

**BOROUGH OF PICTURE ROCKS
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January 5, 2025

The Picture Rocks Borough Council met in regular session with the following members present. Craig Gansell, Erin Shelinski, Jeff Rishel, David Hitesman, Linda Sosniak, Matt Charles, Dave Bender, Frank Shetler and Mary Brink.

Guests – Bruce Little, Al Little, and John Burgess

The meeting was called to order by Mayor David Bender, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Election of Council President: nominations were accepted for Council President. Two nominations were made Erin Shelinski and Craig Gansell. A roll call vote was held:

Craig Gansell- Mary Yes, Craig Yes, Frank Shetler Yes Matt No Dave No Jeff No Erin No. Erin Shelinski- Mary No Matt Yes Dave Yes Jeff Yes Frank No Erin Yes and Craig No Erin Shelinski was elected Council President

New Council President, Erin Shelinski took over the meeting.

Nominations for Vice-President. There was one nomination Matt Charles Mary No Matt Yes Dave Yes Jeff Yes Frank Yes Erin Yes Cragi abstain. Matt Charles was elected Council Vice-President

Election Pro-Temp: Dave Hitesman was nominated Nominations were closed. Mary Yes Matt Yes Dave Yes Jeff Yes Frank Yes Erin Yes and Cragi abstain. David Hitemsan was elected President Pro Temp

Mayor Pro Temp appointment was tabled until February 2nd meeting. Secretary will call Boro Assoc to verify proper procedure.

Appointment to Borough Positions:

- A. Borough Solicitor- McCormick Law Firm Motion was made by Daid Hitesman And seconded by Matt Charles to retain McCormick Law Firm. Motion Carried
- B. Borough Engineering Firm Pysher & Assoc Matt Charles made a motion and Frank Shetler seconded. Motion Carried
- C. Borough Code Enforcement Officer- Codes Inspection INC Motion made by Matt Charles and seconded by Jeff Rishel
- D. Borough Zoning Officer- Code Inspections INC Motion made by Matt Charles and seconded by Jeff Rishel. Motion Carried
- E. Zoning Hearing Board – Four Year Term – Melinda Bender 2024-2027
Donald Mcelheny - 2025-2027
Justin Shelinski (3) 2026-2028

Eugene Otterbein (4) 2026

- F. Auditors– Melinda Bender 2024-2027 Jackie Otterbein 2026- Appoint Diane Buck for 2026
- G. Representative to West Branch Council Governments – Linda K Sosniak Motion was made by Matt Charles and seconded by Jeff Rishel Motion carried
- H. Sewage Enforcement Contract – SEO Services, Jami Nolan Motion was made by Frank Shetler and seconded by Matt Charles Motion carried
- I. Planning Commission - David Bell 2024 - 2027
 Terry Shaner 2024 - 2027
 Jan Sosniak –2026
 Mark Miller 2024 - 2026
- J. Alternate Zoning Hearing Board (2) Two Year Term- Chris Mann 2026-2027 Motion was made by David Hitesman and seconded by Jeff Rishel. Motion carried
- K. Emergency Relief Coordinator- Al Little. Motion was made by Matt Charles and seconded by Jeff Rishel Motion carried.

Minutes December 1, 2025– A motion was made by Jeff Rishel and seconded by David Hitesman to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried

Minutes December 30, 2025– A motion was made by Matt Charles and seconded by David Hitesman to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried

Treasurer’s Report	General Fund	207,729.30
	Highway Fund	21485.45
	Act 13 Impact Fund	53054.72

A motion was made by Matt Charles and seconded by Jeff Rishel to accept the December 1, 2025 financial report as presented and file for audit. Motion carried.

Following invoices presented for the January 5, 2026 council meeting.

UGI	Acct 411007802480 Dec	205.74
US Postal Service	P O Box Rent	81.00
Intrada Technologies	Security software	92.86

Following invoices paid since the December 1, 2025 council meeting.

P P & L	Acct. 73810-55006	58.18
P P & L	Acct. 61254-41014	25.43
P P & L	Acct. 78810-55006	45.26
P P & L	Acct. 40425-00009 Street Lights	908.96
PP & L	Acct 59079-45229 xmas lights	-101.19
Elan Financial Services	Stamps, park supplies	641.39
De Lage	Copy Machine INV # 593198280 Dec	73.21
Windstream	Act#220055042 Internet Nov	75.18
Windstream	Telephone Acct # 020702960 Dec	67.87
Hughesville Police Dept	INV 101 Nov Police Service	2634.00

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Stacy Sones	Borough Cleaning December	50.00
Carter Hockenberry	Snow Removal	60.00
Column software PBC	Ad for Budget Inv 1C7E6894-0026	189.31
Column software PBC	Ad for Budget Inv 1C7E6894-0027	61.16
State Workers Ins Fund	Fire Co. ins. #05970373	533.00
UGI	Acct 411007802480	126.64
Picture Rocks Fire	Semi Annual donation	7688.00
Green Valley Trucking	INV # 1593 Snow & Salt	4766.50
PA Boro Assoc	Association Dues 2026	192.00
Lycoming Landfill	Railroad Ties Disposal	60.73

General Fund Street Fund
 **Pay Act 13 Fund
 ***Pay Highway Fund

A motion was made by Frank Shetler and seconded by Matt Charles to pay invoices presented for payment and invoices paid since December 1, 2025 council meeting. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

East Lycoming Recreation Authority report was received

Standing Committee Reports

Parks & Property- Knot weed was removed pre-release center.

Sanitation & Heath. There was one septic not pumped for 249 Laurel Run Rd. A citation will be filed by Codes Inc.

Police Chief Report – responded to 5 calls.

Fire Chief – 310 total Includes 135 fire and 175 ambulance

Person To Be Heard:

Bruce Little commented that the new curbing placed by Penn dot is failing and cracking. Secretary will contact Penn Dot

New Business

Borough Reports

A. Codes Enforcement: Septic (one)

Council Comments: Sidewalks are not being shoveled. Secretary will contact Codes about violations.

Public Comment

John Burgess raised question about what was happening with the police service. There was a possible suicide on 1/5/2026 and it took 30 minutes for State Police to arrive. Al Little will gather information about how many times Hughesville Police was used for ambulance assist and council will reach out to other boroughs and townships to see if they could assist if needed.

The next meeting will be held on February 2, 2026

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Linda K. Sosniak
Assistant Secretary