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September 8, 2026

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

Guests – Dean & Helen Kirkendall, Jim Davis (DGK Insurance), Bruce Little, Chris Smith, Josh Hawley (DGK Insurance), Kevin Burkhardt, Sabrina Burkhardt, Andra Hunter, Charlotte Caird, Bob Caird, and Bill Umstead.

The meeting was called to order by President Erin Shelinski, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Public Comment:

Dave Kirkendall complaint about neighbor son south Main St junk all over yard including numerous vehicles and vehicle parts covered with plastic. Stated they believe grandson is running a business out of barn in back. Secretary stated that Voelker was sent a NOV in June by codes. She stated she will follow-up with Codes.

Jim Davis (DGK Insurance) presented the liability coverage for the borough and the fire company. Stated the rate for 2026-2027 is a \$1200 increase. Jim said he is retiring and introduced Josh Hawley will be taking his place. Fire Co. Workman's Comp \$10,642 and Borough \$2553. A motion was made by Craig Gansell and seconded by Dave Hitesman. Motion Carried.

Minutes August 3, 2026– A motion was made by Jeff Rishel and seconded by Matt Charles to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report	General Fund	271,647.94
	Highway Fund	46,708.55
	Act 13 Impact Fund	58,411.01

A motion was made by Matt Charles and seconded by Jeff Rishel to accept the September 8, 2026 financial report as presented and file for audit. Motion carried.

Following invoices presented for the September 8, 2026 council meeting.

Elan Financial	Postage, Halloween, and copy paper	103.22
De Lage Landen Financial	Copy Machine INV# 598380381	73.21
UGI	Gas bill August	36.44
Uniti Windstream	Act#220055042 September	75.18
P P & L	Acct. 40425-00009 Street Lights	1011.97
Fred Hamm	Park Trash August INV # 109851	312.29

Following invoices paid since the August 3, 2026 council meeting.

UGI	Acct 411007802480	76.44
Uniti Windstream	Act#220055042 Internet August	75.18
Fred Hamm	Park Trash July INV # 109038	312.29
Berger Septic	Portable Toilet Rental July 2026	185.00
P P & L	Acct. 73810-55006	123.51
P P & L	Acct. 61254-41014	7.62
P P & L	Acct. 78810-55006	69.33
P P & L	Acct. 40425-00009 Street Lights	995.69
De Lage Landen Financial	Copy Machine INV# 597967292	73.21
Column Software	Inv # IC7E6893-0031 Ad Snow Bid 2026-2027	354.20
State Workers Ins Fund	Policy # 06043744	2520.00
State Workers Ins Fund	Policy # 05970373	4972.00
Topp Copy	INV 558825 Annual Connectivity Fee	125.00
Topp Copy	INV 558825 Printer usage 5/7/26 thru 8/6/2026	36.67
Uniti Windstream	Telephone Acct # 020702960 Aug	68.00
Shelinski Landscaping	Landscape Maint. Summer 2026	1550.00
Redman Concrete	Repair pillars under enclosed pavilion	1370.00
McCormick Law Firm	Inv# 178912 Vermeire \$130 Comcast \$70	200.00
Beaver Run Trucking	Repair Boston Cove Rd & Cemetery Hill Rd	2300.00***

General Fund Street Fund

**Pay Act 13 Fund

***Pay Highway Fund

Craig Gansell stated that the contract with Hamm is too expensive and said we should try to renegotiate or search for another provide. He also questioned the cost of the electric at the borough building which has almost doubled. Secretary stated she will double check amount on electric bill.

A motion was made by Matt Charles and seconded by Dave Hitesman to pay invoices presented for payment and invoices paid since July 6, 2026 council meeting.
Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Three sealed bids were received for 2026-2027 Snow Removal contract. (Richard Umstead, Stryker & Co. LLC and Two Guys) Motion was made by Craig Gansell and seconded by Jeff Rishel to award the contract to award the contract to Richard Umstead.
Motion Carried

Received report from East Lycoming Recreation Authority

Standing Committee Reports:

A. Street-

B. Parks & Property-

C. Public Safety

D. Sanitation & Health. 21 residences not pumped. 2nd notices will be mailed.

E. Shade Tree: No report

Fire Chief/Emergency Management Coord – Fire Chief not present.

Chris Smith gave an update about the Ambulance Association. The committee is made up of 9 municipalities. They are currently working on budget for 2027 and will have rough draft by October meeting.

Person To Be Heard:

Old Business

- A. Report Friends of Picture rocks Parks-Stacy Daye. Stated everything is going well for the Fall Festival. Approximately 30 vendors are signed up. Stated the tree lighting ceremony will be Saturday, December 5th. 7pm. Santa will arrive on a fire truck. Baptist Church may sing or do bells.
- B. Bocce Ball Eagle Scout project by Dani Price is completed. Total cost \$3100
- C. No action has been taken on 258 N main St. chickens.
- D. Discussed possible sign for Veteran's Memorial stating Veteran Memorial Parking only cost would be \$28.31. It was decided a letter should be sent about parking for extended periods at the park.
- E. Electric and flooring needs completed on concession stand

New business

- A. A motion was mad to budget \$275 for the Halloween party to be held on Saturday, October 31st by Craig Gansell and 2nd by Dave Hitesman. Motion carried.
- B. Van Rensselaer Enclosed Pavilion roof is leaking. Linda stated she is had the roof patched but it is still leaking. She is getting estimates from four companies for both shingles and metal to replace. She is also getting separate estimates for grandstand roof.

Borough Reports

- A. Zoning: no report
- B. Representative East Lycoming Recreation Authority- not present

Public Comments:

Council Comments:

Craig Gansell stated in was working on Knot Weed on the outfield fence. He found numerous balls in the fencing. Questioned the netting on the backstop fencing said it look tacky. Stacy Daye stated it is the same netting used at the Little League World Series. Questioned if the fencing will interfere with the Fall Festival. Council Vice-President Matt Charles stated that he appreciated that all members participated tonight.

A motion was made by Matt Charles and seconded by Jeff Rishel to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 2026

PICTURE ROCKS BOROUGH
Linda K. Sosniak
Secretary