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TOWN HALL MEETING
August 11, 2026

Nicklaus Engle called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Council members in attendance, Cecilia Gallup and Marissa Evankovich and Nicholas Engle. Also, in attendance Cim Besecker Borough Treasurer.

Citizens present: Mark Engle, Amber May, Kathy Highbaugh, Mark Engle and Tammy Myers.

- Nick shared the Rettew handout from the July 24th Council meeting.
- Discussion was held regarding Rettew's updates on both plants.
- The Borough is continuing to work on potential funding opportunities.
- Marissa expressed we don't want for-profit companies taking over municipal water operations, noting that rates could increase. She referenced Rock Springs in Ferguson Township, where PA American Water took over the troubled authority.
- Tammy Myers noted that the Borough website was not updated with the recent **Boil Water Advisory**.
- It was discussed that, because residents may see more boil-water advisories, the Borough should establish and post standard operating procedures and information for residents.
- Not everyone received the email sent through the group.
- The Borough is working on implementing a text-message notification system to improve communication with residents.
- Nick again raised the possibility of hiring a part-time manager.
- There was considerable discussion regarding where funding would come from to pay for the position.
- Nick explained that he and Robert currently handle writing all Borough grants.
- The proposed manager could assist with grant writing, website updates, communications, and general administrative oversight.
- It was acknowledged that Denise and Cim are doing a good job, a manager could oversee workload.
- The need for improved oversight of the Borough's email and website was also discussed.
- It was noted that someone is already working on these areas, but they have been pushed to the background because of the ongoing sewer and water issues.
- Nick noted that website and communication responsibilities could be overseen by a part-time manager.
- Tammy Myers reported concerns regarding the pavilion she rented on Sunday:
 - The grass had not been mowed.
 - There was bird droppings on the tables.
 - The porta-potty was located off the concrete, requiring them to move it.
 - Debris had to be cleared from the pavilion area.
- Cim explained that I try to notify the Borough crew when the pavilions are rented so they know to mow the area.

- Kathy Highbaugh noted that the Borough has numerous properties to maintain in addition to other responsibilities for the crew.
- General property upkeep was also discussed.
- I noted that I had sprayed weeds and attempted to pull weeds around the monument, but the ground was too dry to continue.
- Tammy offered to assist with cleaning the pavilions when they are rented.

Cim Besecker, Borough Treasurer