REGULAR MEETING OF PALMERTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

HELD IN BOROUGH HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026, AT 7:00 P.M.

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Terry L. Costenbader, President of Council, called the duly advertised meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present:

Terry L. Costenbader, Council President
Kris W. Hoffner, Council Vice-President
Richard Nothstein
Andrew J. Hollywood
William A. Gallagher
Timothy "T.J." Gursky, Jr.

John "Bo" Rodrigues, Mayor
Kimberly Rodrigues, Recording Secretary

Absent: Holly Hausman Sell
Jenny Y.C. Cheng, Solicitor
Timothy Kromer, Chief of Police
Autumn Canfield, Borough Manager

VISITORS

Ron Valish, 901 Delaware Avenue; Kathy Fallow and Linda Christman, Save Carbon County.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

HEARING OF VISITORS

Kathy Fallow of Save Carbon County updated Council on the Northface project site visit with Rich Parrish on September 25, 2026 and advised they will be following up with a few requests of DEP. Following a brief discussion of regulated and clean fill she mentioned that Northface makes ten dollars on every ton of regulated fill, totaling five to ten million dollars a year. Once the regulated fill is complete the site will be topped with clean fill, which is estimated to cost more than three times less than the regulated fill provides in revenue. She thanked Council for their continued support and asked if they would provide a letter to DEP thanking them for the site tour and ask them to consider the Save Carbon County requests. They also be providing a letter to residents of the West End with instructions on how to file a complaint with DEP.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

PUBLIC SAFETY

Kris Hoffner had no report.

FINANCE

Richard Nothstein had no report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/BOROUGH CODE

No report.

BUILDINGS/RECREATION

Andrew Hollywood had no report.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS

T.J. Gursky had no report.

SEWER/SOLID WASTE/WATER

William Gallagher had no report.

PERSONNEL

Terry Costenbader reported:

1. On motion by Terry Costenbader, second by Richard Nothstein and voice vote, Council entered into an executive session at 7:06 PM to review a grievance. On motion by Andrew Hollywood, second by Richard Nothstein and voice vote, Council reconvened their regular meeting at 7:33 PM.

2. On motion by Terry Costenbader, second by Andrew Hollywood and roll call vote, Council denied the grievance presented by the Palmerton Police Benevolent Association.

Roll Call Vote:

Terry Costebader	Aye	Andrew Hollywood	Aye
Kris Hoffner	Aye	William Gallagher	Aye
Richard Nothstein	Aye	T.J. Gursky	Aye

Secretary recorded 6 aye, 0 nay; motion carried.

Andrew Hollywood thanked the Committee for their hard work on the grievance and Kris Hoffner thanked Autumn Canfield for her information and hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Richard Nothstein, second by Kris Hoffner and voice vote, council adjourned their regular meeting at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Rodrigues
Recording Secretary