Basiago to accept the Police report for the month of September 2025.** Motion was opened for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Planning and Zoning – Motion was made by Marlene Basiago and seconded by Alan Kruslicky to accept the Planning and Zoning report for the month of September 2025. Motion was opened for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

UCC, Code Enforcement and Rental Inspection Reports – Councilwoman Gonzalez mentioned that the group of properties still has not been re-inspected. Ms. Steber said they are in the process of purchasing and installing fire extinguishers in each unit. She added that the woman in charge is out on medical leave, so others are having to step in and pick up where she left off. Councilwoman Basiago stated that there are a few other properties that need to be re-inspected, and it has been two or more months. President Wargo asked why there is information from 2023 and 2024 still on the report. Ms. Steber said it is probably for record. **Motion was made by Joseph Weber and seconded by Edward Kane to accept the UCC and Code Enforcement report for the month of September 2025.** Motion was opened for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Work Leader Report – President Wargo noted that there is a list of shared services at the back of the report. Councilwoman Basiago asked what are hand tools that are on the list. Councilman Kruslicky explained they are shovels, rakes, picks, etc. which they used during paving. **Motion was made by Alan Kruslicky and seconded by Joseph Weber to accept the Work Leader report for the month of September 2025.** Motion was opened for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Tax Collector Report – Nathan Halenar, Tax Collector submitted his Tax Collector Report for the month of September 2025. Total collected was \$187.00 in Occupation Taxes, \$110.00 in Per Capita Taxes, \$6,521.09 in Real Estate Taxes and a commission of \$204.54. **Motion was made by Karen Ruzicka and seconded by Alan Kruslicky to accept the Tax Collector Report for the month of September 2025.** Motion was opened for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Delinquent Real Estate Tax Report – Portnoff submitted their Delinquent Real Estate Tax Report for the month of September 2025. Total collected was \$3,791.46 in Delinquent Real Estate Taxes. **Motion was made by Lacey Gonzalez and seconded by Karen Ruzicka to accept the Delinquent Real Estate Tax Report for the month of September 2025.** Motion was opened for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Wage Tax Report – Berkheimer submitted their Wage Tax Report for the month of September 2025. Total EIT submitted was \$15,079.44 with a commission of \$260.87 and postage charges of \$11.43. No LST submitted but postage charges of \$1.02. Total DLT submitted was \$217.56 in delinquent Occupation Assessment Tax and \$105.37 in Per Capita Tax. **Motion was made by Lacey Gonzalez and seconded by Karen Ruzicka to accept the Wage Tax report for the month of September 2025.** Motion was opened for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Delinquent Garbage Collection Report – Creditech submitted their Delinquent Garbage Collection Report for the months of August and September 2025. Total collections from Creditech for August were \$282.00, from the Borough was \$2,143.50, commission to Creditech of \$532.89 and total due to Creditech of \$250.89. Total collections from Creditech for September were \$468.00, from the Borough was \$2,022.00, commission to Creditech of \$573.00 and total due to Creditech of \$105.00. **Motion was made by Marlene Basiago and seconded by Alan Kruslicky to accept the Delinquent Garbage Collection report for the months of August and September 2025.** Motion was opened for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Receipts – Total receipts received for the month of September 2025 were \$179,473.27. **Motion was made by Lacey Gonzalez and seconded by Karen Ruzicka to accept the Receipts for the month of September 2025.** Motion was opened for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Bills – General Fund \$198,170.91, Local Services Tax \$1.02, Community Center \$338.56, Street Lighting \$4,558.70, Sanitation Account \$30,584.92, Rental Property Account \$2,015.00, Liquid Fuels Account \$26,825.76 and Capital Improvement – Recreation \$2,500.00. **Motion was made by Alan Kruslicky and seconded by Lacey Gonzalez to pay the bills from September 10 – October 14, 2025.** Motion was opened for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Committee Reports

Streets –

1. Councilman Kruslicky informed Council that the new truck was delivered on October 1, 2025.
2. The estimated Liquid Fuels allocation for 2026 is \$97,939.11. Councilwoman Gonzalez stated that John Davis from PennDOT mentioned that depending on what is allocated budgetary once they come to an agreement, there is a possibility the funds may decrease.

Recreation Committee –

1. List of events for approval:
 - a. Date change for Ghouls & Gourds Halloween event. New date is October 26, 2025 starting at 1:00 p.m. with the event being rain or shine.
 - b. Paint & Sip event on November 22, 2025 starting at 1:00 p.m. at a cost of \$35 per person
 - c. Date change for Christmas on the Hill event. New date is December 14, 2025 with the trolley rides starting at 5:00 p.m. and Santa arriving at 6:30 p.m. Gimbles food truck will be at the event.

Motion was made by Jospeh Weber and seconded by Alan Kruslicky to approve the list of events for the Recreation Commission. Motion was opened for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Emergency Services Committee – Councilman Kruslicky mentioned that they had the truck dedication on October 4, 2025. It was a nice event, great turnout, and beautiful weather. President Wargo thanked the Fire Co. for allowing Council to say a few words at the dedication. He was impressed with the event and noted that it was a very moving experience. He said he applauds them for their hard work and service to the borough. He added that they are always looking for volunteers and need all the help they can get.

Sanitation Committee – Councilwoman Gonzalez mentioned that they signed the new sanitation contract, which will start in 2026. The invoices will start being prepared prior to the new year and in order to get ahead of it, they need to discuss the sanitation rates. On the budget meeting notes, they discussed the cost they needed to cover in association with sanitation contract. Based off 1,500 homes, the approximate rates, based on collection rates, are year over year averages. One had a little bit of cushion based on the real estate tax collection rate this year versus last year is a bit of a year over year decline with collection rates. They came up with three-dollar figures based off 1,500 homes. The figures are \$120 a quarter at an 87% collection rate, \$115 a quarter at a 90% collection rate, and \$120 a quarter at a 90% collection rate. This is what they are looking to work with budgetary wise to cover the costs for the new contract. Delinquents will be sent to Portnoff in the new year and will be sent annually instead of quarterly. All the figures will be solvent if they have the collection rate. Current in house collection rate is somewhere between 85-90%. Councilman Kruslicky said he does not want to lowball it now and then run out of money to pay the contract. He is suggesting that they go with \$120 a quarter. Councilman Kane stated that the delinquency rate may increase because we are increasing the rate until everyone gets accustomed to keeping it in their budgetary restrictions. Unfortunately, we cannot control what is happening with the contract because it is happening everywhere. A brief discussion took place about the new rate and delinquencies. **Motion was made by Alan Kruslicky and seconded by Lacey Gonzalez to set the new sanitation rate at \$120 per quarter for the next 4 years under the new contract**

starting January 2026. Motion was opened for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Motion was made by Joseph Weber and seconded by Karen Ruzicka to accept the Committee Reports for the month of September 2025. Motion was opened for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Communications –

- Request from Jeffrey McCauley, President of September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance asking for a letter of support from the borough regarding the grant for design and engineering for parts of the trail. **Motion was made by Lacey Gonzalez and seconded by Marlene Basiago to write a letter of support for the September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance grant for design and engineering parts of the trail.** Motion was opened for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

President Wargo would like to encourage everyone to attend the hearings that are scheduled on October 22, 2025 at Alvernia in Pottsville and on October 23, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Panther Valley School District. It is critical if there is interest in the trail to attend and support it.

President Wargo also stated that there is a letter from Governor Shapiro asking for assistance with the initiative his administration is working on in close partnership with the September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance to mark the 25th Anniversary in remembrance of the heroes and events of September 11, 2001.

President Wargo mentioned that they received communication about proposals for Data Centers, which will be discussed later on the agenda.

Motion was made by Karen Ruzicka and seconded by Joseph Weber to accept communications for from September 10 – October 14, 2025. Motion was opened for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Old Business -

1. President Wargo said the Short-Term Rental ordinance they have has been updated with all the corrections and additions made by Council. He mentioned that Councilwoman Basiago pointed out a correction that needs to be made under Section 3 – Applicability; Responsibility; A. It currently states as defined in Section 5 and should read Section 4. Councilwoman Basiago asked about License Requirements under Section 7-B. The sentence reads that a Short-Term Rental is not a use which is permitted. Solicitor Frycklund explained that under zoning there are uses that are permitted and other uses for special exceptions which varies by the zoning district. If a Short-Term Rental is not a use which is permitted as of right in the particular zoning district, then the owner must obtain a grant of a variance. It is the proper language as per a Short-Term Rental being a principal permitted use.

Councilwoman Basiago stated that on page 4, B & C say the same thing so why are they both in the ordinance. Solicitor Frycklund said he used another borough's ordinance as a template and it is there for ease of reference.

She also asked if the inspections for short-term rentals are yearly. How can you say that it is the same as rental inspections, when they are every two years. President Wargo explained that this applies to short-term rental properties. What they are saying is the ordinance, where it does not specify otherwise, would go back to the rental property ordinance for the terms of how things are inspected and how things are done. When you get a short-term rental license for a short-term rental property, the license and inspection are only good for one year. Councilwoman Basiago said it does not state it anywhere in the ordinance. President Wargo said it should be under Section 9-B on page 8 and should read that the term of the inspection is one year.

Councilwoman Basiago questioned Section 11, 7-b and 14-c regarding parking. She feels they are contradicting each other. President Wargo explained that both state they need to be off street. They support each other.

Council asked Solicitor Frycklund to make the corrections and get it back to them for review before the November meeting. President Wargo asked Council if they want to have a public meeting regarding the ordinance. Councilman Kruslicky feels they should get the ordinance in order first, discuss it at the next meeting and then make that decision.

2. President Wargo said at last month's meeting they discussed the Amusement Tax Ordinance and were concerned about some items in the ordinance. They agreed to take a further look at it and bring it back to the table. Questions were about non-profit and private clubs that have machines and are pivotal to their ability to raise enough revenue to stay open. There was a section in the ordinance about jukeboxes, pool tables, and other recreational equipment that you would find in a bar or club. They discussed the \$250 fee to register the machines, and it was pointed out that these other mechanical devices would be charged \$50 each. Councilwoman Gonzalez feels that \$50 is excessive and feels it should be strike from the ordinance. As far as the exemption, under 3-C tax on admissions, amend it to say the amusement tax shall not apply to any facilities operated by a non-profit veteran's services organization recognized under Section 501C19 of the Internal Revenue Code. The amusement tax shall also not apply to any facilities operated by a non-profit organization recognized under Section 501C3 of the Internal Revenue Code that provides free admission to all visitors, however any mandatory donations, entrance fees or other required payments by whatever _____ shall be deemed an admission fee and shall be subject to the tax. The amusement tax shall further not apply to any sponsored or conducted by a public school district, charter school, or other educational institutions owned and operated by a government entity notwithstanding any exemptions granted under Section any mechanical game devices in or upon the premises of a facility operated by 501C3 non-profit corporation shall be subject to and not exempt from the tax set forth in Section 4. Councilwoman Ruzicka feels it should be all private clubs. Councilwoman Basiago asked about religious organizations. Councilwoman Gonzalez explained that if you are not charged a fee to be a member of the church, then it would be covered. Donations are not fees so it would not be considered a required membership, but dues are considered a membership.

A brief discussion took place about dues and admission fees.

Councilwoman Basiago asked how long an owner must keep their records. Eugene Turner stated that the LCB requires you to keep records for 3 years. Council agreed to make it 3 years.

President Wargo added that he feels that even if the non-profit or veteran's organizations have the games of skill, the should still self-register what they have. No fee will be charged but a record of what they have should be on file. Councilwoman Gonzalez said that they can add under exemptions that this does not preclude them from having to identify machines in their establishment.

Council agreed to have Solicitor Frycklund make the changes and return it for review before the next meeting in November.

3. Proposals were received from Diversified Billing System and from MuniBilling, which is the current billing system for the borough. Kira Steber stated that the upfront cost for Diversified is \$16,040, which covers the set up and training for the new system. The annual fee after that would be \$5,600 per year, which over 3 years would total \$16,800. The continued monthly cost from MuniBilling is \$880 a month which comes to \$10,560 a year. Over a 3-year period of the contract it would cost the borough \$31,680. Councilwoman Gonzalez noted that the cost for MuniBilling covers what they already have now and does not include Sewer Transmission billing, only sanitation. She added that they can also do electronic billing and have an autopay option. **Motion was made by Alan Kruslicky and seconded by Lacey Gonzalez to**

approve and enter into an agreement with Diversified Billing System at a cost of \$16,800 for transfer, set up and training on the new system. Motion was opened for comment. Councilwoman Gonzalez said to Ms. Steber as the Secretary/Treasurer, that it will take some leg work to get everything transferred over and asked is she ok with it. Ms. Steber said she does not have any issues with it because she also has her assistant, Sammi, who is very familiar with the system. Between the two of us, we will be fine. No further comments were made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

4. Councilwoman Gonzalez stated that she has an email out to someone regarding AEDs and is waiting for a response.
5. Kira Steber explained that she received information from Lehigh Engineering with comments regarding the 2024 version of the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC). This is the information Solicitor Frycklund was waiting for so he can put together an ordinance.

New Business –

1. President Wargo mentioned a letter that was received from Linda Christman from Save Carbon County, and it was also a recommendation from Lehigh Engineering to put a Data Center Ordinance in place. There is a big push to install data centers in Pennsylvania. It is a high-tech warehouse facility that deals with housing computers with telecommunication equipment that runs 24/7. The concern is that they take up a great deal of land that is now impervious because of building on natural land. They are also concerned about noise, water, pollution, etc. Information provided lists 8 different centers that are going in throughout the state that are being proposed and taking up thousands of acres of land a piece. His feeling is to look into it further and get something in place. Council asked Solicitor Frycklund to see if there is a standard ordinance regarding data centers. Vice President Weber said it is relatively unlikely that they would put on in Summit Hill due to the amount of water that would be needed, and they could not hook up to the sewer because of the moratorium. Ms. Steber said that Ralph from Lehigh Engineering said that even if it is unlikely to happen, it is still good to have it in place to protect the borough.
2. Budget information was received from Keystone Technology for 2026. President Wargo stated that he and Kirs met with Andy to discuss some items to consider for next year. One thing to consider implementing is the Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) for the administration system to provide better security for the network and email systems. The cost is \$5 per user per month or can be performed using a cell phone app at no additional cost or a hardware token at a one-time purchase of \$40 each. The police already have this in place. Additionally, he recommends consideration to be given to deployment of personal devices, such as iPads or tablets, for use by Council. It would eliminate the use of personal devices for borough tasks and improve security of the data. Councilman Kruslicky asked if Keystone provides training for the employees. Having an MFA is the first step but most times when people get hacked it is because they open an email with a link to click that they should not have clicked. A brief discussion took place about cybersecurity in the workplace.
3. A request was received from the CLSH Sewer Authority to have a member of council and the borough solicitor attend a meeting with the Sewer Authority to discuss two pressing matters. The meeting has not been scheduled yet because the representative and solicitor will have to provide dates and times they will be available to meet. Councilwoman Ruzicka said if the meeting would be held during the day, she would be able to attend. Vice President Weber said that he would be willing to attend, as long as he is not traveling for work. President Wargo said they can figure it out and work with the solicitor to schedule a day and time for the meeting.
4. Councilwoman Basiago asked if the flags will be up for Veteran's Day because they were not up for the 4th of July or Flag Day and feels it is a disgrace to the town. Councilman Kruslicky will talk to the work crew about it.

5. Councilwoman Basiago asked Council to consider eliminating diagonal parking on Hazard Street across from the Italian Club due to the damage that is happening to the stone wall around the park. She examined the wall and saw the damage that is being done. Three quarters of the street has parallel parking, so she does not understand why that small section is diagonal. President Wargo asked what she saw that gives the indication that the vehicles are causing the damage to the wall. Councilwoman Basiago does not have any indication other than what she was told from the borough workers. If you look at the wall, you can clearly see it is deteriorating. She is not sure if it is from a vehicle hitting it all the time or not. There are long trucks that park there and stick out partially into the road. Eugene Turner said there are about 5-6 parking spots there and they take care of plowing the parking area. Councilwoman Ruzicka said she took a walk around the inside and outside of the park. There is diagonal parking on Fell Street against the wall and noticed damage on that side of the wall as well. She asked if she was looking to eliminate all parking along the wall. Councilwoman Basiago said she is not looking to eliminate all diagonal parking and added that the wall on the Fell Street side is deteriorating more so than on the Hazard Street side, which can also be a problem due to people hitting it. She is going by what she is seeing and what she was told. President Wargo reiterated that she sees deterioration on both the Fell and Hazard Street sides of the wall, but Fell Street is worse. Why would they not consider eliminating all diagonal parking then. Councilwoman Basiago asked why $\frac{3}{4}$ of the street is parallel parking but right across from the Italian Club it is diagonal parking. Eugene Turner asked why the borough paved that section and the rest is grass. George Ruzicka stated that parking has been this way for at least 21 years or longer. He said they do have cameras so if something did get damaged, they can look at the video footage to see what happened. Councilman Kruslicky said he is not in favor of taking away any parking spots. A brief discussion took place about the deterioration of the wall. President Wargo put it out on the table to anyone who would like to make a motion to make the change to see what happens. Vice President Weber said they can also talk to the borough engineer to see if there are any recommendations to preserve the wall, whether it be angle or parallel parking, as long as they keep cars away from the wall. President Wargo said anyone can make a motion to have the borough engineer take a look at it or do nothing at all. No motion was made regarding the matter.
6. Kira Steber informed Council that PPL has been in the area installing the sensors for the new Christmas lights. She is not sure if they are done but she did see them in town. The workers will be good to hang the lights on schedule.
7. President Wargo announced that Trick-or-Treat has been moved back to Friday, October 31, 2025 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. with a rain date of Saturday, November 1, 2025 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
8. Fall Cleanup Dates are October 18 and 25, 2025.
 - October 18, 2025 – East side of town along with Knepper’s Trailer Ct. and East & West White Bear Dr.
 - October 25, 2025 – West side of town along with Laurel Dr. and East & West Mountaintop Road

Motion was made by Lacey Gonzalez and seconded by Karen Ruzicka to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. until the next regular meeting of the Summit Hill Borough on November 11, 2025. Motion was opened for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

David Wargo
Council President

Kira Steber
Secretary/Treasurer