

The Regular Meeting of the Donora Borough Council was held on April 9, 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 and Street Department Supervisor Dean Fronzaglio.

Opening of Bids

Guest Speaker

Public Address of Agenda Items

Minutes

Mr. Wilson requested a motion to approve the March 12, 2026 meeting minutes. 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.

Finance

Mrs. Pavelko read aloud the Payroll Report for the month of March 2026 - \$75,346.54.

Mrs. Pavelko read aloud the Treasurers Report for the month of March 2026 - \$1,358,650.58.

Mrs. Pavelko made a motion to accept the Payroll Report and Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2026 as read. 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.

Mrs. Pavelko made a motion to accept the Bill Report for the month of March 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 authorize a \$10,000.00 payment to the Teamsters Local 205 to replenish the Medical Deductible account for the Borough of Donora. Second by Mr. Bizzell-Boyer. 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 a resolution authorizing the local match increase for the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 in the amount of \$14,480.00. Second by Mr. Bizzell-Boyer.

Mr. Perrotta – It is an increase of approximately \$11,180.00 from 2025-2026 in which this cost could increase greater than the dollar amount listed above due to other municipalities not paying their share.

A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Bizzell-Boyer, Mr. Brice, Ms. Kitchens, Mrs. Pavelko, Mr. Rands and Mr. Wilson (6): Nays: Mr. Perrotta (1) Absent: (0) Abstain: (0) Motion carried.

Health, Sanitation and Code Enforcement

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

Registration Fee Report - \$7,146.65 (March) / \$12,591.65 (YTD)

Rental Inspection Report - \$1,450.00 (March) / \$2,550.00 (YTD)

Occupancy Report - \$350.00 (March) / \$800.00 (YTD)

Sanitation Report - \$154,107.61 (March) / \$336,287.39 (YTD)

Delinquent Sanitation Fees - \$47.59 (March) / \$156.68 (YTD)

Fines Collected - \$275.94 (YTD)

Street Opening – 2 (March) / 12 (YTD)

Total Street Opening fees: \$560.00 (March) / \$13,755.00 (YTD).

Building Permit Report – 4 permits/\$524.00 (March)

Construction cost \$52,400.00 (March)

YTD: 12 permits/\$5,218.00 – construction cost \$521,800.00

Recreation

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

\$1,580.00 (March) / \$4,230.00 (YTD)

Mr. Wilson made a motion to appoint Mr. Eric Hickman, of 624 Fourth Street, to the Borough of Donora Planning Commission, for a 4-year term, with a term ending date of December 31, 2029. 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 appoint Mr. Eric Hickman, of 624 Fourth Street, to the Borough of Donora Parks and Recreation Committee, for a 5-year term, with a term ending date of December 31, 2030. 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.

Mr. Wilson asked Mr. Fronzaglio if the restrooms can be looked at to ensure that they are in working order?

- Mr. Fronzaglio stated that it is a work in progress.
- Mr. Fronzaglio stated that a valve malfunctioned on a toilet
- Mr. Bizzell-Boyer stated that it was an extremely cold winter and it was an unforeseen circumstance.

Mr. Wilson apologized to the public that a restroom was not in working order for the Easter Egg hunt.

Community Affairs and Municipal Building

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

\$550.00 (March) / \$2,225.00 (YTD)

Ms. Kitchens made a motion to approve the usage of the borough lot on First Street, between Castner Avenue and Allen Avenue, for a Community Celebration led by Pastor Montell Carlock on Saturday, June 27, 2026, between the hours of 10am and 8pm, with a rain date to be announced in case of inclement weather. 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.

Highways and Streets

Grass cutting season has started – was hoping that Mr. Thornton was here to discuss the hiring of part time and full time employees for the summer season.

New picnic benches have been installed and assembled at the Deacon Dan Towler Pavilion.

- Mr. Rands asked Mr. Fronzaglio if there is a dumping location for brush and grass clippings.
 - Mr. Fronzaglio advised Monday through Friday between 7am – 3pm at the borough garage.
 - Mayor Pavelko announced that because of DEP rules and regulations, there must be an employee present.

Public Safety

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

Complaints Answered:	203 (March)	545 (YTD)
Ambulance Assists:	21	33
Accident Investigations:	6	23
Burglar Alarms:	4	23
Lock Outs	0	5
Home Security Checks	0	0
Assist Fire Department	1	6
Fire Alarm	0	1
Police Assists	4	18
Borough Ordinances	19	45
*Traffic Citations	29	61
Traffic Warnings	19	35
Towed Abandoned Vehicles	2	2
Tagged Abandoned Vehicles	9	17
*Non Traffic Citation	2	7
*Criminal Arrests	27	49
Total Arrests:	58 (March)	117 (YTD)
Total Offenses Reported:	107	216
Mileage Report:	2,118	5,240
Financial Report:		
Overtime:	\$5,955.43 (Mar)	\$19,127.03 (YTD)
Court Time:	\$ 986.12 (Mar)	\$2,372.48 (YTD)
Total Revenue Received:	\$6,941.55 (Mar)	\$21,499.51 (YTD)
Police Reports	\$75.00 (Mar)	\$240.00 (YTD)
DC 27-1-02 Fines	\$976.93 (Mar)	\$2,812.36 (YTD)
PSP Fines	\$0.00 (Mar)	\$0.00 (YTD)
Parking Tickets	\$10.00 (Mar)	\$40.00 (YTD)
Total Revenue Received	\$1,061.93 (Mar)	\$3,092.36 (YTD)

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

Total Incidents	21 calls	63 (YTD)
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Mr. Rands read aloud the EMS report from Rostraver West New Emergency Services.

March 2026	88 calls	250 (YTD)
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Mr. Rands requested a motion to accept the resignation from police patrolman Ryan Carr.
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:

Mayor: Copies of paperwork for the April 21st Town Hall Meeting.
General information flyer, guide and agenda.

Should be advertised in the newspaper, Facebook and on the Donora webpage.

Mr. Wilson: All of the residents should be at this town hall meeting. If you have any questions, please bring them to our attention. There are going to be difficult decisions that have to be made by this council, but we want your input to help us make these decisions based upon what the voters want, not what we want.

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)

There is a Town Hall Meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening, April 21 at 6:00pm in the Borough Banquet Hall. All residents are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be provided.

Public Officials

Mr. Toprani: No report.

Acting Chief Shemansky: No report.

Mr. Fronzaglio: In regards to grass clipping dumping, the bags are not permitted to be left at the compost. The clippings and leaves must be dumped out of the bags and the bags must be taken away.

Mr. Vince: Absent. Smoke detectors will be installed by the Red Cross this coming Saturday, April 11, 2026

John Wankulitz: Absent.

Luke Snatchko: Absent.

Old Business

New Business

Non-Agenda Items

Mark Bundy – Regarding hiring/vetting process for hiring of police officers. Council explained how the Civil Service Testing Process works from written examination, physical agility test, oral examination with three police chiefs, background investigation and certification of eligibility list. Mr. Lamb, Secretary of the Civil Service Commission confirmed.

Paul Kyle – Regarding Gilmore Cemetery - advised to formulate a plan of action to present to Council for the May 7th work session.

Stacey Pelliserro – 501 McKean Avenue sidewalk – additional issues with her sidewalk. The best course of action would be to file a civil suit at District Court.

Rich Harlack – 1101 Fourth Avenue – regarding sewage reimbursement

Al Pfender – Question regarding unpaid taxes. Solicitor Toprani explained the process used by Washington County to collect old, unpaid taxes. Question regarding ambulance subscription. Mr. Perrotta explained how the billing would work for use of an ambulance with a paid subscription. Is it possible to have additional tables at Palmer Park for the purpose of events? Mr. Perrotta and Solicitor Toprani explained how the bid process would work if the cost would exceed the limit.

April Straughters – Regarding the death of John Miller: Was questioning whether the borough has a policy on how they deal with police officers that are involved with the injury, hospitalization or deaths of prisoners, etc.

Mr. Toprani: The process starts with an independent review and investigation by the Pennsylvania State Police. The borough is not involved with the timeline of these investigations. There are numerous parties involved with the investigation, whether it is reviewing evidence, and potential video surveillance, etc. Mr. Toprani explained Pennsylvania Act 57 from 2021. Mr. Perrotta stated “even though an unfortunate situation had occurred, the borough is extremely limited on

the information we can provide so the integrity of the investigation is not jeopardized.”

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 PM