

Borough of Terre Hill Council Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of Terre Hill Borough Council was held on the above date in Council Chambers, 300 Broad Street, Terre Hill, Pennsylvania. President Jerry Sensenig called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., the following members were present: Andrew Dornes; Matthew Eby, Jason Firestine; Garry Hartranft; Jeremy Leid, James Schneck; Jerry Sensenig. Others present: Mayor Troy Weaver; Solicitor Jason Hess; Public Works Superintendent Robert Rissler; and Secretary Valerie Gregory.

Opening – Kevin Kirkpatric, Terre Hill Bible Fellowship Church

Minutes – Motion by J. Firestine to approve minutes from the April 14, 2026 meeting, as presented, seconded by J. Leid, motion carried.

President Sensenig noted the council held an executive session to discuss personnel issues last month.

Community Reports

1. Elanco Library – Susan Burke provided highlights of the newsletter and statistics for 2025 with 61,000 visits, 5000 card holders, and 182,000 items checked out from the library. Susan reported libraries cannot sustain themselves and that there an effort hopes for a referendum on the ballot for library tax. Reported a new library director has been hired and they are looking for an assistant.
2. Terre Hill Park Association – PWS Rissler reported the new building at the Park is almost complete, hoping to have final inspection next week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety

Committee Chair – Mayor Troy Weaver

1. Fire - Chief Eberly reported
2. Secretary Gregory reported that the Lancaster Snow Angels are now part of VOAD which is Volunteer Organizations Activated for Disasters. Jen Jarvis plans to find out the residents in town that are dependent upon electrically necessary medical equipment and will provide a report in the future.

Public Works

Committee Chair – Councilman Jeremy Leid

1. Public Works Report

Planning & Zoning

Committee Chair – Councilman Garry Hartranft

1. College Avenue Property Holdings Subdivision Plan discussion and consideration of related agreements – still working through agreements, some changes required in HOA name due to the use of the word College not being permitted by the state. Agreements should be ready for approval at next meeting.
2. Secretary Gregory reported Loren Martin, Zoning Hearing Board member has moved out of the Borough and is no longer eligible to serve on the ZHB. Rodney Kurtz, current alternate was in audience and stated that he would resign as alternate to serve as regular member. Derek Martin may be interested in filling alternate position.

Finance

Committee Chair Andrew Dornes

1. Treasurer's Report April 2026 on file
2. Adam Hartwig reported that PLGIT/PRIME accounts have been opened and Truist checking accounts added in preparation of transferring funds.
3. 2019 audit filed, 200-2022 audits are almost complete, rest of audits should be complete by end of month, will present and discuss when audits are complete.

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Personnel

Committee Chair – Councilman Jason Firestine

1. No Report

Old Business

1. Auditor Engagement Letter:

Motion to ratify Auditor Engagement Letter for the 2020-2024 audits with Cherry Bekaert to reflect name change from Herbein + Company, seconded by G. Hartranft, motion carried.

2. Verizon Cell Tower Agreement Discussion regarding status of agreement and recommended changes such as when initial term begins and escalator from 2% to 2.5%.

New Business

1. 2025 Financial Audit – discussion and consideration for Cherry Bekaert to complete

Motion by G. Hartranft to approve signing the engagement letter with Cherry Bekaert to complete the 2025 audit at a cost of \$15,000, seconded by M. Eby, motion carried.

2. Published Agenda amended by motion of council to allow for adoption of resolution appointing Cherry Bekaert as Independent Auditor to perform financial audit for calendar year 2025.

Motion by J. Leid to adopt Resolution 2026-4 appointing Cherry Bekaert as independent auditor for the Borough, seconded by J. Firestine, motion carried.

3. Delinquent Refuse (garbage) Bills – review, discussion and consideration of actions to be taken. Adam Hartwig noted that in the course of the audit there were Solicitor Hess will prepare a policy on the collection of delinquent trash bills for approval at the next council meeting.
4. Cemetery Caretaker – discussion and consideration of hiring Bonnie Miller as Caretaker for the Cemetery at \$20.00 per hour as recommended by the Cemetery Association Board
5. Banking - discussion of updating of bank signature cards
6. Jim Schneck reported that he will have to have several surgeries over the course of the next few months and will not be able to attend meetings.

Bills as presented, ordered paid on motion of NAME, seconded by, NAME motion carried.

Motion by J. Leid to adjourn at 8:05 p.m., seconded by A. Dornes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Hartwig
Acting Secretary