

Avis Borough Council Meeting

Monday MAY 4, 2026, 7:00PM

Regular Scheduled Meeting

Ernest Harter III – Mayor

Jeff Raab – President

Don Aungst -Vice President

Brian Stover – Secretary

Council Members

Amy Brooks, Mike Herman, Denise Davidson, Elmer Christian, & Jeremy Fanning

Pledge to Flag

Roll Call

1. Approval / Correction of Previous Minutes APRIL 2026

2. Approval of Accounts Payable for APRIL 2026

2a. General Account income: \$ 9505.43 Expenditures: \$ 25,205.82 Balance: \$ 113,811.57

2b. Sewer Account: Income: \$ 36,342.10 Expenditures: \$54,799.22 Balance: \$247,563.94

2C PIGIT ACCOUNTS

GENERAL FUND 4/30/2026 \$ 24,143.87

LIQUID FUEL FUND 4/30/2026 \$ 60,835.64

PENSION FUND 4/30/2026 \$ 19.22

SEWER ACCOUNT 4/30/2026 \$ 7,849.21

3. Person to be Heard –

4. Elected Officials – NONE

5. Appointed officials - Alan Uhler

6. Mayors Report –

7. Zoning Officers Report – Kristian Barger

Received Notice from Water Company that they would like to deposit money in our General Fund for Street Repairs, I talked to the M&T bank and they don't recommend giving out the account number and routing number due to being hacked they recommend we go through a code type account where you give the Water Company a code and the Bank will verify the code and the money would be process through the bank. But there is a fee for this account of \$30.00 per month. I need to know what council's recommendation is.

Water co.

This is the 2nd or 3rd email or correspondence that you have tried to dictate how the Avis Borough does our business by stating we have to supply you with our bank information and or supply you with a letter with why we cannot do so. As stated previously, this is an additional monthly charge from our bank to do so and we are not currently set up to operate this way. We, Avis Borough, is not a vendor. You are requesting to do business in the Borough by completing an excavation of our streets. Currently, we accept checks for payments to comply with the application process of our ordinance, Avis Borough code of Ordinances, Chapter 450 Article IV. Subsection 450-12 through 28. If you want to discuss/request a different way of doing business please come to a do council meeting.

The Avis Borough had an agreement with Appalachian Utilities for cost of excavation permits and process for obtaining permits which fulfilled the obligations of the ordinance and made it easy for both parties to service the residents of the Avis Borough. The Avis Borough will no longer be using this agreement and we will be looking at each excavation based on application information, sketches and descriptions of the proposed work per our permitting process and charging according to our set fee schedule for any work proposed or completed within the Avis Borough. Additionally, we will be strictly enforcing all parts of the ordinance including the inspection of backfilling and re-establishment of our streets in the time frame the ordinance describes.

Thank you for your attention.

Kristian Barger

Authorized Representative

8. Borough supervisors Report – Ethan Hughes

Current projects for Council consideration:

1. Railroad Street paving (Sewer lines must be rerouted) beforehand.
2. Additional parking in the grass area in front of retaining wall at the Sewer Building.
3. Retaining wall lining Oak Grove Run along Rich Street id deteriorating and undermining.
4. Summit Street Infrastructure and Paving Fox Street to Washington Street.
5. Replacement of Sanitary Sewer under Oak Grove Run.

Ongoing Projects to be completed:

1. Storm Drains around Sewer Building (sewer, Water, Heat) to be placed in the building.
2. Summit Street Storm Sewer Project Fox & Summit Streets.
3. New catch basin and culvert pipe to Oak Grove Run (corner of Grove and Rich Street.
4. Replacements of Street Signs, Stop Signs and New Posts.
5. Replacement of pressure tank at Shop & Borough Building.
6. Entrances to various intersections and ditch lines to be paved.
 - a. Third Street & SR1016
 - b. First Street & SR1016
 - c. Boulevard & SR1016
 - d. Fox Street & SR1016 South Side
 - e. Highland Street between Brady & Reed Street (2) patches
 - f. Highland Street between Reed & Fox Street (1) patch
 - g. Highland Street between Short & SR1016 (1) patch.

Committee's

9.Streets, alley Walks

Don Aungst, Elmer Christian, Jeremy Fanning

Street lighting, Borough Equipment:

1. The Borough Crew placed NO parking signs in front of the Walnut Street School. This will help with the buses and with the plowing in the wintertime. There was a neighbor parking their vehicle on the south side of the street and tearing up the bank and the street was breaking up on the edge. From Reed Street to Fox Street there is no parking on the South Side of the street this was done back in the 1980. 485-32 Parking is always prohibited in certain locations (amended 10-2-2006 by ord. 248) Highland Street South Side from Reed Street to Fox Street. To correct the problem with plowing and bus parking. Resolution must include Fox to Woodward Avenue. On the South Side.
2. A request to close west Central Avenue from short street to the dead end. The contact person was Kyle Pratts at 406 West Central Avenue (Creation Station Plus) for the following dates Sunday May 2, 2026, Sunday June 6, July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4, and November 1. Due to the property owned by Tina & Dean Edwards they were requested to notify the neighbors and have them approve of the event. Also, due to the first weekend being prior to the council meeting I made a call to each council member to approve the closer.

**10. Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer
Sewer Equipment & Sewer Building:**

Mike Herman, Jeremy Fanning, Elmer Christian

There was a complaint about the latest unpaid Sewer Bills that went out on April 3, 2026, there was 28 customers behind not paying their Sewer bill because the shut off could not be done until April 1. I was talking to the Sewer collector about this issue and found out that the Water Company had issued a turn off on all the customers that were behind THE NEXT DAY and the Sewer Office was closed on Wednesday. This cause a great deal of problems with the collector. I ask for a copy of the termination notice that she used to send to the customers (attached) due to the new Water Company taking over they went to the residence that day and started to turn off the Water because of the failure of the customers not paying their bill. I ask the collectors to add a shut-off date to the letter so the Water company and the collector was on the same schedule. I also ask for a copy of each letter to be placed in a file for clarification.

The Water company now has asked the Sewer Personnel to utilize the (**Utility Partner Exchange Portal**) which is a Form for Avis Borough Sewer to DISCONNECT A CUSTOMER FROM THE WATER SYSTEM FOR NOT PAYING THEIR SEWER BILL. Once the request is forward to the Water Company then the Water Company will Schedule the shut off but they want a representative from the Borough to accompany them this will cost the Borough \$30.00 to turn off and \$30.00 to turn back on. Our Employees will need to go with them where they will decide which day or days, they will turn off the water. Depending on how many services to turn off that will determine how many days the employees will have to be with them.

Once the Customer has satisfied the Boroughs payment then the Sewer Personnel will have to get back on the Portal and Reconnect / with a sewer release form.

Confirm: The Borough must confirm proceeding with the customer shut off in an unlikely event of any property damage associated with service activation without being present.

Do you Agree to shut off the main water valve and accept full responsibility for any possible damage that may occur due to any uncontrolled water flow inside the premises. – such as a faucet being left on, a leak with plumbing, fixtures, or appliances, etc.?

This means that the Sewer personnel would have to fill out 28 different forms to disconnect and would have to fill out 28 forms to reconnect. This is a lot of extra work for them. Also would have to be responsible for any damage to the residence.

11. Personnel, Administration

Amy Brooks, Jeremy Fanning, Denise Davidson

Building and Equipment:

The water holding tank is going to be replaced due to age. The water coming into the borough building is coming from a well that was drilled several years ago. The heating and hot water system is not protected by a softener. The water heater can no longer to be flushed due to the hard water. Buttorff's heating will be replacing the water tank but in order to keep our water system and heating system in working order for the future we would need a softener installed.

12. Ordinances & Legal Matters
Funding Resources:

Denise Davidson, Amy Brooks, Don Aungst

Copy of the Pennsylvania Municipal & Nonprofit Leaders Funding and Resource Newsletter.

13. Health, Fire Protection
Public Safety, Leaf Pick up:

Elmer Christian, Mike Herman, Don Aungst

NONE

14. Community Affairs
Parks & Recreation:

Mike Herman, Amy Brooks, Elmer Christian

Avis – Kephart Field
Home Field Use 2026
All games scheduled for 5:30pm start

Adventure Realty – Jodi Embick

Home Games
Tuesday May 5 - Silverthorn – East Lycoming
Monday May 11 - All Paving – Loyalsock
Tuesday May 19 - Custom Auto- Loyalsock
Thursday May 28 – keystone #2

American Legion

Home Games
Friday May 8 - All Paving – Loyalsock
Tuesday May 12 – Bilo Supply
Thursday May 21 – Mays Drive Inn
Friday May 29 – Loyalsock Lions

Regularly scheduled games before raining out schedules
Travel Team will practice each Sunday afternoon.

15.Old Business:

16.New Business:

17.PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

NONE

18a.Executive Session:

NONE

19.Motion To Adjourn:

Motion by _____ 2ND BY: _____

Next Meeting: Monday June 1, 2026, _____ 7:00 PM