

The Regular Meeting of the Donora Borough Council was held on March 12, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Donora Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order by Council President Casey Perrotta and following the Pledge of Allegiance, the following members were present: Mr. Bizzell-Boyer, Mr. Brice, Ms. Kitchens, Mrs. Pavelko, Mr. Rands and Mr. Wilson. Also present were: Mayor Donald Pavelko, Solicitor Steven Toprani (by phone), Police Acting Chief Shemansky, Fire Chief Patsy Vince, Street Department Supervisor Dean Fronzaglio and Borough Administrator Michael Thornton.

Opening of Bids

Guest Speaker

Public Address of Agenda Items

Janet Tkach would like to address the motion regarding to approve the \$750,000.00 loan. Donora has other options regarding funding for the borough garage.

Cindy Brice stated that this has been a long discussion even when she was on council. Mon Valley Alliance donated the property to the Borough of Donora.

Minutes

Mr. Rands requested a motion to approve the February 12, 2026 meeting minutes. Second by Mr. Wilson. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Bizzell-Boyer, Mr. Brice, Ms. Kitchens, Mrs. Pavelko, Mr. Perrotta, Mr. Rands and Mr. Wilson (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0) Abstain: (0) Motion carried.

Finance

Mrs. Pavelko read aloud the Payroll Report for the month of February 2026 - \$84,093.21.

Mrs. Pavelko read aloud the Treasurers Report for the month of February 2026 - \$1,311,513.42.

Mrs. Pavelko made a motion to accept the Payroll Report and Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2026 as read. Second by Ms. Kitchens. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Bizzell-Boyer, Mr. Brice, Ms. Kitchens, Mrs. Pavelko, Mr. Perrotta, Mr. Rands and Mr. Wilson (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0) Abstain: (0) Motion carried.

Mrs. Pavelko made a motion to accept the Bill Report for the month of February 2026 as read. Second by Mr. Rands. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Bizzell-Boyer, Mr. Brice, Ms. Kitchens, Mrs. Pavelko, Mr. Perrotta, Mr. Rands and Mr. Wilson (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0) Abstain: (0) Motion carried.

Mrs. Pavelko made a motion to hire McGrew Construction Services to repair the Donora Elementary Center roof for the proposed amount of \$12,500.00. Second by Mr. Bizzell-Boyer.

Mrs. Pavelko stated that water was getting into the building and the roof needed some repairs.

A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Bizzell-Boyer, Mr. Brice, Ms. Kitchens, Mrs. Pavelko, Mr. Perrotta, Mr. Rands and Mr. Wilson (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0) Abstain: (0) Motion carried.

Mrs. Pavelko made a motion to approve the Borough of Donora borrowing an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00 to complete the new public works project due to a shortfall in LSA Grant funds awarded by the State and County. Second by Mr. Bizzell-Boyer.

Mrs. Pavelko agrees with Mrs. Tkach and her previous comments under agenda items.

Mr. Perrotta: Mr. Voytek stated that \$750,000.00 is higher than what we anticipate. We do not have architectural drawings or engineering studies yet. The first step of the process.

Mr. Wilson recommends a town hall meeting.

A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Bizzell-Boyer, Mr. Brice, Ms. Kitchens, Mrs. Pavelko, and Mr. Wilson (5): Nays: Mr. Perrotta and Mr. Rands (2) Absent: (0) Abstain: (0) Motion carried.

Health, Sanitation and Code Enforcement

Mr. Brice read aloud the following reports for the month of February 2026:

Registration Fee Report - \$1,855.00 (February) / \$5,445.00 (YTD)

Rental Inspection Report - \$250.00 (February) / \$1,100.00 (YTD)

Occupancy Report - \$100.00 (February) / \$450.00 (YTD)

Sanitation Report - \$68,394.78 (February) / \$182,179.78 (YTD)

Delinquent Sanitation Fees - \$21.03 (February) / \$109.09 (YTD)

Fines Collected - \$218.98 (February) / \$253.98 (YTD)

Street Opening – 0 (February) / 10 (YTD)

Total Street Opening fees: \$0.00 (February) / \$13,195.00 (YTD).

Building Permit Report – 3 permits/\$573.00 (February)

Construction cost \$57,300.00 (February)

YTD: 8 permits/\$4,694.00 – construction cost \$469,400.00

Recreation

Mr. Wilson read aloud the Palmer Park Report for the month of February 2026.

\$1,610.00 (February) / \$2,650.00 (YTD)

Mr. Wilson made a motion to create a resolution establishing the rental and usage rates for the Deacon Dan Towler Pavilion at \$200.00 plus a refundable \$50.00 deposit fee. Second by Mr. Rands. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Bizzell-Boyer, Mr. Brice, Ms. Kitchens, Mrs. Pavelko, Mr. Perrotta, Mr. Rands and Mr. Wilson (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0) Abstain: (0) Motion carried.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to create a resolution establishing the rental and usage rates for the soccer fields at Palmer Park at \$250.00 per season (Spring & Fall) along with a \$300.00 rental fee for Tournaments. Also to include a \$200.00 rental fee for the use of the concession stand. Second by Ms. Kitchens. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Bizzell-Boyer, Mr. Brice, Ms. Kitchens, Mrs. Pavelko, Mr. Perrotta, Mr. Rands and Mr. Wilson (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0) Abstain: (0) Motion carried.

Community Affairs and Municipal Building

Ms. Kitchens read aloud the Banquet Hall Report for the month of February 2026.

\$1,175.00 (February) / \$1,675.00 (YTD)

Highways and Streets

Mr. Bizzell-Boyer made a motion to approve the purchase of No Parking notice signs for use in Donora street events and 125th celebration events for \$317.00. Second by Mr. Rands. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Bizzell-Boyer, Mr. Brice, Ms. Kitchens, Mrs. Pavelko, Mr. Perrotta, Mr. Rands and Mr. Wilson (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0) Abstain: (0) Motion carried.

Mr. Bizzell-Boyer made a motion to approve handicap parking in front of 706 Walnut Street. Second by Mr. Brice. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Bizzell-Boyer, Mr. Brice, Ms. Kitchens, Mrs. Pavelko, Mr. Perrotta, Mr. Rands and Mr. Wilson (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0) Abstain: (0) Motion carried.

Public Safety

Mr. Rands read aloud the police report for the month of February 2026.

Complaints Answered:	160 (February)	342 (YTD)
Ambulance Assists:	1	12
Accident Investigations:	11	17
Burglar Alarms:	4	19
Lock Outs	2	5
Home Security Checks	0	0
Assist Fire Department	3	5
Fire Alarm	1	1
Police Assists	5	14
Borough Ordinances	14	26
*Traffic Citations	25	32
Traffic Warnings	11	16
Towed Abandoned Vehicles	0	0
Tagged Abandoned Vehicles	4	8
*Non Traffic Citation	5	5
*Criminal Arrests	14	22
Total Offenses Reported:	73	109
Total Arrests:	44 (February)	59 (YTD)
Mileage Report:	1,790	3,122
Financial Report:		
Overtime:	\$6,208.64 (Feb)	\$13,171.60 (YTD)
Court Time:	\$ 837.28 (Feb)	\$1,386.36 (YTD)
Total Revenue Received:	\$918.16 (Feb)	\$2,030.43 (YTD)

Mr. Rands read aloud the fire report for February 2026.

Total Incidents	23 calls	42 (YTD)
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Mr. Rands read aloud the EMS report from Rostraver West New Emergency Services.

February 2026	85 calls	162 (YTD)
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Mr. Rands requested a motion to approve the Borough Solicitor to draft an amended ordinance regarding abandoned and junked vehicles and to repeal the outdated ordinance #1070 from 1967. Second by Mrs. Pavelko. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Bizzell-Boyer, Mr. Brice, Ms. Kitchens, Mrs. Pavelko, Mr. Perrotta, Mr. Rands and Mr. Wilson (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0) Abstain: (0) Motion carried.

Mr. Rands requested a motion to accept the resignation from police patrolman James Fleckenstein due to accepting a position in another municipality. Second by Mr. Brice. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Bizzell-Boyer, Mr. Brice, Ms. Kitchens, Mrs. Pavelko, Mr. Perrotta, Mr. Rands and Mr. Wilson (7): Nays: (0) Absent: (0) Abstain: (0) Motion carried.

President of Council: Civil Service Test

<u>Mayor:</u>	Monday, March 16, 2026 4pm	Veterans Representative at American Legion
	Friday, March 20, 2026	125 th Anniversary Dance
	Saturday, April 4, 2026	Easter Egg
	Saturday, April 18, 2026	Clean Up Day
	Thursday, April 23, 2026	Town Hall Meeting – Social Hall
	Saturday, May 2, 2026	5k Walk (Register by April 10 th)

Announcements:

We are looking for any borough resident(s) that would be interested in sitting on the following committees:

- Civil Service Commission (1 Resident)
- Zoning Board of Appeals (1 Resident)
- Planning Commission (2 Residents)

Note: Discount period of paying \$200.00 for trash service ends March 31; thereafter the fee changes to face value of \$250.00.

Note: Beginning April 1st, rental registration fee increases from current \$35.00 to \$50.00.

The Borough of Donora is looking for applicants for our Turnkey position. Applicants must be able to successfully pass a background check and have all required clearances.

Mrs. Pavelko requests assistance with Easter Egg filling.

Public Officials

Mr. Toprani: No report.

Acting Chief Shemansky: No report.

Mr. Fronzaglio: The borough does not own all the property located at our current garage. The neighboring property owner owns most of the parking lot. The owner wanted to put up a fence, but they have been lenient with us. Also, our current salt shed is not large enough for what our needs are.

Mr. Vince: Smoke detectors: Saturday, April 11th from 9am-2pm. 412-263-5278

John Wankulitz: Absent.

Luke Snatchko: Absent.

Old Business

New Business

Mrs. Pavelko states there are possible grant opportunities available. Mr. Bizzell-Boyer stated that this is a federal grant and is very competitive, due March 23, 2026.

Mr. Wilson presented Mr. Brice with an award and plaque due to his inability to attend the presentation held at the borough building on February 27, 2026.

Non-Agenda Items

Shawntee White – 323 Second Street: Issues with Fayette Waste with picking up trash at the residence. Embarrassing with trash not being picked up.

Montell Carlock: Community Event Proposal – Requesting permission to host this event of Saturday, June 27, 2026 at the First Street vacant lot between Allen Avenue and Castner Avenue.

Ron and Mary Beth Greenawald – 18 Second Street Ext. – the house behind them has chickens, roosters, ducks, a goat, a lamb and six dogs living at the house.

Mr. Lamb: Food bank is Monday

ADJOURNMENT: 7:19 PM