

BOROUGH OF EDDYSTONE
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
August 11, 2025 @ 7:00 PM
Minutes Approved @ Council Meeting on 10/14/2025

Please Note: These minutes were transcribed from the Eddystone meeting video by Notta AI and edited for formatting by Jennifer Hoff, Borough Manager.

The Borough of Eddystone Borough Council held the August 11, 2025 Regular Council Meeting with the following members present: President Mandy Hall, and Council members Michael Bannon, Bill Bolton, Randy Perry, Bill Stewart and Rachael Walker. Absent: VP Beth Gross. Mayor Hughes was also present. Professional Services present were Borough Solicitor Tim Possenti, Brinker Simpson and Kelly Engineers, JP Kelly.

President Hall called the meeting to order followed by Roll Call and then Prayer by Mayor Hughes.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

9/8/2025: Executive Meeting

9/8/2025: Regular Council Meeting

CALL MEETING TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

- Roll call completed; meeting opened following an executive session to discuss Personnel issues.
- Invocation delivered; no formal presentations on the agenda.

Announcements:

Rec Board: No report

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor: Oct 4: Senior Health Fair
- Oct 13: Estate planning session at Methodist Church
- Oct 18: Eddystone Has Talent Night, Eddystone Elementary
- Oct 25: Large mental health event at Lighthouse Hall
- Talent show noted; likely at Lighthouse Hall
- Nov 6: Veterans Luncheon; flyers forthcoming

Labor and Union Updates:

Teamsters: Meeting being held Aug 28.

- FOP: July 28 meeting canceled; borough submitted six potential dates, awaiting FOP response.
FOP handling multiple contracts causing delays.
Clarification: No arbitration currently; borough actively pursuing negotiations.

PRESENTATIONS

None

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

- National Night Out: Strong turnout; support from Mr. White, Kathy Krissak, and Angel Clark
- Donations covered activities; services included toiletries, wipes, clothing; popular face painting

- Positive feedback; goal to expand next year

6. Discussion/Behind the Scenes

7. Council Updates

EMS / FIRE SERVICES AND ALS STRATEGY CONVERSATION

- County-provided ALS coverage ended (90-day window elapsed).
- Goal: Secure fiscally responsible ALS coverage without gaps in service.
Proposed arrangements:
- VMSC model: Building arrangement: 60% billing to VMSC; fire company retains building-related funds.
- Shared risk: Example split discussed as 60% municipality/40% ALS provider on billing, with expenses accounted before the borough's 50% BLS split.
- Borough would continue 50/50 BLS billing split (net of 6% supplies) where applicable; ALS billing separate under provider/fire company license.
- VMSC to attend next executive session for further discussion.
- Trinity ALS proposal: Motion passed to reject Trinity ALS proposal (unanimous).
Service performance:
- VMSC currently serves City of Chester; has chase units, BLS resources; adding capacity anticipating contracts.
- Regional mutual aid may trigger per-call ALS charges (potential up to \$250/call) if no agreement in place; emergency responses will still occur.
- Coverage contingencies:
- Borough added a third EMS staff per shift under disaster declaration to ensure QRS rapid response when ambulance is out of town; QRS provides full care minus transport.
Governance/Agreements:
- Distinction: Trinity agreement would be with the borough; VMSC would tie to fire company's ambulance license.
- Council discussed authorizing a path to proceed if fire company declines; concern about timing and motivating action.
- Decision: Table VMSC ALS agreement; consider special meeting within a week to expedite if needed.

8. Public Forum

Faith Farabee: Asked about the following: Workshop meetings, last Borough Manager, Dr. Moler's salary, Highway contract, health department reports, new Dunkin Donuts,

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

Brinker Simpson Financial reports

Code report

Engineers report

Fire/EMS report

Health report

Police report

Health report

Solicitor report

Professionals Report, Kelly Engineering: Infrastructure and Capital Projects

- Road closures and utilities: PECO replacing underground gas lines block-by-block (Phase 1), then returning for house tie-ins and valve installation (Phase 2). CodeRED used for alerts; residents encouraged to sign up.
- Second Street extension/expansion: Status: Still conceptual; extensive stakeholder meetings ongoing with PennDOT (District 6), traffic consultants, Foxfield, Penn Terminals, and others. Stakeholder positions: Barry Callebaut supportive; exploring purchase; intends to expand production (shift from distribution to manufacturing). Penn Terminals supportive and willing to contribute financially (details TBD). Foxfield and Conrail crossing complexities under discussion; Conrail advocacy needed; potential multimodal grant pursuit with DCED. Next steps: Continued coordination, permitting pathways, funding strategy (public-private partnership considerations).
- Lighthouse Hall: HVAC: Bid documents ready this week; pre-bid site meeting required; contractors to bid alternates. Flooring: COSTARS bid docs approved with edits; contract expected within two weeks.
- Waterfront parcel environmental: Phase II completed; no contaminants above non-residential direct contact standards; no further investigation recommended at this time.
- Stormwater: Pipe cleaning completed; awaiting data to update storm sewer maps; one pipe still needs correction.
- Dunkin' Donuts site: Contractor mobilized; erosion/sediment controls installed; slow progress but responsive to any blowouts.
- Police grant and Eddystone Park quarterly reports submitted. Requested payment: \$14,346; approximately \$41,000 remains to be collected pending punch list completion and final sign-offs.

Health Department Litigation Outcome

- Boroughs that opted out of the County Health Department: Trial court win affirmed by Commonwealth Court. County will not appeal further and will contact municipalities; statute acknowledged.
- Rationale discussed: County focused on fee-based inspections; limited response to broader public health complaints. Local concerns over increased business fees and occupancy compliance.

Public Safety Reports

- Fire (July 2025): 25 incidents: fire alarms, investigations, small fires; 27 responding members; avg response 3. Data includes paid staff; volunteer participation variable; Fire July report accepted. June fire report tabled.
- EMS (July 2025): 56 calls; includes two arrests; three scratch/other mutual aid notes; EMS report accepted.
- Police (July 2025): Activity totals presented; Police report accepted.

Ordinances and Legislative Actions

- Nuisance Property Abatement Ordinance 683-2025: Purpose: Address properties with repeated public safety disturbances or disproportionate municipal resource use. Key elements:

- Definition: Three or more qualifying police responses or ordinance enforcement actions within rolling 12 months, excluding good-faith emergency calls (e.g., domestic violence, sexual assault, medical).
- Process: Notice of determination; right to hearing within 15 business days; hearing within 30 days; borough burden by preponderance of evidence.
- Abatement plan: Security, lighting, lawful lease enforcement, repairs, communication conditions.
- Penalties: Up to \$1,000/day for non-compliance; no penalties for seeking emergency services.
- Non-discrimination: Compliant with constitutional and civil rights laws; severability; effective upon enactment; supersedes prior related ordinances. Approved.

Sewer Lateral Ordinance Amendment 684-2025:

- Change: Validity of acceptable sewer lateral testing extended to one year to allow reuse if a transfer/settlement falls through. Approved. Note: PennVest offers low-interest homeowner loans for lateral repairs/rehab; separate from warranty-style monthly plans.

Action Items:

Motion: Approval of Minutes from the July 14, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Councilman Bolton, second by Councilman Bannon. Passes 6-0

Motion: To approve the Treasurer's Report, including bank reconciliations for the month of July 2025 as presented by Brinker Simpson.

Motion by Councilwoman Walker, second by Councilman Bannon. Passes 6-0

Motion: To accept the BCO report for the month of July 2025. Tabled (no report this evening)

Motion: To accept the Engineers report as presented by JP Kelly for the month of July 2025

Motion by Councilman Bolton, second by Councilman Bannon. Passes 6-0

Motion: To accept the Fire Report for the month of June and July 2025 as presented by Chief Mokshefsky for Fire Chief Allen Reeves III. June tabled.

Motion by Councilman Bolton, second by Councilman Perry. Passes 6-0 for July report.

Motion: To accept the EMS Report for the month of June and July 2025 as presented by Chief Mokshefsky

Motion by Councilman Bannon, second by Councilman Perry. Passes 6-0

Motion: To accept Police Report for the month of July 2025 as presented by Chief Mokshefsky

Motion by Councilman Bolton, second by Councilman Bannon. Passes 6-0

Motion: To approve the Nuisance Property Abatement Ordinance 683-2025

Motion by Councilman Bolton, second by Councilman Bannon. Passes 6-0

Motion: To approve the amended Sewer Lateral Ordinance 684-2025

Motion by Councilman Bannon, second by Councilman Bolton. Passes 6-0

Motion: To Accept Trinity ALS Agreement with the 5 other municipalities

Tabled

Motion: To Accept VSMC ALS Agreement
Tabled

Motion: To Accept Officer Pugh's resignation
Motion by Councilwoman Walker, second by Councilman Bolton. Passes 6-0

Motion: To allow Chief Mokshefsky to charge the Civil Service Board to start the hiring process in the Police Department to fill a vacancy.
Motion by Councilman Stewart, second by Councilwoman Walker. Passes 6-0

Motion: To hire Public Works foreman, Leslie Clements
Motion by Councilwoman Walker, second by Councilman Bannon. Passes 6-0

Motion: To hire Part Time Public Works with CDL
Tabled

Motion: To hire Part Time Borough Manager, Jennifer Hoff
Motion by Councilwoman Walker, second by Councilman Bolton. Passes 6-0

11. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Councilman Bolton, second by Councilwoman Walker. Passes 6-0

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