

**STEELTON BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
Monday, October 6, 2025

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**Present:**

Vanessa Bowers, President  
Natashia Woods, Vice President  
Willie Slade, Councilmember  
Vanessa Jenkins, Councilmember

Ciera Dent, Mayor  
Kathy McCool, Borough Manager  
Ryan Gonder, Solicitor  
Randy Watts, Engineer  
William Shaub, Chief of Police  
Aaron Curry, Codes Director

**Councilmember(s) Absent:** Ms. Denae House, Mr. Michael Segina & Ms. Julianna Paoletti

**Call Meeting to Order:** President Bowers called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Bowers.

**Moment of Silence:** Mayor Dent led a moment of silence for the passing of Brandon Flood and for Moe Kable, a fire department volunteer who is battling cancer. Mr. Slade requested a moment of silence for Jermaine Chisholm and his family for his passing.

**Special Presentation(s):** None

**Council Meeting Roll Call:** The roll was called by Mrs. McCool. The individuals listed above were present.

**Notice of Executive Session:** An executive session was held on October 6, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:** None

**Approval of schedule of billing, requisitions, and change orders as presented for:** September 2025

*The motion to approve the schedule was made by Vice President Woods and seconded by Mr. Slade. The motion was approved unanimously.*

**Approval of Treasury Reports as presented for:** August 2025

*The motion to approve the reports was made by Mr. Slade and seconded by Ms. Jenkins. The motion was approved unanimously.*

**Approval of Council Minutes for:** September 15, 2025

*The motion to approve the minutes was made by Vice President Woods and seconded by Mr. Slade. The motion was approved unanimously.*

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**Old Business:**

Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval of Policy: Fiscal - Payment of Bills

*The motion to approve was made by Mr. Slade and seconded by Ms. Jenkins. The motion passed unanimously.*

Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval of Policy: HR – Employment of Borough Staff

*The motion to approve was made by Vice President Woods and seconded by Mr. Slade. The motion passed unanimously.*

Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval to purchase an electronic sign for speeding from All Traffic Solutions for \$3,162.56

*The motion to approve was made by Mr. Slade and seconded by Ms. Jenkins. The motion passed unanimously.*

**New Business:**

Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval of \$25,000 bid for 247 Frank S. Brown Blvd from Brandton Estates, LLC.

*The motion to approve was made by Vice President Woods and seconded by Mr. Slade. The motion passed unanimously.*

Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval of conflict waiver for McNeese, Wallace, & Nurick, LLC.

*The motion to approve was made by Mr. Slade and seconded by Ms. Jenkins. The motion passed unanimously.*

Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval of Face-painting Contract for Cathy McMillian for \$175 for Steelton Fall Festival, retroactively.

*The motion to approve was made by Vice President Woods and seconded by Mr. Slade. The motion passed unanimously.*

Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval of Resolution 2025-R-23:  
RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN EXTENSION OF ONE YEAR TO UTILIZE DCNR  
GRANT AWARDED FOR THE STEEL WORKS BRICKYARD COMMUNITY PARK. It is  
extended until 12/31/2026.

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*The motion to approve was made by Vice President Woods and seconded by Ms. Jenkins. The motion passed unanimously.*

Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval of resignation of Michael Segina from the Planning Commission, effective immediately.

*The motion to table this item was made by Mr. Slade and seconded by Vice President Woods. The item was tabled unanimously.*

Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval of resignation of Michael Segina from the Stormwater Authority, effective immediately.

*The motion to table this item was made by Mr. Slade and seconded by Vice President Woods. The item was tabled unanimously.*

Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval of the hiring of Robert Black as Street Sweeper in the Public Works Department for \$24.72 per hour, effective October 6, 2025.

*The motion to approve was made by Mr. Slade and seconded by Ms. Jenkins. The motion passed unanimously.*

Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval of the hiring of Shane Berstler as Sewer Operator in the Public Works Department for \$24.72 per hour, effective October 8, 2025.

*The motion to approve was made by Vice President Woods and seconded by Mr. Slade. The motion passed unanimously.*

Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval of park request for Reich Field Tuesdays and Thursdays until 11/22/25, 3:00 – 4:45 p.m. for Girls on the Run (a program from Steelton-Highspire School District).

*The motion to approve was made by Vice President Woods and seconded by Ms. Jenkins. The motion passed unanimously.*

Mrs. McCool presented for consideration and approval of personnel actions as discussed in Executive Session. There were no actions to approve.

**Correspondence:**

- Notices of Change in Assessment – Multiple Properties
- Letter from Kaplin Stewart Attorneys regarding the Steelton Terminals Development
  - Specifically states that Council needs to vote yay or nay for the project by Nov. 17

**Other Business:** None

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**Public Comments:**

- Pat Gordon, 117 North Front Street: Requested the council to provide four cement trash cans on Front Street due to significant trash accumulation during weekends. Noted that the trash is not the fault of the local businesses (Turkey Hill, smoke shop, Ding's Wings) but due to their customers littering. Suggested placing two trash cans in front of the businesses, one in front of his house, and one in front of the council's location to encourage proper trash disposal. Acknowledged that while some people may still litter, having trash cans might reduce the issue.
- Ina Alcindor, 109 Conestoga Street: Inquired about the current contract with the City of Harrisburg for trash removal and when it would be up for renegotiation. Expressed concern over the rising trash fees, from \$75 to \$112 as of January 2025, considering it high. Questioned why residents have to pay trash removal fees for empty houses where no trash is being collected. Asked if the ordinance requiring payment regardless of occupancy is a Steelton ordinance and why it cannot be changed. The council responded that the ordinance requires payment unless the house is condemned or deemed uninhabitable. They said they would take her concerns under consideration.
- Leonard Yablon, 720 South 2nd Street: Complimented the Steelton code officers, including Mr. Curry, his assistant, and secretary, for their responsiveness and effective management of the area including DuPont, South 2nd Street, Hoffer, and Front Street. Expressed appreciation for their politeness, efficiency, and their work in improving the appearance of those neighborhoods. Also thanked the Chief of Police and his staff for monitoring his property during an extended hospitalization, showing gratitude for their efforts in keeping his house and car safe.
- Elaine Anderson, 148 ½ Frank S. Brown Blvd: Raised a complaint about illegal dumping near the former Elks building, where items such as futons, air conditioners, mattresses, tires, and other debris have been dumped. Mentioned this dumping causes issues with bugs and rats, creating health concerns for the neighborhood. Her neighbor, Ken, cleans the street every Monday, but the dumping continues, usually at night, and they do not know who is responsible. Asked for assistance in removing the dumped items and noted the Elks had cameras but questioned if they were operational or monitored.

**Council Comments:**

- Councilwoman Vanessa Jenkins: Expressed appreciation to everyone for attending the meeting. Noted it was nice to see residents come out specifically to recognize and praise borough employees for their good work. Focused on gratitude toward community engagement and acknowledging employee efforts.
- Vice President Natasha Woods: Thanked attendees for coming to the meeting. Acknowledged that the meeting was relatively quick. Expressed appreciation for the

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residents' presence and participation. Stated that the council will look into the concerns voiced by the public during the meeting.

- Councilman Willie Slade: Thanked residents for attending and wished everyone a good evening
- Mayor Ciera Dent: Thanked everyone for their attendance. Highlighted the importance of residents coming to meetings to voice concerns, compliments, and questions as it helps the council understand community issues they might not be aware of otherwise. Emphasized that resident input allows the council to prepare and take necessary actions to assist and improve the community. Encouraged continued resident participation, noting the significant role it plays in community safety and proactive progress. Mentioned that progress is ongoing and that things are moving in the right direction, but it will take some time. Encouraged residents to keep coming to meetings and spreading the word that council meetings and committee meetings (held every 1st and 3rd Monday) are open to the public. Invited residents to join committees or boards, as the borough needs all hands on deck to help advance community goals.
- President Bowers expressed gratitude to the events committee for organizing the successful Steelton Fall Festival. Thanked Mrs. McCool, volunteers, and the fire department for their extra efforts in making the Fall Fest a success.

***Adjournment: With no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Slade and seconded by Vice President Woods to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.***