

**BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, July 14, 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](http://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 Jason Ferri  
Councilman William Henderson  
Councilman Jason Sarasnick

Also present included: Mayor Betty Copeland, Solicitor Tom McDermott, Borough Engineer John Heyl, Borough Manager Joseph Kauer, Sgt. Gary James, Fire Chief Ray Costain and EMS Chief Dan Miller

**Absent:** Councilman Shane Franchick

**PRESENTATIONS:** The Borough Council and Mayor presented a Proclamation to the Teodori Family & Silhol Builder's Supply Company, recognizing Mr. Richard Teodori's retirement.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:** None

**BUSINESS:**

1. A motion to approve the June 9, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to approve the July 2025 Bill List was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ferri; the motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the July 18, 25, August 1 and 8, 2025, payrolls was made by Ms. Cimarolli, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-5, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, adopting a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the appointment of Gary R. James to serve as Chief of Police of the Borough of Bridgeville was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously. Mr. Verduci congratulated Chief James on his appointment.

5. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-7, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the submission of a Pennsylvania Multimodal Transportation Fund Program Grant application for the Bower Hill Road Pedestrian Crossing Improvements Project was made by Ms. Cimarolli, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-8, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, sponsoring a banner permit application to PENNDOT to hang a banner over Washington Avenue (SR 50) for the Rotary Club Chili Cook-off event was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to approve Kalkreuth Roofing Land Development Plan Bond Reduction Request #1, approving release/reduction of bond from \$519,625.95 to \$3,355.00, which is 110% of the total cost for the remaining improvements (pending completion of landscaping and issuance of Notice of Termination for Stormwater Management facilities), as recommended by the Borough Engineer was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick, motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to appoint Courtney Tolmer to the Bridgeville Shade Tree Commission with a term that will expire the first Monday of January 2030 was made by Ms. Cimarolli, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to appoint Virginia Schneider to the Bridgeville Shade Tree Commission with a term that will expire the first Monday of January 2029 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
10. A motion to appoint Kayla Lawrence to the Bridgeville Shade Tree Commission with a term that will expire the first Monday of January 2028 was made by Ms. Cimarolli, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
11. A motion to appoint Alison Thomas to the Bridgeville Shade Tree Commission with a term that will expire the first Monday of January 2027 was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
12. A motion to appoint Jen Brilmyer to the Bridgeville Shade Tree Commission with a term that will expire the first Monday of January 2026 was made by Mr. Ferri, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
13. A motion to authorize the execution of an Agreement between the Borough of Bridgeville and Allegheny County to compensate the Borough for winter road maintenance performed on Bower Hill Road for the winter seasons of 2025-26, 2026-27, and 2027-28 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; Ms. Cimarolli questioned the Borough Manager if the amount the reimbursement increases each year is adequate enough. The Manager stated that it probably doesn't keep up with inflation, but it is a fair agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion to authorize the purchase of an annual technical support contract with Rhythm Engineering for connectivity support of three traffic signals along Washington Avenue at an annual cost of \$3,000 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ferri; Ms. Cimarolli questioned if the system needs upgraded? The Manager replied that it fairly new equipment and this agreement will enable it to be serviced into the future. Without this agreement, they will not provide any service if a repair is needed. He added that he was able to negotiate a partial year agreement for 2025 that reduced the costs so that a new agreement can be enacted that will run the entire calendar year of 2026. Motion carried unanimously.
15. A motion to authorize the purchase of a new 30'x 52' pavilion, concrete slab, site preparations and restoration, picnic tables, buffet tables, trash cans and ancillary general construction work in the amount of \$193,795 at State Costars Contract pricing from Sports & Recreation Associates, LLC for the Chartiers Park Shelter 1 Replacement Project was made by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; Mr. Ferri asked that the new tables be free standing, not bolted down. Mr. Verduci stated that 50% of the project costs are covered by an awarded DCNR grant. Motion carried unanimously.
16. A motion to authorize the electrical construction improvements in the amount of \$11,900 at State Costars Contract pricing from Merit Electrical Group, LLC for the Chartiers Park Shelter 1 Replacement Project was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ferri; Mr. Verducci stated that 50% of the project costs are covered by an awarded DCNR grant. Motion carried unanimously.
17. A motion to authorize the scheduling and advertisement of a Public Hearing for Monday, September 8, 2025, 6:30PM to hear testimony regarding proposed Ordinance No. 1034, an Ordinance of the Borough of Bridgeville, amending the Bridgeville Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map to add a Downtown Zoning District, as recommended by the Bridgeville Planning Commission was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
18. A motion to authorize the engagement of services with Cohen Law Group for the renewal of a Cable Franchise Agreement with Comcast at a cost not to exceed \$10,965 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
19. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$38,190.57 from the Budgetary Reserve Fund to Ackenheil Engineers, Inc., for work completed to prepare the geotechnical investigation, report and design of the levee wall of the McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project, Phase 1A was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
20. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$112,149.00 from the Capital Project Fund to Avelli Construction Corporation for Partial Payment No. 2 of the Gregg Avenue Stairs Project was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ferri; Mr. Henderson stated that the new steps look beautiful. Motion carried unanimously.
21. A motion to authorize the execution of Change Order No. 1 for the 2025 Roadway Improvement Program to complete the resurfacing of Bower Hill Road at the intersection of

Commercial Street at a cost not to exceed \$17,629.13 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.

22. A motion to authorize the discontinuation of service with Environmental Control and execute a service plan and agreement with Coverall for janitorial services to be provided at the Bridgeville Borough Building effective September 2, 2025 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; Ms. Cimarolli questioned the length of the agreement. Manager Kauer stated that it is at will. Mr. Ghelarducci asked if there is any cost savings? Manager Kauer reported that it will save \$1,200 per year. Motion carried unanimously.
23. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – June 2025 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
24. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the June 2025 Treasurer’s Report was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
25. A motion to accept all submitted June 2025 official reports was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

FINANCE, JOE VERDUCI – Manager Kauer reported that Senator Fetterman has advanced a federal appropriation request in the amount of \$5,300,000 for the McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project. He stated that the appropriation is under consideration by their committee and we’ll know in the fall if it is awarded or not. Mr. Verduci reported that a review of the Budget to Actual for the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter shows the budget on track for the year.

PARKS & RECREATION, SHANE FRANCHICK – Mr. Ferri reported that the Bridgeville Athletic Association will be having a duck race fundraiser at Chartiers Park on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, JASON SARASNICK – Mr. Sarasnick reported that street sweeping is being completed the third week of each month and efforts are underway to complete storm sewer repairs and grass cutting. He added that the town looks great. Mr. Ghelarducci asked about the surplus dump truck auction. The Manager stated that the first auction ended without any bids, and it was relisted with a lower starting bid price.

PUBLIC SAFETY, WILLIAM HENDERSON – No report.

CHAR-WEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, JASON FERRI – Mr. Ferri reported that at the last meeting, County Council President Pat Catena discussed ways to improve the fire service in the County. He also stated the Borough was recognized for ten years of meeting attendance.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported that she will be presenting proclamations to two Bridgeville boy scouts who became Eagle Scouts this month.

POLICE CHIEF, GARY JAMES – Chief James reported that the new police cruiser is in service and it displays the Department’s new slogan, “Police and Community Together”.

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 nearing completion, the contractor is working on installing its handrails.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – Chief Costain reported that the Department responded to 40 calls in June and have an average response time of 6 minutes, 44 seconds from dispatch to arrival on scene. He also reported that the Department will be hosting a sportsman bash on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – Chief Miller reported that at the August meeting he will present the semi-annual year in review report.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, LEESA SHADY – Mayor Copeland reported that there are no speakers’ programs in July and August and that they have a new shirt fundraiser underway.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – Director Weaver reported that the summer programs are underway, including Pittsburgh Movie Club outdoor movies on the patio. She stated that on July 21s there will be a workshop on honeybee keeping and on September 26<sup>th</sup>, they will be hosting a trivia night fundraiser. Mr. Ferri thanked Mr. Verduci for helping to organize this event.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – Chairwoman Colosimo reported that the Authority is working to upgrade lighting in Lot 2, their next meeting is scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup>, maintenance work continues, and the Authority remains to operate in the black for the year.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Guiliani thanked the Borough Council with advancing the Downtown Zoning amendment to the public hearing step. She also reported that at their last meeting they reviewed and provided comments back to Upper St. Clair Township on their proposed new Comprehensive Plan.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Manager Kauer reported:

- Grant application completed seeking \$92,572 (70% of project costs) in DCED Multimodal Transportation Funding for the Bower Hill Road Pedestrian Crossing Project. Project received support letters from Senator Robinson, Rep. Kulik, County Councilman Palmosina and the Police Department.
- Prepared the 3rd Quarter Mini newsletter that will be mailed out with July Garbage bills, electronic version has been posted on the Borough website.
- The Day on the Avenue was held on June 14th; despite a rainy start to the day, it was a very nice and well-attended event. He thanked Sheryl Valentino, Cheryl Glowark, DPW crew, firefighters and committee volunteers for their hard work to make it a great and enjoyable day.

- Chartiers Park Shelter 1 Reconstruction, plans have been finalized, using the full grant budget. General construction and electrical proposals using Costars bids will be on the July Council Agenda to consider moving forward with so that construction can take place later this year.
- Met with W. PA. Conservancy on July 2nd as they plan to provide trees for a fall community planting event at sites on Baldwin Street and McLaughlin Run Park.
- An emergency sanitary sewer repair was completed by Jet Jack at a cost of \$15,000 for a break that happened to the main in the rear yard of 657 Chestnut Street. Work was completed on July 2nd.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Ferri stated that the planning for Bridgeville’s 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration continues to meet monthly. The next meeting is July 29<sup>th</sup>, 7PM at the American Legion Hall and stated that all are welcome to attend and participate.

Mr. Verduci stated that the Rotary Club’s annual Chili Cookoff will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> at Fairview Park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph Kauer  
Borough Manager / Secretary