Huntingdon Borough Council Meeting Minutes

The Huntingdon Borough Council Meeting was held in the Borough Council Room, 530 Washington Street, Huntingdon, PA on Tuesday, June 17, 2025.

The guest present were Gary Cramer, David Quarry, Betty Quarry and Joseph Thompson.

President James Bair called the Borough Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Thomas Yoder then gave the Invocation.

President James Bair presented the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was taken, and the following members were present, President James Bair, Vice-President David Fortson, Councilman Robert Jackson, Councilwoman DeeDee Brown, Borough Solicitor Richard Wilson, Mayor Thomas Yoder, Chief of Police Charles Streightiff, and Borough Secretary Richard King.

President James Bair called on the swearing in of Huntingdon Borough’s newest police officer.

Present for Brooke Colledge’s swearing in were Brooke’s mom, Bethany Crawford, aunts, Karen Evans and Brenda Brant, stepmom Angie Colledge and Brooke’s dad Toby Colledge.

Chief Charles Streightiff said that history is made tonight to the swearing in of our third female police officer of Huntingdon Borough. Chief Streightiff said the first female officer was Betty Streightiff, the second was Shannon Gummo and now for our third is Brooke Colledge.

Chief Charles Streightiff said that Brooke Colledge is from Everett, Pennsylvania.

Chief Charles Streightiff said that Brooke attended Everett Area High School and Penn State University, where she received her Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

Chief Charles Streightiff said that Brooke was an intern with Huntingdon Borough, her fall semester of 2023.

Chief Charles Streightiff said that Brooke was a 5-year Academic All-Conference for Penn State Altoona Softball and was a National Individual Statistical Champion for Penn State Altoona Softball and was a 3X AMCC All Conference Team and PIAA 2X All State.

*Mayor Thomas Yoder then gave Brooke Colledge her Oath of Office*

**I, Brooke Colledge, duly appointed by Huntingdon Borough Council to the position of Police Officer, do hereby swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and I will fairly enforce the laws of this nation, state and borough and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.**

**Brooke Colledge**

**Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 17th day of June, 2025**

**Thomas Yoder, Mayor
My commission expires January 2, 2026**

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Mayor Thomas Yoder, Officer Brooke Colledge & Chief Charles Streightiff

Mayor Thomas Yoder then presented the Sharen L. Gutshall Citizen of the Month Award.

Mayor Thomas Yoder reported that the Sharen L. Gutshall Outstanding Citizen of the Month Award for June 2025 is presented to an individual whom Sharen admired very much and would be happy with this presentation, and that person is Joe Thompson.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said that Joe Thompson served as a dedicated borough employee for over 20 years.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said that Joe Thompson also served as the Downtown Huntingdon Mainstreet Manager.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said that Joe Thompson later served as the EMA director for Huntingdon County until his retirement.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said that Joe Thompson recently, as a Daily News reporter has brought all the good things in our community and the outstanding people to the forefront, celebrating what is best about life in Huntingdon. Joe has made himself available, even on holidays, to capture the events that make this such a special place to live.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said Thank You, JT, for your constant willingness to give back to your community and for your dedicated service to Huntingdon Borough and to its citizens. You make us all Huntingdon Proud.

President James Bair recognized the guest present and asked for their comments.

There were no comments made by the guest present.

President James Bair said we will now review and act on the minutes of the following meetings:

* Borough Council Meeting – May 20, 2025
* Maintenance Committee Meeting – June 3, 2025
* Water & Sewer Committee Meeting – June 3, 2025
* Community Development Committee Meeting – June 3, 2025
* Public Safety Committee Meeting – June 3, 2025
* Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee Meeting – June 3, 2025
* Administrative Committee Meeting – June 3, 2025

**A motion was made by Councilman Robert Jackson to approve the above minutes and second was made by Councilwoman DeeDee Brown. Motion Carried.**

President James Bair said we will now approve the payment of the June 2025 bills.

**A motion was made by Vice-President David Fortson to approve the payment of the June 2025 bills and second was made by Councilwoman DeeDee Brown. Motion Carried.**

President James Bair said we will now approve the May 2025 Financial Statements for all borough accounts.

**A motion was made by Councilman Robert Jackson to approve the May 2025 Financial Statements for all borough accounts and second was made by Councilwoman DeeDee Brown. Motion Carried.**

President James Bair called on the Committee reports.

President James Bair called on the Maintenance Committee report.

In place of Chairman Terry Green, President James Bair then read the Maintenance Committee report.

1. The Maintenance Committee recommends a motion to approve the lowest bid from Grannas Bros. Stone and Asphalt for the 2025 paving in the borough for $140,848.03.

**A motion was made by Councilwoman DeeDee Brown to approve the lowest bid from Grannas Bros. Stone and Asphalt for the 2025 paving in the borough for $140,848.03 and second was made by Councilman Robert Jackson. Motion Carried.**
2. The Maintenance Committee recommends a motion to purchase a 2025 Kenworth Tandem Dump Truck from Coopersburg Kenworth for $178,802.00 from the Liquid Fuels Account and to purchase a trailer from Foster F Wineland for $38,000.00 with both being through Costars.

**A motion was made by Councilwoman DeeDee Brown to purchase a 2025 Kenworth Tandem Dump Truck from Coopersburg Kenworth for $178,802.00 from the Liquid Fuels Account and to purchase a trailer from Foster F Wineland for $38,000.00 with both being through Costars and second was made by Councilman Robert Jackson. Motion Carried.**

President James Bair called on the Water & Sewer Committee report.

Chairman Robert Jackson said he had nothing to report.

President James Bair called on the Community Development Committee report.

In place of Chairwoman Jennifer Powell, President James Bair then read the Community Development report.

1. The Community Development Committee recommends a motion to approve Resolution No. 04-2025, for playground equipment through People, Parks and Community Foundation Grant of $27,270.00.

**A motion was made by Councilwoman DeeDee Brown to approve Resolution No. 04-2025, for playground equipment through People, Parks and Community Foundation Grant of $27,270.00 and second was made by Councilman Robert Jackson. Motion Carried.**
2. The Community Development Committee recommends a motion to approve Resolution No. 05-2025 on Fair Housing.

**A motion was made by Councilwoman DeeDee Brown to approve Resolution No. 05-2025 on Fair Housing and second was made by Councilman Robert Jackson. Motion Carried.**
3. The Community Development Committee recommends a motion to approve Resolution No. 06-2025 on FFY 2025 Community Development Block Grant Application.

**A motion was made by Councilman Robert Jackson to approve Resolution No. 06-2025 on FFY 2025 Community Development Block Grant Application and second was made by Councilwoman DeeDee Brown. Motion Carried.**
4. The Community Development Committee recommends a motion to approve Resolution No. 07-2025 on the Section 3 Plan.

**A motion was made by Councilwoman DeeDee Brown to approve Resolution No. 07-2025 on the Section 3 plan and second was made by Councilman Robert Jackson. Motion Carried.**
5. The Community Development Committee recommends a motion to approve Resolution No. 08-2025 on Huntingdon Borough Statement of Goals, National Program for Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises and Executive Order 11625.

**A motion was made by Councilwoman DeeDee Brown to approve Resolution No. 08-2025 on Huntingdon Borough Statement of Goals, National Program for Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises and Executive Order 11625 and second was made by Councilman Robert Jackson. Motion Carried.**

President James Bair called on the Public Safety Committee report.

Chairwoman DeeDee Brown said she had nothing to report.

President James Bair called on the Parks, Recreation & Public Property Committee report.

Chairman David Fortson said he had nothing to report.

President James Bair called on the Administrative Committee report.

Chairman James Bair said he had nothing to report.

Executive Session was not called for.

President James Bair called on old business.

There was nothing reported under old business.

President James Bair called on new business.

There was nothing reported under old business.

President James Bair called on the President’s report.

President James Bair said he wanted to thank the borough employees for what they do and for the thousands of dollars they save this borough. James said he wanted to thank the police, fire department and ambulance division for what they did.

President James Bair called on the Chief of Police report.

Chief Charles Streightiff said he had nothing to report.

President James Bair called on the Mayor’s report.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said that before he does his report, he wants to read a proclamation.

*Whereas, The Elks organization was founded in New York City on February 16, 1868, under the name “jolly Corks” by 15 actors, entertainers and other associated with the theater. In ensuring years, membership expanded to other professions, and*

*Whereas, this Fraternal Order was founded “To promote and practice the four cardinal virtues of Chairity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American Patriotism and cultivate good fellowship, and*

*Whereas, the Order is a non-political, non-sectarian and strictly American fraternity. Proposals for membership in the Order is only by invitation of a member in good standing. To be accepted as a member, one must be an American citizen, believe in God, be of good moral character and be at least 21 years old, and*

*Whereas, the Order spends more than $80,000,000.00 every year for benevolent, educational and patriotic community-minded programs in such fields as benefitting special needs children, sponsoring elks National Foundation scholarships, scouting, athletic teams, veterans’ works, a national “Hoop Shoot” free-throw contest involving more than 3 million children, physical and occupational therapy programs and patriotic programs, and*

*Whereas, the youth of our country have always been important to the Order. It is for this reason the Elks Drug Awareness Education Program was launched to warn primary grade students and their parents of the dangers in drug use. Additionally, every lodge observes June 14th as Flag Day, a tradition which the Elks began in 1907 and was later adopted by the Congress as an official observance, and*

*Whereas, the Huntingdon Elks Lodge #976 was established on June 22, 1905, with these values that still run strong in our community today and will be celebrating 120 years.*

*Now, Therefore, I, Thomas A Yoder, Mayor of the Borough of Huntingdon, do hereby proclaim June 21st, 2025 as Huntingdon Elks Lodge Day in the Borough of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania and encourage all our citizens to congratulate the Huntingdon Elks Lodge #976 in celebrating their 120th Anniversary, and their good works for the community.*

*Date 17th day of June 2025*

*Thomas Yoder
Mayor of Huntingdon Borough*

Mayor Thomas Yoder said the borough met with Christa McGeary to discuss upcoming events downtown. She is doing an outstanding job at planning and promoting festivals, food and entertainment. Music and food in Bryan Park have been very well received.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said that all of the hanging baskets, street planters, and the Gateway Garden are now planted and blooming. A big thank you to the many people and organizations that make this possible each summer.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said he attended the HCB&I Marketing Committee meeting on June 2nd. Plans are underway for their annual dinner meeting.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said the borough in conjunction with the Huntingdon Presbyterian Church, Huntingdon Landmarks, Inc., and the Huntingdon County Planning Office held a ribbon cutting on Sunday, June 1st for the restored town clock. The event was very well attended, including a representative for the State Historical and Museum Commission. Thomas said there were hot dogs and other refreshments served to celebrate the occasion. Thomas said if you haven’t seen the clock works in action, it’s something very special to behold.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said on Tuesday, June 3rd, the borough held a ribbon cutting for the miniature original courthouse located on the County’s property at the corner of 5th and Penn Streets. It is a beautiful addition to our town.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said on Wednesday, June 11th, the borough spent the day with the GHD consultants currently working on our new strategic business plan. A number of stakeholders and businesspeople were interviewed that day, as the borough looks for public input.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said we celebrated a new business which opened at 222 8th Street in Downtown Huntingdon, in the space where Moxmoe Pictures had recently opened. Chris Lawler, an exceptional chef in the region, opened **What’s Four Dinner** which is currently takeout only, but the dining room will open soon. Chris’s business philosophy is a very simple basic one, creating healthy, delicious food that families can enjoy together for a reasonable price. Thomas said he had dinner from there tonight and it was exceptional, please do yourself a favor and give **What’s Four Dinner** a try!

Mayor Thomas Yoder said this Saturday, June 21st, the community will be celebrating Juneteenth in Portstown Park from noon until 5:00 PM. The event celebrates the freeing of the slaves after the conclusion of the Civil War. Please plan to attend. There will be many different activities and events to enjoy.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said the Geissinger family continues their father’s hard work and dedication to the community by organizing the annual fireworks fundraiser in his honor. Thomas said we only have about two weeks to raise $13,000.00 for this important event. Please respond quickly to: **Huntingdon Firework’s Fund, P.O. Box 17, Huntingdon, PA 16652**. Thank you!

President James Bair said the Annual Car Cruse is on July 3rd downtown and the Isett Community swimming pool will be opened for the fireworks.

President James Bair called on the Borough Engineer’s report.

President James Bair said that council has review the engineer’s report.

President James Bair called on the Borough Solicitor’s report.

Richard Wilson said he had nothing to report.

President James Bair said the Borough Manager was not present to give his report.

President James Bair called on any other business.

Vice-President David Fortson said there is a person that is here every month and sits quiet. David said Thank You to Borough Solicitor Richard Wilson.

After no further business, the Borough Council meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

Richard S. King
Borough Secretary