

MONROE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – January 5, 2026
Location: Monroeton Library Meeting Room, 149 Dalpiaz Drive, Monroeton PA

The following four people were sworn in as Council Members by Mayor Seth Wills before the reorganization meeting was opened: Jerry Howard, Timothy Kerrick, Ashley West and Eric West.

The reorganization meeting of Monroe Borough Council was called to order by Mayor Seth Wills at 6:35 p.m., opening with the pledge of allegiance.

Present were Mayor Seth Wills and Council Members Joan Grenell, Jerry Howard, Tim Kerrick, Ashley West and Eric West. Member Brenda Munkittrick was absent. Also present was Borough Maintenance and Roadmaster Al Pronti. No members of the public were present.

Mayor Seth Wills presided over the nominations/elections of President and Vice President.

Tim Kerrick's nomination of Eric West as Council President passed unanimously. Eric West's nomination of Jerry Howard as Council Vice President passed unanimously.

At this point, President Eric West assumed the chair and continued the meeting.

Tim Kerrick's nomination of Joan Grenell as President Pro Tem passed unanimously. Eric West's nomination of Tim Kerrick as Vacancy Board Chair passed unanimously.

A Grenell/Howard motion passed unanimously to keep David Brann of Brann, Williams & Caldwell Law Offices as Borough Solicitor and to keep C&N Bank and Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) as depositories for borough funds.

The reorganization portion of the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The regular meeting of Monroe Borough Council was called to order by President Eric West at 6:45 p.m.

Borough Secretary Toni Fowler was not in attendance and there were no minutes for the December meeting and no Treasurer's Report for December available for review and approval. There was no correspondence available for review.

Borough Reports:

Fire: Chief Tim Kerrick presented the December 2025 and 2025 Annual Incidents Reports and distributed written copies as well as a list of the 2026 Line Officers.

Finance & Insurance: The proposed 2026 budgets were advertised last month. A Kerrick/A. West motion passed unanimously to adopt the 2026 General and State Budgets. A Howard/Kerrick motion passed unanimously to adopt a Resolution keeping the tax rate at 12 mills for 2026, unchanged from the prior year. A Kerrick/A. West motion passed unanimously to engage Guthrie & Co. for the 2025 audit.

New Business: President Eric West will contact Secretary Toni Fowler to discuss her absence and lack of preparation for tonight's meeting. Council will have a special meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. to approve minutes and bills and address any other matters that come before it.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on a Kerrick/A. West motion.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Grenell, Council Member