

**BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 9, 2025
7:00 PM**

The meeting was held within the Council Chambers at the Bridgeville Borough Building, 425 Bower Hill Road and virtually livestreamed on the website www.zoom.us. Council President Joseph Verduci led a moment of silence for the recently departed members of our community and those serving in the military. Mr. Verduci stated that Council met in Executive Session before this meeting to discuss a personnel matter, no action was taken.

ROLL CALL – Roll was called at 7:00 PM with the following present:

Council President Joseph Verduci
Council Vice-President Bruce Ghelarducci
Councilwoman Justine Cimarolli
Councilman Shane Franchick
Councilman William Henderson
Councilman Jason Sarasnick

Mayor Betty Copeland, Solicitor Tom McDermott, Borough Engineer John Heyl, Borough Manager Joseph Kauer, Fire Chief Ray Costain and EMS Chief Dan Miller

Absent: Councilman Jason Ferri and Sgt. Gary James

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None

BUSINESS:

1. A motion to approve the May 12, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to approve the June 2025 Bill List was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Franchick; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the June 13, 20, 27, July 4 and 11, 2025, payrolls was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-6, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the Borough Manager to file a petition with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to exempt a specific area of the Borough of Bridgeville, described herein, from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board's regulations regarding amplified music being heard off the licensed premises in favor of enforcing the Borough's own previously adopted Noise Ordinance, Section 27-1001.3 of the Borough of Bridgeville's Code of Ordinances was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion to approve Change Order No. 2 for the Gregg Avenue Stairs Project in the amount of \$7,500 for tree clearing and storm debris removal was made by Mr. Franchick, seconded by Mr. Henderson; motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$22,500 from the Capital Projects Fund to Avelli Construction Corporation for Partial Payment No. 1 of the Gregg Avenue Stairs Project was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to approve the installation of an on-street handicap parking space at 184 Liberty Street was made by Ms. Cimarolli, seconded by Mr. Franchick; Mr. Franchick remarked that this sign placement is a good thing to do. Motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to authorize disbursement of a Real Estate Tax Refund due to a change in assessment to the following:
 - Melody Kief, Parcel: 322B-385, Years 2021-2024, total: \$27.44Motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – May 2025 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
10. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the May 2025 Treasurer’s Report was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Franchick; the motion carried unanimously.
11. A motion to accept all submitted May 2025 official reports was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION, BRUCE GHELARDUCCI – Mr. Ghelarducci had no report.

FINANCE, JOE VERDUCI – Mr. Verduci and Manager Kauer reported that Senator McCormick’s staff has informed us that FEMA is reevaluating the several BRIC projects, including the McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project, that they cancelled in April.

PARKS & RECREATION, SHANE FRANCHICK – Mr. Franchick reported that T-Ball season is ending this week and that Bridgeville Day on the Avenue will be this Saturday. He recognized the Public Works staff for keeping the parks looking nice and clean.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, JASON SARASNICK – Mr. Sarasnick reported that the crew has been busy setting up for Day on the Avenue. Mr. Ghelarducci thanked the Public Works Department for their work making Washington Avenue look special for the Memorial Day Parade.

PUBLIC SAFETY, WILLIAM HENDERSON – Mr. Henderson stated that regarding the recent assault of a mailman on McLaughlin Run Road, that it is an ongoing investigation and that similar incidents are happening in other towns around Bridgeville.

CHAR-WEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, JASON FERRI – No report.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported that several Borough Officials were recently recognized by the State Borough’s Association for years of service, they included Councilmen Sarasnick and Verduci for ten years of service and Councilman Ghelarducci and Manager Kauer for twenty years of service. She also reported that last month she recognized an Eagle Scout from Troop 2.

POLICE CHIEF, GARY JAMES – No report.

SOLICITOR, THOMAS MCDERMOTT – Solicitor McDermot reported that he submitted his written monthly report and could answer any questions.

BOROUGH ENGINEER, JOHN HEYL – Engineer Heyl stated that the Gregg Avenue Stairs Project is progressing well and that the 2025 Road Paving is planned for construction next month.

The Engineer then presented the annual MS4 training to the Borough Officials and community, slides attached to these minutes for the record.

Ms. Cimarolli questioned Acid Mine Runoff in the streams in relationship to the MS4 permit. The Engineer reported that the State is not requiring the Borough to abate it, but there are programs available to assist.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – Chief Costain reported that the Department responded to 37 calls in May and that they plan to host an Open House on September 7th. The Chief also stated that the BVFD received a grant from Representative Kulik to install a backup emergency generator at the firehouse.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – Chief Miller had no report.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, LEESA SHADY – Mrs. Tome reported that their recent bake sale was a success earning \$685 for the Society. She also reported that they are encouraging their members to get their newsletter via email to save on postage. Mrs. Tome stated that they will have a booth at Day on the Avenue selling T-shirts. Lastly it was reported that the next Speakers Program will be on June 24th, about the year 1775-1776.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – Director Weaver reported that the summer programs are underway, including Pittsburgh Movie Club outdoor movies on the patio starting June 20th. She also reported that this next school year they will have a program that provides every Chartiers Valley Student with a library card.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – Chairwoman Colosimo reported that the Authority will be meeting next Monday. She stated that the Authority completed landscape work in Lot 2. She also reported that they hired a new Parking Enforcement Officer, and she thanked

the Borough for hanging the Troop Banners in advance of Memorial Day. Mrs. Colosimo stated there are 532 banners (273 double sided) on display throughout the town. Lastly, she stated that the Authority has been involved in the planning for Day on the Avenue.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Guiliani reported that work is almost done on the draft Downtown Zoning Ordinance project. She also stated that the third community volunteer planting of the Baldwin Street Pollinator Garden was this past weekend. She recognized the Chartiers Valley Middle School for providing volunteers, plants, steppingstones and mosaic murals for the garden.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Manager Kauer reported:

- Submitted the PA Greenways, Trails & Recreation Grant that seeks \$250,000 for the Chartiers Park Field Lighting Project. Support has been received from Congresswoman Lee, Senator Robinson, Rep. Kulik, BAA and the County Council.
- Chartiers Street Speed Reduction Request, PENNDOT did not approve our request to lower the speed limit to 25 MPH, but continues to analyze the concept plan of an improved pedestrian crossing into Chartiers Park at Winfield St.
- Lurry Street manhole project has been completed; this project updated a lamphole to a manhole and addressed a sinkhole in the roadway.
- The Gregg Avenue Steps Project is progressing well; the steps are starting to be formed in concrete and are on track to be completed by mid-summer.
- Emergency Management Team met in May; Dale Livingston has been added to the team as a second Deputy Coordinator. Dale met with area non-profit groups and churches on May 22nd to re-establish communication with them to coordinate community planning in advance of a disaster. The team consists of: Coordinator Mike Tolmer and Dale and I are Deputy Coordinators.
- The canopies on the Cook School Park Playground were damaged during the April 29th windstorm. An insurance claim has been filed, and the replacement parts have been ordered.
- Day on the Avenue Planning – the June 14th event is on track to be a larger event with 144 vendors participating, 28 more than last year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Verduci stated that the Rotary Club will have a Dunk Tank at Day on the Avenue and Chief Costain, Councilmen Ferri and Franchick will be in the tank throughout the day. He also stated that the Manager represented the community well at the Chamber of Commerce’s Community Outlook event and their separate podcast.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary