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MINUTES
Council Meeting
May 12th, 2026

1. **Call to Order by President Henry Kreisl**

2. **Roll call of Council Members**

Chura: Present, **Vercusky:** Absent, **Sharkey:** Present, **Duffy:** Present, **Dutz:** Present, **Kreisl:** Present, **Verrastro:** Present.

3. **Motion to accept Meeting Minutes from Public Council meeting held on 4/14 & 4/16 2026:**

Motion to approve: Verrastro
Second: Chura

Vote
Chura: Yes, **Vercusky:** Yes, **Sharkey:** Yes, **Dutz:** Yes, **Kreisl:** Yes, **Verrastro:** Yes, **Duffy**: Yes.
Motion Passed Unanimously.

CP Kreisl: Please note for the record, that Councilman Vercusky is present and in attendance.

4. **Committee Reports**
   a. **Police:** Submitted by Sgt. Buglio, read by Chair Verrastro.
   b. **Fire:** Submitted by Chief Cressman, read by Chair Vercusky.
   c. **Code and Zoning:** Submitted by CEO Luis Alberto, read by Chair Chura.
   d. **Streets:** Submitted by Foreman Fogarty, read by Chair Duffy.
   e. **Finance**: Submitted by Borough Manager Schweitzer, read by Chair Dutz.
   f. **Buildings & Grounds**: Submitted by Chair Sharkey, read by Chair Sharkey

Motion to accept committee reports: Sharkey
Second: Dutz
Vote
Chura: Yes, **Vercusky:** Yes, **Sharkey: Yes**, **Duffy**: Yes **Dutz:** Yes, **Kreisl:** Yes, **Verrastro:** Yes
Motion Passed Unanimously.

5. **Public Participation: CP Kreisl:** This portion of the meeting is for Public Participation, as per ordinance #175 of 1990, please leave your questions and or comments to 3 minutes. Is there anyone that would like to address Council?

Robert Childs, 32-34 W. Broad Street: Thank you for letting me speak this evening, Council Members. My name is Robert Childs, I live here in West Hazleton, Pennsylvania. I'm here to speak to item #7A, and whatever that is number 3. First of all, I want to thank all of you to being open to this particular issue. I'd like to mention a little more information about the case that I brought to your attention about a month ago. This was the lady who was picked up by West Hazleton Police and transported, what you don't know was eventually to the Dominican Republic. To put a name to a face her name was Beatrice Maromo, a longtime resident of West Hazleton. 9 years of life as an Anglo resident of this community. She had an appointment scheduled in May of this year, at which she would have been allowed to become a citizen. I don't know why she was stopped, there probably was no vehicle damage or whatever. Subsequent events, and I can go into whatever detail you want, suggest that it was profiling. She was picked up, and spent a couple of days in Luzerne County Court, pardon me, Prison. When it was found that she had a $270.00 bill outstanding In Schuylkill County she was transported to Pottsville and remained there over the weekend. She was then seen by the Judge in Schuylkill County. Her Sister-in-Law offered to pay the fine right up front of $270.00, and the Judge said "fine, you can go home". The Schuylkill County District Attorney said "Oh no, she's not allowed go home, we have an agreement with ICE". So, ICE picked her up, and took her to Texas. She spent a couple days in Texas, was transported to Louisiana, spent a couple days in Louisiana, then by the way paid $10,000.00 for an Immigration Lawyer. Before they ever got to court, she was deported to the Dominican Republic. Now, two of you, Mr. Kreisl, Mr. Sharkey, told me specifically that this is what you didn't want to see happening. To people that live in our community, and that provide good family background. By the way, she was on her way to work as a housekeeper in Humboldt when she was picked up. These are people who contribute to our community. They're our next-door neighbors, they're our friends, and our service providers. You both told me that you didn't wish that to happen. Mr. Kreisl you went a step further and told me that this was sold to West Hazleton Borough Council as a way to protect West Hazleton Citizens from this type of atrocity. I hope that you and Mr. Sharkey and the rest of Council are still committed to that resolution. We can't do anything about this at all, and she won't be able to come back from the Dominican Republic in the foreseeable future. But you have the opportunity to prevent that from happening to other people in our community. To stop this division of Anglos from Latinos. That shouldn't happen. I hope you'll take the opportunity this evening to provide an example for the rest of the communities around here and say "Not in our community". Thank You.
CP Kreisl: Dr. Childs, I very much appreciate that and I appreciate the information that you brought forth. I really wish you gave me a name or a case number prior that I could have investigated some of that, because with the information that you had given me I was not able to corelate anything that actually happened in the Borough. You said she was pulled over on 924, and we don't patrol 924. Everywhere I went to try to see exactly what the circumstance is, I failed because I didn't have the correct information.
Dr. Childs: I didn't find out until later Mr. Kreisl. After I sent you the couple communications that I had sent, that's when I found out the name of the woman. This was a woman whom I'm told was handcuffed onsite. I didn't know that you handcuffed people who didn't have probable cause.
Mayor Chura: Was this in West Hazleton?
CP Kreisl: I'm not positive to be honest.
Dr. Childs: If you are uncomfortable, you certainly have the opportunity to table it and wait another month. Again, I didn't have any more information than what I gave you at the time.
CP Kreisl: Do we have anything to add to that Brian?
Sgt . Buglio: No, now that we have the name, we can research it and find out. But from everything that he is saying, I don't believe it was West Hazleton Borough that did that. From the information he is

providing, I think that would have been the State Police or some other agency. And if there is a warrant for somebody, we have to act on that. We can't just turn our head to it. In there it says you are commanded to take the person into custody. So therefore, we can't just throw that warrant out and say we're not taking them into custody. We have a duty to act. If it was our officers, that is what they would have done. I don't believe it was our officers.
Dr. Childs: You remember that I gave you the badge number of the police officer that was involved. The State Police as you know, are not involved with the immigration team at all. They are out of it. To say the State Police is inappropriate. This was all in Luzerne County.
Sgt. Buglio: Dr. Childs, didn't you say that though they weren't picked up until Schuylkill County the with Immigration Warrant?
Dr. Childs: That was my original information. Subsequently I was told it was a West Hazleton Policeman, and the badge number that I gave you.
Sgt. Buglio: The badge number that he gave you doesn't correlate with any of our badge numbers. All our badge numbers start with 83, and it was not an 83 number. That is why I said I don't think it was our agency. It wasn't us.
Dr. Childs: She said that it was a West Hazleton Policeman, and that she was handcuffed onsite. She asked for the name and was told "No, I can't give you the name but I'll give you the badge number.
Sgt. Buglio: Like I said, that badge number doesn't correlate with ours.
Councilman Sharkey: Doctor you're right. I did say to you that the purpose of this is that I don't want to see people getting profiled that's 100% correct. However, this case in general you said you think it might have been profiling. What was the reason that she got pulled over? Did she run a stop sign? My point is if you run a stop sign or have a traffic light out and get pulled over, and your name gets run in and you have not even a Federal, let's say you have a warrant in Schuylkill County, that's policy. You get turned over to that agency, correct?
Bruce Miller: Do you know that she had a warrant?
CP Kreisl: I'm not saying that, I'm not even positive that she was apprehended in West Hazleton.
BM: You need to know the facts.
CP Kreisl: I agree, 100%.
BM: The woman who was arrested said it was West Hazleton.
CP Kreisl: I don't know if that is a fact.
BM: Whether it was or whether it wasn't, it's a lesson.
CP Kreisl: I can appreciate that.
DC: One other thing, the sister-in-law, lives along Rt. 924.She points out 3 Latino relatives have come to her house since then. All 3 of them have been stopped. One had a taillight out, the other two had nothing wrong. All three were citizens, but they all had brown skin. I'll tell you; that's profiling. If that's accurate, again, I go only as far as my informant tells me.
MC: Doc, I'm sure there is a lot of white people that get pulled over too. Is that correct Brian?
SB: Yes.
MC: I'm not trying to justify anything but, you can't say you're profiling if you don't know how many white people have been pulled over.
BM: The issue isn't getting pulled over, the issue is what happens after that.
CP Kreisl: Agreed. But by the same token, what is the first thing that a cop asks you when he pulls you over? License, registration, and proof of insurance. That's pretty standard. Our intent is to do what's best for the residents of the Borough.
BM: For all the residents of the Borough? Does that include the Hispanic community?
CP Kreisl: I do consider everyone that lives within the borders of West Hazleton a resident. When our Fire Department shows up, they're not worried about your papers. They are there to save your life. When our Police Officers are on duty, according to our administration, the way we want things to operate is we're not worried about your status. We're worried about your health and well-being. The way that we have been guided and told, is that if we do agree and follow the process, we are in control of the way it is policed and the way that it is done in this area.
BM: Did you read the agreement?

CP Kreisl: I did sir.
BM: That ain't what the agreement says. It's a contract.
Cp Kreisl: It is a contract. It's multiple, and it's very similar to the wording and the phrasing that is done inter-municipal. Between us and Sugarloaf, between us and Conyngham.
BM: If you're in charge, what do you need them for? What do you need them for?? For the $1,000.00? For the $100,000.00? If you're in charge, you don't need them.
CP Kreisl: I don't need the National Guard, and I don't need emergency services, and-
BM: That's not the same. You have a Police Department.
CP Kreisl: It is the same.
BM: No, you have a Police Department, and they're doing their job. You don't need thugs in masks, and covering up their identification. Why are they doing that?
CP Kreisl: We also have an agreement with the State Police. We do a lot of inter-municipal-
BM: Are you going to tell me that it's the same?
Cp Kreisl: It's very similar.
BM: It's not the same. Can I speak now?
CP Kreisl: Please, sir.
BM: My name is Bruce Miller, I live in Hazleton, I spoke with you a few weeks ago about the dangers and the consequences of the 287g memo. I'm here again, because I strongly believe that this is not something in the interest of your community. You all know about ICE, you all read the newspapers. You see what's going on TV. ICE has been violating the Constitution since its inception. No other law enforcement in our country covers up their name tags, or wears a mask. If West Hazleton Police cooperate with ICE, with this agreement, the Borough, including Council, is in jeopardy of legal consequences. Make no mistake, under this agreement, if you've read it, your police officers can be assigned to units, teams, task forces, to participate in ICE raids, all at your expense. If things go wrong, and an officer or official is sued or arrested, there's no guarantee that the Department of Justice will represent you. There is provision in this agreement for indemnification to West Hazleton for liability imposed on the Borough. You're on your own. More importantly, there's a human element. A moral and ethical problem to the Borough's entering into a contract with an organization that operates in violation of our Constitution and the principles of our democracy. The people being targeted by ICE are not the worst of the worst, as they advise us would be the case. Over 70% of those kidnapped and detained by ICE thugs have no criminal record. They're mostly people who have been in this country for years. Working hard, raising families, paying taxes, contributing to the community. Unlike many of our citizens who are not hard working, who are not paying taxes, and actually, are a drain on the community. We should be welcoming these hard working, law abiding, and tax paying families. Don't be swayed by the money or the haters in your community. I know you do not want to be part of tearing families apart, and ripping parents from their children. The rumor is, its already happened in your community. One of your officers handed over a woman to ICE, depriving 5 children of a mother. That's not who you are. So gentlemen, I ask you to be on the right side of history. You don't need the ICE 287g agreement to ensure the safety and security of your community. So I ask, I implore you, I beg each one of you to stand up and proclaim loudly that this agreement is not who you are. It is wrong, it is hateful, it is unconstitutional. Take a stand! Join communities around our country that have just said "No". Thank you.
Casanja Rodriguez, West Hazleton Borough Property Owner: My name is Casanja Rodriguez, I live in Hazleton. I own property in West Hazleton. I'm here tonight representing the company that I work for, the organization I work for, ActionTogetherPA, and InThisTogetherNEPA, and I have a letter for you guys. If you may. (hands out letters to Council). It is a long letter, so I'm not going to read the whole thing, but I'm going to read a paragraph from it…Since its beginning in 1887, West Hazleton has been home to hard working families from many backgrounds. Mostly consisting of immigrants who contribute to the local economy, schools, businesses, and community life. Policy has blurred the line between local and Federal immigration enforcement, and creates fear among the residents, who may already feel vulnerable. When people are afraid to contact police, report domestic violence, cooperate as witnesses, or seek emergency help, the safety of the entire community is at risk. As I read, since its

beginning in 1887 West Hazleton has been home to hard working families from many backgrounds, consisting of immigrants. You didn't need ICE then. You don't need ICE now. Thank you, and I hope you make the best decision that you can make for this community.

Jesse Bender, Concerned Citizen: I am Jesse Bender, and I am not from Hazleton, I'm from Butler Township. But I've lived in the Greater Hazleton Area my whole life. I care deeply about this community. A lot of what I want to say has already been said, but I just want to reiterate that the people training your officers are poorly trained themselves. They have been trained to circumvent the law. That is not rhetoric, its fact. What has been referenced by recently exposed internal ICE memo, where agents were specifically directed to use force to enter homes without a judicial warrant, in direct violation of 4th Amendment rights. These are the people who will be training your officers. In a 40-hour online training course, are they going to get the full scope of the constitutional ins and outs of all of this? That's hard to believe. Also, there are many models of the 287(g) program, the task force model being the most expansive. There are other models like the general enforcement model. The task force model contract, in explicit language, allows for officers to stop anybody for any reason if the officer suspects that this person could be here illegally. That's a really broad scope, and I think that language is put in other language, officers are going to be able to target people based on their skin color and that's explicitly in the contract. Verbatim. That is troubling. I do believe that you don't want to have your community living in fear. We've all been watching the news and that includes the Latinos in this community. This is a majority Latino community, and they have been seeing the lawlessness and the violence with which ICE has been conducting their immigration enforcement procedures. I know that your intention, I believe, is to act as a buffer between these Federal agents and the residents of West Hazleton. I truly believe that is your intention. But, again the poorly trained ICE officers will be training your officers. At this point what is more important is that the Latino residents will be living in fear. If they know that you are entering this contract, they're going to be living in fear. Regardless of platitudes and reassurances from you folks that you will act as a buffer, their knowledge of you entry into this contract is going to instill fear in them because they have been watching. They see what's been happening. If they know who is going to want to call 911 in an emergency if they are afraid that whoever is going to respond is going to target them for their skin color. It is going to create an atmosphere of fear in your community, and nobody deserves to live in that kind of fear. So regardless of the intention, and regardless in the long run of the execution, these people are going to be afraid. I know you don't want that for them. They're going to be targeted. Also, if something goes wrong, and the ACLU decides to file a lawsuit, who is going to be on the hook for that? It's not going to be ICE, it's going to be West Hazleton, and the tax payers here. Something for you to think about. Thank you for allowing me to speak this.

John Martz, Teacher: My name is John Martz. I'm a teacher working here in West Hazleton with non-English speaking students. I wasn't planning on speaking, I'm not good at speaking in this situation. I just want to say, look at the optics. You've got 10 white people. Whatever you see as the facts, what do you think the population is going to see? Ten white people doing something the brown population is afraid of. You don't want to do that. Look at the optics. The history of this city adds to that optic of not treating that population well. ICE is not a normal police organization. I was in Minnesota. I was tear gassed 4 times. It's political police. We were peaceful demonstrators. They would push us back with tear gas, bring out the right-wing influencers, and let them parade up and down making their content. That's a political police force. It's not a neutral police force. You don't want to be part of it, and that's all I have to say.

Mrs Childs, 32-34 West Broad Street: My name is Mrs Childs, and I live in West Hazleton. I want to make a point about the police and the badge number. They said the police don't have their name or the badge you can see.
CP Kreisl: They do have their name, and the badge is visible.
MC: Well I don't know what happened, that one time with the situation here.
CP Kreisl: They all have bodycams that we can access.

MC: Last year I had trouble with some tenants living next to me. He's Anglo. He parked in our parking lot, in my space. He started fixing his car. I explained for him to get out, nicely, that this was my space. He was very rude to me, so I called the police. After 15 minutes, the police came, since it was not an emergency. He didn't tell me his name or his badge, he didn't want to give it to me. So I don't know what happened with the situation of which my husband was talking, but if he couldn't say his name and just the badge numbers…it's just a little point. I want to say thank you to every single person here today representing the Hispanic community. So thank you so much for what you do. I was here last month, and you said that you didn't know anything about 287, and it is on the agenda today.
CP Kreisl: We are going to vote on it, yes.
MC: I hope that you say no. I am Spanish, and I see what has happened. I think that you need to understand something. In case you didn't know, the insurance that you are using, the Borough, to cover that kind of suit, will reject to cover you. We are the majority, so we will pay for any kind of suit. Not ICE, not you, we are the taxpayers. Another thing is that we have a lot of businesses here. When we have a business, you don't ask if we speak English when we need monies for the taxes. So the only problem that we are having right now is the barrier to the English. We pay taxes, we contribute to the community, and we buy produce from these businesses. So please, try to make the best decision not for one part of the community but the whole West Hazleton community. Like it or not, we pay taxes, we own houses here, so we need to build better things for the whole community, not just one part. Thank you.

Kim Gormely, Concerned Citizen: Hi, I'm Kim Gormely. I'm originally from Hazleton, moved back to the area. A lot of communities went into this agreement because of financial issues. They wanted to get money back for their efforts for their police departments and such. A lot of the counties, cities, and boroughs that have signed the agreement are having trouble getting their money. They put out a lot of money for training, hotels. They're not getting their money back. They're not seeing what they were promised. Mrs. Child's point, a lot of the cities are seeing now that their police departments are losing their insurance because they entered into the agreement. These are all proven things; you can Google it. That's where I found it. You may find yourselves with lawsuits and everything else, losing more money than you were promised. So I'm asking you not to think of it from the financial aspect on the short-term gain, but the long-term gain. Because, along with the law suits that you could be facing, and the expenses that you could be stuck with. To everyone's point here, your Spanish community is the majority of your community. They don't feel welcome. When this goes down, they start to leave, and who's moving back? Do you think people are going to move back? That they're going to leave the valley and come back here? They aren't going to do that. You're going to be eroding your tax base. Don't do that. I think Hazleton made a very stupid move. To protect themselves they may have violated the Sunshine Law beyond it. The ACLU is watching all of this. Don't set yourself up to fail your community. We didn't like it when our families moved here. Our parents and great-grandparents, they were ridiculed for not speaking the language, or being the dirty micks, or Italians, or whatever they wanted to call them. Why are we doing this to others? Does that make us the bigger people? Didn't we learn from the bigotry of our parents and great grandparents? Shouldn't we have risen above that? At the beginning of the meeting, we said the Pledge of Allegiance. What's the last thing in the Pledge of Allegiance? Liberty and Justice for All. It doesn't say legal or illegal. It doesn't say what your skin color or religion is. Just because something is popular, doesn't mean its right. You're appointed to uphold the law. Think about what you're doing. Is it going to be a long-term gain? your police department is apparently working with everybody already. yeah, it would be nice to have the money back for new cars and for our officers. But am I hurting people? Am I putting my good officers in an awkward position? What if you do get 1 or 2 really bad ICE officers that are overstepping and doing the things that we know are wrong? How can those officers control them? They're a Federal agency. You have to think of all that before you put these people in that position. So, let's consider it, and let's take care of our neighbors. Whether they're working on becoming legal citizens, or working on learning the language, we have a responsibility to them. You'll weed out the bad eventually, it happens with everything.

Hazleton years ago used to be mob city. People get weeded out. Do it the right way, the legal way. People can grow together, respect each other, and learn about each other's cultures. Thank you.

CP Kreisl: The one thing I would like to mention, is that everybody at this table, I'm sure I'm speaking for myself, but I believe I speak for everybody. We 100% believe that we were told that we would be a buffer, and be able to control the way the policing is done in our neighborhood. That's something that we don't want to lose. Some of the things that were brought to light tonight, I would like to check on, so I'm going to ask that we go into Executive Session, so that we have an opportunity to speak with Brian before we vote on it or table it. So if I could please call for a 10-minute Executive Session, so that we may remove ourselves to the back office, and yes, we will be coming back out.

Council enters into Executive Session.

CP Kreisl: I'd like to call the meeting back to order, thank you for your patience. We did discuss item#3 on our agenda, to get some clarification on the indemnification, and it is stated where the officers would be covered as Federal officers. Could you do the language please?
Solicitor Rockman: With right to be represented by the U.S. Department of Justice for any violations of this agreement.
BM: No guarantee!
SR: We have a difference of opinion, Counselor.
BM: Read the agreement! Tell them the truth about the profiling!
SR: I've read the agreement, Counselor.
CP Kreisl: Please-There is one portion of the wording that I am uncomfortable with along with a couple of the other council members where we are going to change the wording in the agreement to state for probable cause instead of the way that it is written. Because I don't like the manner in which it's written because it can be misconstrued as profiling. My view on profiling is not popular, because I have a problem understanding how you can profile in a community that is over 70% Hispanic according to the last census (Inaudible comment from Public) I understand what you're saying. All members of the Hispanic community, are welcome, please run for office. Please run. I've been here for 10 years and voted in every time, others for 20.
BM: So, you've indicated concern to that one paragraph?
CP Kreisl: Yes sir.
BM: So lets assume they agree to that paragraph. What you're telling us is that you're going to agree to it. Tell us all why you think this agreement is in the best interest of West Hazleton?
CP Kreisl: What I'm going to say is that we are going to vote on it with that portion of the agreement removed. If they don't accept it, then its off the table.
SR: It will be revised, not removed.
BM: What if they do revise it?
CP Kreisl: Then that portion of my concern is eliminated.
BM: Then what you're saying is the agreement is in the best interest of West Hazleton.
CP Kreisl: Yes sir.
BM: Is it the money?
CP Kreisl: No.
BM: Shame!
Councilman Sharkey: Brian, does this affect the way we police right now? What's the process if someone with probable cause gets pulled over?
CP Kreisl: here is my main concern. Is it going to affect the way that we currently police?
BM: What if it doesn't? What do you need it for? Tell us!
CP Kreisl: It's in order for us to act without interference with the higher government is the way I'm looking at it. Brian, would you like to add anything to that?
Sgt. Buglio: This will keep ICE out of here.
(Inaudible comments from public, call to order by CP Kreisl).

CP Kreisl: Brian, I asked you to please speak. I've given the courtesy to everyone. Please, extend the same courtesy.
SB: Right now, if we stop someone for probable cause and there is a warrant out for them. we call Ice, they come down, and they take them. This agreement now lets us take them on our own, for that warrant. We are not changing our policing, we are not profiling, we are not stopping people just to stop people. Our policing will not change, and that 's why we agreed to change that one portion to probable cause. We won't stop people unless we have probable cause. the same policing we do right now.
BM: Then why do you need it?
SB: We are doing it so that we don't have to have ICE in the community, and that we may take the people directly to jail without ICE coming into our community.
BM: So you're going to tell ICE no? That you're not going to abide by the agreement?
SB: Is it shall or will? I'm going to tell you now it doesn't say shall. It says can participate, it doesn't say shall. I can tell you if they are doing raids here, and they're unlawful raids, that we are not going to participate. We are not going to go out and violate people's rights because ICE came here. However, if ICE comes in here with or without that agreement, they can do whatever they want. Everybody knows that. We as West Hazleton police can't say to ICE that you're not coming into our town. They are going to do it whether we want them to or not.
CS: Are you saying that this agreement is going to control ICE?
SB: What I'm saying in my opinion is that its going to keep them out of here. Any interactions that I've had with ICE wit any detainees that we've had is that they don't want to come down here.
(Multiple inaudible comments from public, call to order by CP Kreisl).
CP Kreisl: Ok. I very much appreciate everyone's concern. I appreciate the voicing of your opinions to us. I am going to close Public Participation and move the meeting on to Old Business.

6. Discussion of Work Session Actions:

a. Old Business

i. Delinquent Garbage Report for April 2026: Read by Council President Kreisl.

b. New Business

i. Motion to approve business parking space for **Oaxaca Mexican & Dominican Restaurant, 2 West Broad Street (Verified & approved by Streets Dept. Foreman Corey Fogarty).**
Motion to approve: Verrastro
Second: Chura

Vote
Chura: Yes, **Vercusky:** Yes, **Sharkey:** Yes, **Dutz:** Yes, **Kreisl:** Yes, **Verrastro:** Yes, **Duffy**: Yes.
Motion Passed Unanimously.

ii. Motion to approve purchase of **2026 Dodge Durango** for the **West Hazleton Borough Police Department.**
Motion to Approve: Sharkey
Second: Dutz

Vote
Chura: Yes, **Vercusky:** Yes, **Duffy:** Yes, **Sharkey:** Yes, **Dutz:** Yes, **Kreisl:** Yes. **Verrastro: Yes**.
Motion Passed Unanimously.

iii. Motion to adopt **287(g) Agreement** for the **West Hazleton Borough Police Department**.
Motion to Approve: Verrastro
Second: ----------
Vote
Chura: Yes, **Vercusky:** No, **Duffy:** Yes, **Sharkey:** No, **Dutz:** Yes, **Kreisl:** Yes, **Verrastro:** Yes.
Motion Passed, 5-2.

iv. Motion to adopt **Ordinance #3 of 2026 – An Ordinance of the Borough of West Hazleton Adopting the 2021 International Fire Code.**
Motion to Approve: Verrastro
Second: Sharkey
Vote
Chura: Yes, **Vercusky:** Yes, **Duffy:** Yes, **Sharkey:** yes, **Dutz:** Yes, **Kreisl:** Yes, **Verrastro:** Yes.
Motion Passed Unanimously.

v. Motion to adopt **Resolution #4 of 2026 – Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Request** for **Dessen Drive Roadway Improvement Projects.**
Motion to Approve: Sharkey
Second: Chura
Vote
Chura: Yes, **Vercusky:** Yes, **Duffy:** Yes, **Sharkey:** yes, **Dutz:** Yes, **Kreisl:** Yes, **Verrastro:** Yes.
Motion Passed Unanimously.

CP Kreisl: That concludes the agenda. Do we have any additional comments by Council or by the Mayor?

ii. **Comments by Council and Mayor:** There were no additional comments made by Council or the Mayor.

Announcements, Misc:

a. The Borough Office will be closed on Tuesday, May 19th to serve as the polling place for the 2026 Primary Election.
b. The Borough will be holding its annual Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 25th beginning at 9:00 am. There will be speakers and presentations at both McKenna's Corners & the 15th Street Blue Star/Vietnam Memorials. There will be a participation appreciation luncheon at the Borough Administration Building immediately after the ceremony.

Announce Next Meeting:

1. **Council President Kreisl-**
   The next Work Session Meeting will be Tuesday, June 2nd, and the next Public Council Meeting will be Tuesday, June 9th. May I have a motion to adjourn?
   Motion: Chura

Second: Dutz

Meeting Adjourned

Attested:

James Schweitzer

James Schweitzer

Borough Manager