

**BOROUGH OF WINDBER**  
**Borough Council Meeting**  
**Monday, November 10, 2025**  
**7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of Windber Borough Council was called to order by Windber Borough Council President, Richard Rummel, at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The following council members were present: Brian Bahorik, Pete LaMonaca, Dr. Doug Ledney, Herb Moore, Joe Pallo and Rich Rummel. Mr. Klonicke was absent. Attorney Joseph Green, Manager and Mayor Michael Thomas were present. Ronald Allison, Borough Manager was absent.

Mr. Moore said he wants to discuss the contract for the borough manger, do we have to go into executive session for that? Mr. Rummel said yes, it is a personnel issue.

**Approval  
Minutes**

Mr. Bahorik said \$2,300 was spent on the special meeting was anything found out about this. Mr. Rummel said nothing, everything is good to go, mistakes happen from time to time. Mr. Moore said that was supposed to be setup for packets that he gave Dr. Ledney and Mr. Rummel that was just to get documentation of why he made that vote. That whole meeting wasn't necessary for him but when they came out, they said he could ask any and all questions that he had, he was not allowed to do that. Plus, there were eight pages eliminated.

Mr. Rummel said the questions Mr. Moore wanted to ask was outside of the realm. Mr. Moore said if you are going to have something like that then you better try to stop the questions, you're going to have to let him ask the questions. Mr. Rummel said the questions he asked over the last year were answered in that meeting. Mr. Moore said no they weren't. Mr. Rummel told Mr. Moore he had new questions.

Dr. Ledney said the questions Mr. Moore asked were answered in April when the CPAs were originally here and you did not listen to them. Your questions were asked and answered and you received a report from the CPA's and this meeting was not necessary. Dr. Ledney said he asked the CPAs in April and September and nothing was wrong. Mr. Moore's allegations were what triggered that meeting.

Mr. Moore said you know the fire company for 26 years had auditor's go over their books and all of a sudden, they found something. After 26 years over \$800,000 missing. Council said that that has nothing to do with them. Mr. Moore said you bring these people in to talk like that to try and ridicule him and get everyone against him and that meeting wasn't necessary and he wasn't allowed to talk. He said he had 49 things he wanted to ask. Mr. Rummel said they were all answered. Mr. Moore said they were not. Dr. Ledney said they were answered. Mr. Moore said they were not why would he say this. Dr. Ledney said because you do not listen. Mr. Moore told Dr. Ledney he doesn't listen.

Mr. Rummel said the doors are open to talk to Robin, Ron or himself any time. He will be around anytime council wants to meet.

Mr. Moore told Mrs. Gates he did not get a letter that she said she was going to send to him. Mrs. Gates said she forgot about it and will send it tomorrow. A motion was made by Mr. Bahorik and seconded by Mr. LaMonaca to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting on September 29, 2025. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Bahorik and seconded by Mr. Pallo to approve the Minutes of October 13, 2025 Meeting. Mr. Klonicke was absent, motion carried.

Mr. Bahorik left the meeting due to work.

**Visitors**

David Kormanik said at the last meeting they had listed their concerns about the ATV traffic on Cemetery Road around the cemetery and on the streets. They are here today to follow up. Basically, they have three questions for council.

**David  
Kormanik**

1. When or has, your solicitor been instructed to write up language that addresses the upper section of Park Avenue and the top part of Fourth Street to be exempt from the ATV Ordinance.

Mr. Rummel said they do not own that part of the road. The road going through the cemetery is in Richland Township. Mr. Kormanik said he understands that some of Cemetery Road is Scalp Level, and there is a section that is Richland Township. The Park Avenue section of course is Windber Borough and the Fourth Street section up to the bottom part of Fourth Street is also Windber Borough.

Mr. Kormanik said they know they cannot do anything with Cemetery Road, they understand that is Richland. They do not want it at upper Park Avenue because they do not want to be a thruway for ATV traffic. There are no businesses up there that will benefit from ATV traffic.

Mr. Kormanik said there is not enough reasons, to not approve an amendment to the ordinance to give the cemeteries the sanctity they deserve. Mr. Rummel said he understands and they are going to talk to Richland Township about it. Mr. Kormanik said they will also.

Mr. Holden said the proper name for that is Park Avenue Extension because as you know Park Avenue goes from Fourth Street down to Scalp Level across that way to St. John's Cemetery. That section of Park Avenue is Park Avenue Ext.

Mr. Rummel said they have not addressed it yet. The plan was to get the letter filed and then we couldn't get the signs until we have a plan in place as to what roads are open and what roads are closed. Ron is going to get together with Jamie this week and get the signs out.

2. Mr. Kormanik said on tv after the meeting you seemed to indicate there would be exceptions to the ATV Ordinance and you understood that there were probably going to be. Are you sticking to that. Mr. Rummel said yes, we are looking at the map and what roads will have signs and what will not.

Mr. Kormanik asked if there was a schedule of when the amendment would be made to this ordinance, do we need to be here to make sure it is approved. Mr. Rummel said follow up with us but we are still in the process of what is open and what is closed. Mr. Kormanik said just make a "no" sign or restricted sign.

3. Mr. Kormanik said he would assume there is a certain section in the ordinance that would let the borough post certain sections in the borough where they don't want traffic. That language written in the ordinance where it allows you to go to borough council and say hey this area, we should have this posted. It would make it easier for borough council to respond to safety issues and those kinds of things.

Mr. Rummel said those kinds of things will identify themselves and they will address them when they come up just like Mr. Kormanik's situation. At the time being the Ordinance does not specifically mention whether specific streets are open or not. The borough is open except for state roads and there is no ATV traffic on them of course and we will hash out which ones to put out as well.

Mr. Kormanik asked again is there a time line for this so we can be here? Mr. Rummel said hopefully before next months meeting. Mr. Kormanik said they are just trying to get some answers. His feed-back, is the people up there want some answers.

**Todd  
Koehler**

Mr. Koehler thanked all the ones who got voted in on borough council. He thanked council for passing the ordinance for the four-wheelers. He said the dirt bike thing; those guys are already breaking the law. That has nothing to do with what was passed.

Mr. Kormanik said there is a law that says dirt bikes are not allowed to be ridden on the streets. Mr. Koehler said he just wanted him to understand what was passed. Mr. Kormanik said he did understand what was passed. If you have a solution to the dirt bike issue, they would be all ears.

**Correspondence**

1. Windber Municipal Authority September 9, 2025 Meeting.
2. Conemaugh Conservancy News Letter.
3. Windber Area Authority Minutes of September 10, 2025.

**Approval  
Bills**

A motion was made by Mr. LaMonaca and seconded by Mr. Pallo to approve the bills for October 13, 2025. Mr. Bahorik and Mr. Klonicke were absent, motion carried.

**Approval  
Payroll**

A motion was made by Mr. LaMonaca and seconded by Mr. Pallo to approve payroll for October 17 and 31, 2025. Mr. Bahorik and Mr. Klonicke were absent, motion carried.

**Engineer's  
Report**

PENNVEST Sewer Project

Current tasks:

- a. Preliminary Design 1
- b. Rules & Regulations
- c. Act 537 Plan Update
- d. Uniform Environmental Review

Schedule:

- a. Fall/Winter 2025-2026: Complete preliminary design & submit permits
- b. July 2026: PENNVEST Submission (Tentative)

2025 LSAS Grant Application

- a. 100% grant; applications due November 30, 2025; \$100 application fee.
- b. Police Station Renovations

Flood Protection Project

- a. PA DCED Flood Mitigation Program
  - 1. Applications accepted February 1 to May 31.
  - 2. Grants not to exceed \$500,000; a 15% match of total project cost required.
- b. PA DCED Small Water and Sewer Program
  - 1. Applications are accepted February 1 to April 30.
  - 2. Total project cost of \$30,000 to \$500,000

24<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Project

- a. Project is complete, road is open to traffic.

22<sup>nd</sup> Street Bridge Project

- a. Phase 2 Archaeology Report submitted, no significant findings.
- b. Construction tentatively planned for 2026.

2025 PA DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Program

- a. Graham Avenue Light Pole Replacement Project Phase 1

2024 LSAS Grant & 2025 PA DCED Small Water & Sewer Program

- a. Submitted 27<sup>th</sup> Street Stormwater Culvert Replacement Project.

Mr. Moore asked if they are involved with the police station renovations also. Mr. Ferrante said yes, they are putting the application together for the grant and submitting.

**Cash Bal./  
Treasurer  
Rpt.**

There were no questions at this time.

**Council Liaison Reports**

**Ledney/  
WAA**

Dr. Ledney said the multi-million-dollar sewer project is done and they are discussing now about having an open house.

**LaMonaca/  
WMA**

Mr. LaMonaca said the Municipal Authority meeting is tomorrow.

**Rummel/  
Library**

Mr. Rummel said Mrs. Fran Norwich passed away. She was a long-time member of the library board and will be deeply missed up there.

**Mayor's  
Report**

Mayor Thomas reminded council about the Veteran's Day Event's tomorrow. He said they will make a discission tomorrow morning around 8 a.m. as to whether the ceremony will take place at Veteran's park or in the American Legion due to weather. He will let the borough office know and they will post it on the borough's Facebook page.

October 16, 2025 Mayor Thomas and Council President Rummel attended the Somerset County Borough's Association meeting at Rizzo's Restaurant. Windber Borough was the host. The meeting was well attended. The speaker was Bob Regula a former state senator, lobbyist, and grant writer.

Mayor Thomas spoke to the project manager for Dollar General this morning, he stated that they were going to begin working on the footers for the building today.

Mayor Thomas attended the Windber Fire Hall annual Halloween celebration and parade on November 25, 2025.

Mayor Thomas spent election day November 4<sup>th</sup> at the community building speaking to voters about the issues that they felt were important. A majority of the voters expressed concern about codes enforcement and felt that not enough was being done concerning blight and run down properties. He passed this concern on to Council President, Rummel and Manager Allison.

Mayor Thomas spoke to Chief Frear regarding speeding on 24<sup>th</sup> Street since the completion of the new bridge. We agreed that one of the electronic speed monitoring signs would be moved to a location on that street to try and slow traffic down.

A recent event in Windber Borough highlights the need for a full-time police department. Mayor Thomas said he would like to offer this incident as an example of that, that recently took place in town. Imagine if this happened to you and your family.

A homeless man was accused of trying to force his way into a Windber home last week, at one point posing as a police officer, police said.

A 22<sup>nd</sup> Street family contacted police after they were awakened by a loud banging on their front door just after midnight to find a man later identified as Thai R. Numjun, 21, attempting to break their front door down" Windber Police wrote in an affidavit filed October 29. 2025.

After one resident told the would-be-burglar they would contact police if he did not leave, the man responded that he was the police and directed them to let him in. Numjun was detained

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Mayor Thomas said he spoke to the owner of the house and he stated that if we would not have had police here in which he called them and they responded in five minutes he doesn't know what would have happened. This is the reality of what is happening today.

**Manager's Report**

2025 Chevrolet 3500 Regular Cab= \$46,188.00 Tri-Star/Trade in 2017 Ford F250 XL \$14,500.00. 8'6 Western Pro Plus with deflector installed \$7,500 Hercules Equipment. Snowex Renegade 2.2 yd. spreader \$7,300.00 Hercules Equipment. To specification utility body standard S-service Body (Aluminum) \$15,500.00 Hercules Equipment. Total after trade is \$61,988.00.

Public Works - Answered 27 PA One Calls, assisted for two weeks with the cameraing of sewers with USG, prepared vehicles for winter, leaf pick up and continued mowing borough properties, and attended 24<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Project meetings. They met with Dollar General on storm and sewer connections along with EADS and the Borough Manager.

Dollar General - Construction has begun and no delays as of yet. Sewer and storm connections determined and addressed. Manager Allison did an email interview with the Daily American on the new location this month.

Ballroom - Continued with scheduled events. Signed a wedding for December and also working on a Valentines Ball that will be sponsored.

Somerset Avenue Railroad Crossing - Project has been completed by Railroad subcontractor. The borough did some clean up with old asphalt after completion but overall, the project wen on without causing delays.

ATV/UTV Ordinance - Currently working with DCNR to obtain road open signage. We are getting the ordinance recorded with Somerset County and preparing the required application to DCNR.

**Solicitor's Report**

There were no comments at this time.

**Codes Report**

There were no questions at this time.

**Ballroom Report**

Mr. Rummel said there is a wedding at the end of December and the Cash Balance/Treasurer Report is also attached.

**Comments**

Mr. Rummel thanked Dr. Ledney and Mr. Pallo for their service as councilmen for Windber Borough. Council and public applauded them.

**Nuisance Ordinance**

Attorney Green said he did not get anything put together yet because we have a lawsuit right now and we are also dealing with the Office of Open Records and Appeals. He will definitely have something for the next meeting.

Mr. Rummel said to refresh everyone's memory he had asked Attorney Green to try and put more meat behind the nuisance ordinance (disturbing the peace). There are a lot of neighbors who are being annoyed.

So, we are going to see if there is anything else we can do to enforce it.

**Approval  
Resolution**

A motion was made by Dr. Ledney and seconded by Mr. Pallo to approve Resolution No. 2025-6 (LSA Grant Application) to apply for renovations for the police department. Two absent, Mr. Bahorik and Mr. Klonicke, motion carried.

**Purchase  
Truck**

A motion was made by Mr. Pallo and seconded by Dr. Ledney to proceed with the purchase of a utility truck for the year 2026. (Budgeted in Sewer and Liquid Fuels Funds for 2026). Two absent, Mr. Bahorik and Mr. Klonicke, motion carried.

**Donate  
Artifacts**

A motion was made by Mr. LaMonaca and seconded by Mr. Pallo to donate artifact inventory to the state museum found from the property located at South 22<sup>nd</sup> Street-connector Road. Mr. Moore asked if this has to be done to any property we have? Mr. Rummel said the property is in a historical district. Mr. Bahorik and Mr. Klonicke were absent, motion carried.

**Executive  
Session**

Attorney Green said the personnel issues are for the manager's contract and the legal issues is for the Office for Open Records of Appeal and legal issue, the Sunshine Laws. Motion was made by Dr. Ledney and seconded by Mr. Pallo to go into executive session for the above-mentioned issues read by Attorney Green at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Koehler asked why we reside in Somerset County but never advertise in the Somerset paper. Mr. Rummel said we do not have to as long as it is in a paper. Mrs. Gates said you do not call Somerset now to advertise it is owned by a larger network of local papers. Mayor Thomas said PSAB is pushing the resolution that it will not have to be printed that you will be able to put the ad on your website so it will not be as expensive.

Council reconvened from an executive session at 7:54 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. LaMonaca and seconded by Mr. Moore to table the manager's contract until December's meeting. Two absent, Mr. Bahorik and Mr. Klonicke, motion carried.

Next Council meeting date will be December 8, 2025 at 7 p.m. and there will be a budget workshop on November 17, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

**Manager  
Contract**

A motion was made by Mr. Pallo and seconded by Dr. Ledney at 7:55 p.m. Two absent, Mr. Bahorik and Mr. Klonicke, motion carried.

**Next  
Meeting**

Respectfully Submitted By:

**Adjourn**

Robin S. Gates  
Administrative Assistant