

Date: Tuesday May 5, 2026

Meeting location: Osborne Elementary School

Attendees: John Orndorff, Jennifer Coyne, Matthew Doebler, Bill Monski, Gary Schurman, Greg Curran (by phone), Jim Cohen, Josh Lambert

7:00 PM commenced council meeting

Mayor's Update: Route 65 Cleanup and Outreach

For Earth Day, Mayor Doebler discussed a recent cleanup effort where 27 bags of garbage were collected along Route 65, noting that 15 bags contained PennDOT waste, including guardrail parts and materials. He proposed a door-to-door outreach initiative called "Project Knock Knock" to engage residents, suggesting that council members accompany him to different neighborhoods. Mayor Doebler will prepare a leave-behind document that would include information about waste management and website contact details, which he would present at the next meeting for review.

7:07 executive session started

7:32 executive session ended

River Road Crossing Feasibility Study

Jennifer Coyne provided an update on the River Road crossing project, noting that previous studies were inadequate and involved tearing down homes. She discussed a new feasibility study quoted at \$22,000 by NIAR, which would be a bare-bones assessment of potential options to eliminate the at-grade railroad crossing. Jennifer sought guidance on how to proceed, questioning whether there was available funding to support the study. Greg agreed to check the budget for an expense of around \$25,000 to determine if the project could be funded this year or if it would need to be postponed. The group also raised concerns about the lack of control over the 65 corridor and the need for PennDOT's involvement.

Jennifer Coyne discussed the next steps for a feasibility study, suggesting to contact Hayesville to involve their engineer and explore the possibility of joint grant funding. She proposed applying for a federal grant with an 20% COST SHARE, which would be more affordable if a match could be found.

Council Meetings Streaming and Recording

Bill Monski presented a proposal for implementing audio and video recording of council and committee meetings, which would involve using a dedicated device to stream meetings live and create archives for record retention. The group discussed the need for secure storage of recordings, with Gary Schurman agreeing to handle the backend process of downloading local copies from YouTube.

Public Works Contract

Additionally, the council discussed extending the Public Works contract with Brian Brown beyond the current one-year term, potentially for three years with two-year extensions, though they needed to confirm if this could be done without a new bidding process.

Zoning

The council discussed updating the zoning ordinance to allow an automatic safety pool cover (ASTM F1346-91 certified) to replace a traditional fence, and agreed to move forward with initiating the process to update the zoning ordinance. Jennifer Coyne will follow up with borough council solicitor and engineer to understand next steps.

No new business

No old business

Closed at 8:15PM

Jennifer Coyne