

Borough of Terre Hill Council Meeting Minutes

July 14, 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; Jeremy Leid, and President Jerry Sensenig. Others present: Mayor Troy Weaver; Solicitor Jason Hess; Public Works Superintendent Robert Rissler; and Secretary Adam Hartwig. Vice-President Hartranft and Councilman Schneck were absent.

Opening by Neal Martin

Minutes – Approval of minutes from the June 9, 2026, regular meeting, as presented. Approved by Matthew Eby and seconded by Jason Firestine, motion carried.

Community Reports

1. Elanco Library – Susan Burke gave an update on the programs taking place and updated the Council on the referendum for the .55 mill library tax. She also let council know that there was a Board position open and an Interim position open and told council that they would like to have a representative from Terre Hill Borough on the Library Board.
2. Terre Hill Area Historical Society – Bob Jackson thanked the Borough for their donation and asked if council had any input on the Historical Society getting an audit on their books as a result of the Borough's contributions.
3. Terre Hill Park Association – No update to provide.

Citizen's Request

1. Nelson Martin, 416 Linden Street- Was present to ask the council about any updates or changes being made during the audit process and thanked the auditors and council members for getting the borough's audits completed and bringing things up to date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police & Public Safety

Committee Chair – Mayor Troy Weaver stated that there was no report for tonight's meeting.

Public Works & Property

Committee Chair – Jeremy Leid

1. Public Works Report
 - a. There was discussion on parking and speed limit signs on Borough streets and the enforcement of the no parking. Solicitor Hess asked to review the ordinances for the No Parking locations as well as the speed limits. Mr. Hartwig stated that he would send those to Solicitor Hess.
 - b. There was also discussion regarding the Borough's MS4 project and discussing with the Engineer about alternative projects. Mr. Hartwig said that he would reach out to the Engineer and begin discussions about alternative projects.

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2. Tree work- Messner Tree Service

- a. Mr. Leid made a Motion to approve Messner Tree Service to trim and shape 1 Zelkova tree by the monuments at Main and Conestoga Street, remove 1 maple tree along park drive, chip and clean up all wood and grind the stumps for an amount not to exceed \$1,250. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eby. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Mr. Leid made a Motion to approve Messner Tree Service to remove 3 cherry trees at the Cemetery, chip and clean up trees and remove all wood and grind stumps, limb up 7 small trees along the side of the cemetery and chip and remove brush for an amount not to exceed \$2,100. Motion was second by Mr. Firestine. The motion passed unanimously

Planning & Zoning

Committee Chair – Garry Hartranft- Nothing to report this month.

Finance

Committee Chair - Andrew Dornes

1. Treasurer's Report for June – A listing of bills, all accounts, funds in/out, beginning/ending balances was provided for review.
2. Notice of Appointment Letter
 - a. Mr. Dornes made a motion to approve the unpaid balance for Tax Periods 3/31/2019 in the amount of \$691.48, 3/31/2022 in the amount of \$1,132.85, and 9/30/2022 in the amount of \$896.94. The motion was seconded by Mr. Firestine. The motion passed unanimously.
3. 2027 Pension MMO
 - a. Mr. Dornes made a motion to authorize Acrisure to prepare the 2027 Minimum Municipal Obligation report for the Borough's Pension Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leid. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Mr. Dornes noted that the Finance Committee was scheduled to meet on August 19, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Personnel

Committee Chair – Jason Firestine

1. Mr. Firestine made a motion to accept the letter of interest from Bob Wenger to sit on the cemetery committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leid. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. Verizon Tower Agreement – Mr. Hess provided an update on the couple 'sticking points' of the negotiations. It was agreed that 'commencement date' would be any work that begins after the issuance of a permit and that Solicitor Hess would coordinate a call with Verizon and the County and Borough on the rights-of-ways.
2. Mr. Firestine made a motion to amend the agenda to add consideration to adopt Ordinance 2026-7 to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leid. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Ordinance 2026-7- Ordinance to collect legal fees for the lien of properties

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- a. Mr. Firestine made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-7 that would permit the Borough to submit and collect legal fees resulting from liens filed by the Borough for unpaid refuse bills. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eby. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Mr. Firestine posed a question regarding mirrors for driveways on telephone poles and who should install them. It was determined that the Borough was not going to install any mirrors because of the liability associated with installing them.
2. Mr. Firestine also asked about E-Bikes and the regulations associated with them related to sidewalks and roadways. Solicitor Hess stated that the Borough always has the ability to enact Ordinances that would govern these things, those ordinances can be more stringent than the state laws but could not be less restrictive. The Borough would then be responsible for the enforcement of those Ordinances because the State Police do not enforce local ordinances.

Authorization of Bills for Payment – Mr. Dornes made a motion to authorize the bills for payment. Motion was seconded by Mr. Eby and passed unanimously.

Adjournment – Mr. Leid made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. Eby and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Adam T. Hartwig
Borough Secretary