

Canton Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Canton Borough Council held a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at The John A. Mosser Canton Borough Municipal Building, 4 North Center Street, Canton. Council members in attendance were Mike Shultz, George Jennings, Jeff Cole, Brian Koval, Deanna Watkins and Joy Williams. Dave Atherton-Ely and Mayor David Groover Sr were absent. Solicitor Cassi Blaney, Chief Strozyk, David Wilson & James Bowman of the street Department and Leighanne Ellingham of zoning and codes were present.

Visitors: Walter Woods(refused to sign in).

Councilman Mike Shultz opened the Council meeting lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation.

Minutes:

George Jennings moved and Brian Koval seconded accepting the minutes of the September 8th regular council meeting. Roll call: All said "Aye"

Brian Koval moved and Jeff Cole seconded accepting the minutes of the October 20th regular council meeting. Roll call: All said "Aye"

Bills:

Brian Koval moved and Jeff Cole seconded accepting the bills presented for payment and the issuing of checks since the October 20th meeting. Roll call: All said "Aye"

Visitor Comments:

No Comments

Business:

Motion to advertise 2026 budget

Emerick explained that the budget is not ready to be advertised. We are needing more information from each committee to plug in correct and accurate numbers. Shultz motioned to have another meeting November 24th to discuss and approve budget for advertising. Koval seconded the motion. Any further discussion. Roll call: All said "Aye"

CD/Money market renewals

Emerick talked about the two CDs that are up for renewal. FCCB 5 month CD renewal current rate is \$100,000 at 3.55% 3.60APY for 5 months. LPL financial with Matthew Stroup is a 6 month CD up for renewal. New rate is 6 month CD at 3.65%. Emerick explained how much is available in each CD. \$101,053.59 for the FCCB and \$56,646.86 for the LPL financial. Koval motioned to renew both CDs where they currently sit. Watkins seconded that motion. Any further discussion. Roll call: All said "Aye"

Consider amending 1-102 Ord No 2023-613 12/11/2023 Appointment and removal

Koval motioned to table this till next month meeting. Jennings seconded that motion. Any further discussion. Watkins mentioned that it would be best to push this till the January meeting. All

agreed. Shultz motioned to table this for the January 2026 meeting. Jennings seconded the motion. Any further discussion. Roll call: All said "Aye"

Discuss Health Insurance options for 2026

Emerick updated the council with Highmark Blueshield's new 2026 pricing. The health insurance would be \$1,230.63 per employee. Dental and vision is going to be \$46.04. Highmark's total monthly price per employee will be \$1,276.67. Jack's insurance will stay the same. He has not had a year into this plan yet to show an increase yet. Emerick got quotes for Dave and Jimmy from the lady that got Jack's insurance. Dave and Olive are looking at the same pricing with Highmark Gold PPO with dental/vision and accident/critical illness rider \$414.27 per month per employee. Jimmy is available for private PPO with United as well as dental and vision for \$250 a month. Shultz wants to know if these options offer virtual visits and "revive". Everyone will revisit this topic at the November 24th meeting.

Dumpster renewal

Emerick presented the 2026 dumpster renewal letter to the council. Jennings made a motion to sign the renewal contract. Koval seconded that motion. Any further discussion. Roll call: All said "Aye"

Sidewalk Grant 2022-2026-update

Emerick talked with Elizabeth about an update. Elizabeth explained that the grant money was not going anywhere until 2027. They are going to send out for more bids and should have them back by the end of November. Hoping to hear a good list of bidders. Having our street crew do the work was discussed but Elizabeth said that would change the grant all around and money might not be the same. She advised us to keep what we have going on.

Phase III Basketball Court Update

Jayson wood sent over a letter to be signed by council asking for a delay for spring to paint lines on the basketball court. Due to the weather changing so fast they would not be able to get the lines painted in time. Jennings motion to sign this letter. Watkins seconds this motion. Any further discussion. Roll call: All said "Aye"

Zito Franchise Agreement

Blaney forgot to bring some paperwork with her. Going to email it over to Emerick to have Shultz sign.

Approve renewing the Environ Contract – Electric Supplier

Emerick explains that Griffin the electric contact has not returned her emails or phone calls. There is no new information on this subject. She will continue to reach out for new rates. Some mentioned just dropping this altogether and paying Penelec directly. Hopeful for more info for November 24th meeting.

Update TCC Voting Delegate

Emerick revisited the previous list of voting delegates for the borough. Council members talk about who should be listed. They come up with Olive Emerick being the primary voting delegate. Terry LaMont will be the first alternate voting delegate. Joy Williams will be the second alternate voting delegate. Shultz makes this motion. Koval seconds this motion. Any further discussion. Roll call: All said "Aye"

School sign “Bus Stop Ahead” for South Ave

Emerick shows council the letter the Canton Area School District sent to the borough council requesting said sign and where they would like it. She explains that we must get ahold of Steve Kehoe with PennDOT. He will come up and let us know where they must be placed. The borough will be responsible for the cost and setup of the signs. Shultz makes a motion to have Blaney draft up a resolution. Koval seconds this motion. Any further discussion. Roll call: All said “Aye”

Police Department

Police report:

77 total calls out for the last month. Strozyk explains still waiting on official start date for Andrew Whitehead. He is also looking for more part-time employees. Strozyk is trying to enforce the crosswalks without violating laws himself. Strozyk was very surprised with the Halloween parade. There was one theft during this event.

Street Department

Street report for October:

Monday morning street check, yard waste and brush pick up
Monday & Thursday mornings comfort station cleaning
Installed snow equipment on new truck
Received and moved millings from the basketball court
Cleaned up around the shop in preparation for winter
Moved picnic tables to the shop
Locked down comfort station
Cleaned trash up several times in the pavilion
Maintenance equipment
Finished new pit for yard waste
Prepared leaf vac for the season
Re-built the front box on the leaf vac

Council agreed to allow the street crew to help The Chamber set-up the Christmas tree in town. They need the backhoe especially since Schoonover does not have a bucket truck any longer. Wilson revisits with the council about the Stepping Stones child care sidewalk mishap. He is waiting on a new quote from the contractor allowing the boroughs street crews removal of the existing concrete. This would make the bill much less to give to our insurance company. Discussion about the rental of the street sweeper would be a better option than having another company come in to street sweep.

Zoning / Codes Officer

October Report:

Ellingham had two permits. A detached garage and replacement of a rubber roof. Act 135 questioned? More discussed during an executive session on legal matters.

Fire Department

Fire Report for October:

Jennings talks about 52 calls for the month. Everything is back and running well. They purchased a used Tahoe to add to the fleet. Had 122 people at the banquet. Great turn out. Generator is still waiting on UGI.

Emergency Management

October Report:

Shawn was not at the meeting.

Recreation Committee Report

October Report:

Koval expresses thanks for donation of time and money for the Halloween parade. Koval talks of budget requests for the recreation committee. Koval explains more on what they are needing the money broken down for. Koval wants to add to the preliminary budget. Koval motions for the approval of the rec. committee budget. There is no second. It fails.

Mayor's Remarks:

The Mayor was not present at the meeting.

Junior Council Person Program:

Still looking for students that are interested. They don't have to be residents.

General Information (no information or action required)

Emerick shares Tops Food has a flyer for Veterans day. Blaney shares a church doing Thanksgiving meals for people in need.

For the Good of the Order

Next meeting – December 8, 2025 6pm at the John Mosser Canton Borough Building.

At this time the meeting recessed and had an executive session on legal matters. Meeting reconvened and announced a meeting to be held November 24th at 5PM for the purpose of budget advertising.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

Olive Emerick
Sec./Treas.