MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING
EAST STROUDSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 – 6 PM

Ms. Wolbert read the SPECIAL NOTE: To meet the requirements established by the Office of Open Records for virtual meetings, this meeting shall be audio and video recorded via WebEx and East Stroudsburg Borough Page on Facebook from the initial announcement of the meeting until its end with the exception of the executive session if any, which shall not be recorded.

PRESENT IN PERSON: Sonia Wolbert; Carrie Panepinto; Jane Gagliardo; Charles Garris; Lauren Peterson; Paul Shemansky; Mayor Victor Brozusky; Borough Manager Kelly Lewis; Director of Finance Layla Richard-Rau; and Assistant to Borough Manager Danielle Decker.

ABSENT: Solicitor John Prevoznik; UTRS Engineer Russ Scott; Director of Public Works Lee Philips;

Ms. Wolbert called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM and lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments – Agenda Items: There were no public comments.

2027 Budget Presentation: PowerPoint Presentation
Kelly Lewis, Borough Manager gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the 2027 Budget. A discussion regarding the Trash Fund took place. Ms. Richard-Rau explained the auditors are scheduled for the October 6, 2026 Council Meeting and would possibly be able to offer ideas of how to handle the Trash Fund for the future. Mr. Lewis continued the presentation with some capital items and debt service fund. Mr. Lewis explained that we are looking into credit card fees and Mr. Garris stated about tweaking the water and sewer rates, but not to inflation rate. Ms. Wolbert commented about reducing professional costs and possibly having an on-staff engineer.

Mayor Victor Brozusky: Nothing to report.

Charles Garris: Nothing to report.

Carrie Panepinto: Nothing to report.

Jane Gagliardo: Nothing to report.

Paul Shemansky: Nothing to report.

Lauren Peterson: Nothing to report.

Sonia Wolbert: Nothing to report.

Public Comments – New Business & Non-Agenda Items: Ms. Decker read a Facebook comment from Christopher Grogg who commented to do the recycling through the trash company and to do away with the Recycling Center.

Adjournment:
A motion was made by Ms. Panepinto and seconded by Ms. Gagliardo to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 7:31 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

BOROUGH OF EAST STROUDSBURG 2027 BUDGET BRIEFING

2027 BUDGET REVIEW – SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

UPDATED BUDGET MEETING CALENDAR

- 6 PM, Tuesday, September 1, 2026,
- 6 PM, Monday, September 14, 2026,
- 6 PM, Tuesday, September 15, 2026,
- 6 PM, Monday, September 28, 2026,
- 6 PM, Tuesday, October 6, 2026,
- 6 PM, Tuesday, October 20, 2026,
- 6 PM, Monday, October 26, 2026

2027 MILLAGE COMPARISON WITH STROUDSBURG

	East Stroudsburg	Stroudsburg
2023	5.1747 Mills	8.990 Mills
2024	6.1747 Mills	9.824 Mills
2025	7.9654 Mills	11.315 Mills
2026	8.9654 Mills	10.315 Mills
2027 Assessed Value	$432,287,891 (dropping 3% in 2027)	$402,664,850
Non-Taxable Properties:	ESU, Pocono Hospital, & Fed Housing	Monroe County Courthouse
2027 SARPD Share	$3,441,880	$2,263,115
Borough Roads	23.7 miles of Borough roads	14.69 miles of Borough roads
Residents	9,345	5,897

ASSESSMENT VERSUS MARKET VALUES

- **For a home assessed at $125,000 (market value = $274,000)**

- **For a home assessed at $200,000 (market value = $450,000).**

2026 REVIEW OF TOTAL MUNICIPAL COSTS

2026 Tax Year

Municipality (Assessed Value)	Water	Sewer	Trash	Property Tax	Total Annual Cost
East Stroudsburg ($125,000)	$ 446	$ 288	$ 479	$ 1,121	$ 2,334
East Stroudsburg ($200,000)	$ 817	$ 503	$ 646	$ 1,793	$ 3,759
Stroudsburg ($200,000)	$ 853	$ 522	$ 500	$ 2,263	$ 4,138
Mount Pocono ($200,000)	$ 1,709	$ 1,160	$ 395	$ 1,301	$ 4,565
Nazareth ($200,000)	$ 1,709	$ 1,230	$ 500	$ 1,344	$ 4,783
Easton ($200,000)	$ 900	$ 1,200	$ 456	$ 2,096	$ 4,652
Bethlehem ($200,000)	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ 605	$ 1,649	$ 4,654
Allentown ($200,000)	$ 1,000	$ 1,200	$ 605	$ 1,680	$ 4,485

2026 MILLAGE ALLOCATIONS

	01-General	04-New Fire Apparatus	10-Recreation	65-Pension	85-Debt Service	Total
2026 Mill Rate	6.6544	0.0575	0.4464	0.1107	1.6965	8.9654
2026 Millage Revenue	$2,965,584	25,612	198,922	49,323	756,058	$3,995,498

2027 SARPD Challenge $3,441,880

2027 BUDGET – AS-IS

- Debt Service Fund:
  - Portion of One Mill Increase: $ 141,288
- General Fund
  - Portion of One Mill Increase: $ 291,000
  - 3% Fee Increase: $ 65,000
- Trash Fund
  - 19% Cart Fee Increase – three-year plan to correctly establish the Trash Fund

2027 CAPITAL BUDGET
$8.4 MILLION CAPITAL NEEDS

- **$5,200,000 - I-80 Sewer Line Replacement – Sewer Fund**
- **$1,200,000 – Spangenburg Avenue Water Line Replacement**
- **$ 500,000 – 214 Washington Street – Stormwater Line Replacement**
- **$ 200,000 – Levee Culvert Repairs**
- **$1,300,000 – King Street Water Line Replacement**

Total = $8,400,000

2027 PROJECTED BUDGET

East Stroudsburg Borough
Fund Balance Summary
As of July 31, 2026

	10	23	60	40	70
East Stroudsburg Borough	**General Fund**	**Debt Service Fund**	**Water Fund**	**Sewer Fund**	**Trash Fund**
2024 Ending Fund Balances-Audited	**($185,765)**	$188	$7,336,930	$6,621,619	$0
2025 UnAudited Revenue	$6,503,687	$783,854	$3,188,839	$2,189,095	$1,114,162
2025 UnAudited Expense	$6,502,680	$505,873	$2,938,925	$2,140,096	$1,239,550
2025 Projected Rollover Income/(Deficit)	$1,006	$277,981	$249,913	$49,000	**($125,388)**
2026 Projected Revenue	$6,023,904	$682,330	$3,700,767	$2,614,183	$1,257,363
2026 Projected Expense	$5,835,895	$521,329	$3,571,580	$2,502,741	$1,632,168
2026 Projected Rollover Income/(Deficit)	$188,009	$161,001	$129,188	$111,441	**($374,805)**
2026 Projected Ending Fund Balances	$3,250	$439,170	$7,716,031	$6,782,060	**($500,193)**
2027 Projected Revenue – No Revenue Increase	$6,341,366	682,330	3,700,767	2,614,183	1,257,363
2027 Projected Expense – With Wage, Benefit, SARPD	$6,700,000	542,182	3,714,443	2,602,851	1,697,455
2027 Projected Rollover Income/(Deficit)	**($358,634)**	140,148	**($13,676)**	11,332	**($440,092)**
2027 Projected Fund Balances – No Revenue Increase	**($355,384)**	**$579,318**	**$7,702,355**	**$6,793,391**	**($940,285)**
Capital Projects:					
'I80 Sewer Line $5,200,000				**$ 5,200,000**	
'Spangenburg Waterline $1,200,000			**$ 1,200,000**		
'214 Washington St $500,000	**$ 500,000**				
'Levee Repairs $200,000	**$ 200,000**				
'King St Waterline $1,300,000			**$ 1,300,000**		

2027 CAPITAL BUDGET
EXISTING DEBT STRUCTURE

- Existing Debt @ December 31, 2026 - - - - - $17,499,781.41
- Remaining Borrowing capacity - - - - - - - - - $13,887,763.59

QUESTIONS