

Town of Loch Lynn Heights
COUNCIL MEETING
September 4, 2025

Mayor Friend called the meeting to order at 5:30, following Public Hearing on Sewer Rates Ordinance. Councilman Canfield led the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Councilpersons Max Hill, Bryce Canfield, Barbara Rexroad and John Groves, and Clerk Rebecca Friend. Agenda was approved.

August 2025 Minutes – Approved after motion by B. Canfield, second by M. Hill.

Acceptance of August 2025 Financial Reports – There are some discrepancies in income on this report that will be investigated. Tentatively accepted with motion by B. Rexroad, second by B. Canfield.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Sheriff's Office – Deputy Ridder reported 10 town patrols, 34 total incidents including a burglary and noise complaints. Discussed ongoing traffic issues with bridge repair near RR crossing.

Code Enforcement – New forms for reporting and tracking cases are being developed. Town will address complaints with a letter, then refer to Code Officer if not taken care of.

GCM – MML Fall Conference will be held in October at Wisp Resort.

Grants – Playground Project update – clerk reviewed finances for the park and playground renovations. Check mailed to Playground Specialists did not arrive there. It was intercepted and washed by a fraudster who tried to deposit it in an account in another state. Bank stopped payment, is requiring town to either close the account or use a monitoring service that will cost \$31 per month. After discussion, Council voted to use the service until the end of the year, making use of the checks recently purchased, then open a new account. Motion and second by J. Groves, B. Canfield.

Villa project – several entities, including DNR, SHA, garden club and local residents, are working on plans for removal of the pines and installation of a pocket park or arboretum there.

Streets & Sewer – County Roads Dept. plans to do repairs on Dundee Street and Alley 4 at the end of this month. Mayor hopes to tar and chip Alley 2 and raise drop boxes on Roanoke Ave next year.

Correspondence / Meetings – Mayor spoke with property owner and arranged meeting with Community Action regarding runoff onto farm property from apartment complex stormwater pond. Arnold Brothers will handle the project to divert the water. Mayor met with other mayors and B & O representatives to discuss plans for the railroad's 200th birthday in 2026. Oakland, Deer Park and Mtn. Lake Park will join Loch Lynn Heights in the commemoration. Town may pursue possible relocation and restoration of the old railroad tower that stands between the tracks and 1st Avenue.

Maintenance Report – Larry Bernard will attend DNR training to become certified to maintain town trees. Katherine Phillips of the DNR is working on the town's Tree Inventory. This will indicate trees that need to be removed, watched, or pruned.

Legislative Activities - Ordinance 2025-02 Sewer Rates. No residents attended the Public Hearing prior to this meeting. Ordinance was posted and published in newspaper as required. Clerk read the Ordinance, there was no discussion, and it was adopted unanimously after motion from J. Groves, second from M Hill. New rates will take effect in October.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Town Mayor & Council Salary Increase Ordinance - tabled

B. 600 Block Seneca Avenue Zoning Ordinance Violation Update – no action by the land owner or by the State or County has been reported. Need to follow-up.

C. Street Tree Planting Opportunity – Council is agreeable to application for \$1,000 grant that would provide about 16 trees. These would be offered to residents who presently have no trees on the town right-of-way, and then to others, to be determined.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mustang Property Renovations / Updates – Mayor Friend and Jarrett Mahoney met with Tim Reed who has leased the property with the option to purchase. The agreement with the owner, Chuck Fultz, allows the property to be cleaned up. Work has begun, and the property is looking better. There is still the matter of dangerous buildings to be addressed. A meeting is being scheduled with the town's attorney.

MML Fall Conference Sponsorship – Funds were allocated in this year's budget to go toward sponsorship of the state conference being held at Wisp Resort in October. The \$300 payment will allow any elected official or employee of the town to attend the banquet to be held on Sunday, October 12, at Garrett College. Clerk will need to know names of all who plan to attend.

Election – Two Council seats will be up for election this year. Applicants must file by September 29. If more than four persons file, a Primary will be held on October 20. Election will be on November 3. If only two file for office, there will be no election.

Announcements

Trail Workday Sept. 13 – 9am to noon

Next Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting – October 7, 2025 at 5:30 pm

Public Comment - none

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.


Rebecca C. Friend, Clerk / Treasurer
October 7, 2025


Larry F. Friend, Mayor