

**STEELTON BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, December 1, 2025

Present:

Vanessa Bowers, President
Natashia Woods, Vice President
Vanessa Jenkins, Councilmember
Denae House, Councilmember
Michael Segina, Councilmember
Willie Slade, Councilmember

Randy Watts, Engineer
Chad Saylor, Interm Borough Manager
Aaron Curry, Public Works/Codes Director
Ryan Gonder, Solicitor
Shawki Lacey, Chief of Police
Ciera Dent, Mayor

Councilmember(s) Absent: Julianna Paoletti

Call Meeting to Order: President Bowers called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

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

Moment of Silence: Mayor Dent led a moment of silence.

Special Presentation(s):

- Retirement Ceremony – Chief of Police William Shaub

- Swearing in and Oath of Office – Chief of Police Shawki Lacey

Council Meeting Roll Call: The roll was called by Mr. Gonder. The individuals listed above were present.

Notice of Executive Session: An executive session was held on November 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: None

Chad Saylor was introduced as Interim Borough Manager.

Approval of Treasury Reports as presented for: October 2025

The motion to approve the reports was made by Vice President Woods and seconded by Ms. House.. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Mr. Saylor presented for Consideration and approval of Resolution 2025-R-32 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING RIGHT TO KNOW OFFICER. This is for Aaron Curry. Segina asked if it will be

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an extension of his current Public Works/Codes duties and where a stipend will come from. Bowers explained it will be in an agreement.

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

Mr. Saylor presented for Consideration and approval of Resolution 2025-R-33 - RESOLUTION REQUESTING A PENNSYLVANIA GAMING STATEWIDE LOCAL SHARE ASSESSMENT GRANT. This request is for \$251,840 to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for police vehicle acquisition.

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

Mr. Saylor presented for Consideration and approval of Resolution 2025-R-34 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF DESIGNATED BOROUGH OFFICERS TO EXERCISE SPECIFIC POWERS IN RELATION TO MID PENN BANK, N.A. AS BOROUGH DEPOSITORY – CHIEF SHAWKI LACEY

The motion to table this item was made by Mr. Segina and seconded by Mr. Slade. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Saylor presented for Consideration and approval of a quote based on the following bids received for the Community Garden at Mohn Street Park Garden Clean Up Project:

Bright View Landscape Services – \$2,866.45
Martins Garden Solutions – \$2,310
Torres Landscaping – \$450

There is approximately \$3,500 left in Penn State Health grant funds that must be used by the end of 2025 or else the funding would be lost. Segina asked about the 30 day stipulation for payment.

The motion to approve Torres Landscaping's agreement with an exception of payment within 30 days was made by Mr. Segina and seconded by Ms. Jenkins. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Other Business: None

Public Comments:

- Kevin Gastelum, 109 North 2nd Street: Asked about installation of three cameras. Raised concerns about the borough's police spending vs. the town size of 2.7 miles, and

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questioned hires/overtime and visible staffing levels, with only one new officer seen. Expressed frustration with council arguing in public and lack of professionalism. Stated he will look into the budget further and intended to return with more questions, as his phone died during remarks.

- Emmanuel Powell, 321 Lebanon Street: Criticized perceived unprofessional appearance & attire of officials and linked appearance to respect and effectiveness. Asked when there was last an update on the property/trash/code enforcement rules. Raised concerns about trash on private property, plus enforcements & fines.
- Julianna Paoletti, 253 South Front Street: Said she has been bullied and harassed by Council & borough employees. She described her personal background with therapy, autism, ADHD & PTSD. Said she was called a derogatory name when she attempted to retrieve her phone and indicated that this provoked an earlier argument. Bowers replied by denying making any social media posts.

Council Comments:

- Denaë House: Welcomed newly sworn Chief Lacey and expressed support for working with him. Urged council members to be accountable and to stop engaging on Facebook. She recommended scheduling meetings instead of online back-and-forth. Emphasized the need for professionalism. Shared a personal note about recently losing her mother and stated she attended to vote for the new chief despite personal circumstances and today being her 61st birthday.

Adjournment: *With no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Segina and seconded by Mr. Slade to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.*