

**MINUTES  
NORTH EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Monthly Meeting  
November 3, 2025**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Amber Belson, President  
Ryan McGregor, Vice President  
Todd Luke, President Pro Tem  
Nancy Anderson  
Heather Jones  
Bill Beardsley

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Bobbi Jo Morey, Mayor  
Emma Scully, Junior Council Person  
Patrick Gehrlein, Borough Manager  
Dan Miller, Solicitor  
Rebecca Bliss, Administrative Assistant  
Julio Pazmino, Waste Water Supervisor  
Mark Hamman, Assistant Streets Supervisor  
Tyler Simmer, Water Supervisor  
Sean Lam, Police Chief  
Jake Jones  
Betty Truby  
Ray Schaff  
Chris Drexel  
Pattie Stempka  
Joe Schneider  
Diana Hanes  
Steve Adkins  
Christian Otto-Smith  
Jeremy Morey  
Jim Adams  
Amanda Adams  
Jim Dodd  
Jeremy Morey  
Jamie Lamb  
Kevin Lamb  
Others present, not signed in

The regular monthly meeting of North East Borough Council was held Monday, November 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Borough Council President A. Belson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., at which time the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**INVOCATION:**

B. Beardsley offered the invocation.

**MINUTES:**

H. Jones motioned to approve the October 6, 2025, minutes as presented. T. Luke seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. The vote was as follows:

Nancy Anderson	<u>Yes</u>	Todd Luke	<u>Yes</u>
Amber Belson	<u>Yes</u>	Heather Jones	<u>Yes</u>
Ryan McGregor	<u>Yes</u>	Bill Beardsley	<u>Yes</u>

**EXPENSE REPORT:**

B. Beardsley motioned to approve the Expense Approval Report as presented. R. McGregor seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. The vote was as follows:

Nancy Anderson	<u>Yes</u>	Todd Luke	<u>Yes</u>
Amber Belson	<u>Yes</u>	Heather Jones	<u>Yes</u>
Ryan McGregor	<u>Yes</u>	Bill Beardsley	<u>Yes</u>

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

A. Belson opened the Citizens to be Heard portion of the meeting stating that there were no prior requests for individuals to be listed on the agenda, but that people were welcome to comment only on agenda items during this time period.

J. Dodd, 14 East Division Street, asked if those in attendance would be able to participate in the discussion of the draft ordinance listed on the agenda, or if their comments had to be made separately. A. Belson stated that reasonable discussion was welcome during that time.

**REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICERS:**

There were no Reports from Elected Officers.

**REPORTS FROM APPOINTED OFFICERS:**

There were no Reports from Appointed Officers.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:**

There were no Reports from Standing Committees.

**REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

There were no Reports from Special Committees.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no Unfinished Business.

**NEW BUSINESS:****Draft Ordinance No. 939 – Regulations for Motorized and Non-Motorized Transportation**

J. Dodd, 14 East Division Street, stated that he reviewed the proposed draft and agreed that safety is a top concern. He stated that there should be an opportunity for compromise, as many people and children ride e-bikes and should not be banned from doing so.

A. Belson stated that this is the beginning of a bigger conversation regarding various kinds of transportation, stating that there have been problems with adults and children in street traffic and on the sidewalks.

H. Jones stated that she agrees with Mr. Dodd, stating that we shouldn't take things away from kids in town, as there are already limited options. She stated that violations should be treated similarly to truancy, holding parents accountable and taking away the bikes after a set number of problems.

J. Lamb, 8841 Findley Lake Road, stated that her son rides an e-bike and uses a helmet, safety whistles, etc. She stated that age 16 is too high of a requirement.

A. Adams, 90 Ackerman Lane, stated that council should consider different classes of e-bikes, as some are pedal-assist and others are full-throttle.

A. Belson stated that a committee is a good idea to begin discussions. She stated that she will head the committee, joined by Mayor Morey, Chief Lam, and community members.

#### **Subdivision Plan – Whistle Run**

P. Gehrlein stated that the proposed subdivision plan is a replotting of property lines. He stated that the plan has already been approved by the North East Borough Planning Commission and the Erie County Department of Planning. T. Luke motioned to approve the Subdivision Plan – Whistle Run as presented. R. McGregor seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. The vote was as follows:

Nancy Anderson	<u>Yes</u>	Todd Luke	<u>Yes</u>
Amber Belson	<u>Yes</u>	Heather Jones	<u>Yes</u>
Ryan McGregor	<u>Yes</u>	Bill Beardsley	<u>Yes</u>

#### **Request for promotion of Ptlm. Orzechowski to Patrolman First Class**

Mayor Morey stated that Ptlm. Orzechowski does an exemplary job and is an asset to the community, recommending him for promotion to Patrolman First Class. T. Luke motioned to approve the Request for promotion of Ptlm. Orzechowski to Patrolman First Class as presented. B. Beardsley seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. The vote was as follows:

Nancy Anderson	<u>Yes</u>	Todd Luke	<u>Yes</u>
Amber Belson	<u>Yes</u>	Heather Jones	<u>Yes</u>
Ryan McGregor	<u>Yes</u>	Bill Beardsley	<u>Yes</u>

#### **Gibson/Heard: Skunk & Goat Tavern – Miller Mistletoe Mile (December 21)**

B. Beardsley motioned to approve the request for Gibson/Heard: Skunk & Goat Tavern – Miller Mistletoe Mile (December 21) as presented. R. McGregor seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. The vote was as follows:

Nancy Anderson	<u>Yes</u>	Todd Luke	<u>Yes</u>
Amber Belson	<u>Yes</u>	Heather Jones	<u>Yes</u>
Ryan McGregor	<u>Yes</u>	Bill Beardsley	<u>Yes</u>

#### **Second Monthly Meeting – November 17, if needed**

P. Gehrlein stated that there will be a second monthly meeting on November 17, 2025.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Police Chief Report  
Code Enforcement Report  
Departmental Report

Manager's Report  
Commissions and Authorities  
Letter of Interest: Planning Commission  
Crescent Hose 2026 Donation Request

H. Jones motioned to approve the Letter of Interest: Planning Commission from Danielle Wargo as presented.  
R. McGregor seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. The vote was as follows:

Nancy Anderson	<u>Yes</u>	Todd Luke	<u>Yes</u>
Amber Belson	<u>Yes</u>	Heather Jones	<u>Yes</u>
Ryan McGregor	<u>Yes</u>	Bill Beardsley	<u>Yes</u>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

A. Belson announced the October and November birthdays.

A. Belson stated that she received a comment from R. Behrens to share, thanking the Borough for planting trees throughout town.

A. Belson encouraged the community to attend the Veteran's Day Ceremony and to participate in election day.

B. Beardsley stated that the Move the Mountain food drive will take place on Saturday at Crescent Hose. He stated that non-perishable food and cash donations will be accepted.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 6:20 p.m. H. Jones motioned to adjourn. T. Luke seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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Rebecca Bliss (November 6, 2025)

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Patrick Gehrlein, Borough Manager