

**BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 5, 2026
7:00 PM**

Before the start of this meeting, District Judge Maureen McGraw-Desmet administered the oath of office to the following newly and reelected officials:

- Mrs. Betty Copeland, Mayor
- Mr. Nicholas Ciesielski, Councilman
- Ms. Justine Cimarolli, Councilwoman
- Mr. Joseph Colosimo, Councilman
- Mr. Nino Petrocelli, Sr., Councilman
- Mrs. Anne Marie Parisi, Real Estate Tax Collector

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. Mayor Betty Copeland led a moment of silence for the recently departed members of our community and those serving in the military.

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

Councilman Nicholas Ciesielski
Councilwoman Justine Cimarolli
Councilman Joseph Colosimo
Councilman Jason Ferri
Councilman Shane Franchick
Councilman Nino Petrocelli, Sr.
Councilman Jason Sarasnick

Also present included: Mayor Betty Copeland, Solicitor Tom McDermott, Borough Engineer Jacob Bajek (in place of Engineer Heyl), Borough Manager Joseph Kauer, and Chief of Police Gary James.

Absent: Fire Chief Costain and EMS Chief Miller.

REORGANIZATION OF BOROUGH COUNCIL:

1. Nomination and Election of Council President
Mayor Copeland called for nominations for Council President.
Mr. Ciesielski nominated Ms. Cimarolli, she accepted.
Mr. Petrocelli nominated Mr. Colosimo; he declined the nomination but stated that he appreciates Mr. Petrocelli's friendship.
With no other nominations, Mayor Copeland closed nominations for President of Council. A vote was taken and all were in favor of Ms. Cimarolli. Ms. Cimarolli was unanimously elected as Council President.
2. Nomination and Election of Council Vice President
Mayor Copeland called for nominations for Council Vice President
Mr. Sarasnick nominated Mr. Ciesielski, he accepted.
With no other nominations, Mayor Copeland closed nominations for Vice President of Council. A vote was taken and all were in favor of Mr. Ciesielski. Mr. Ciesielski was unanimously elected as Council Vice President.

Mayor Copeland then turned the meeting over to President Cimarolli. Ms. Cimarolli thanked the Councilmembers for their nomination and for having trust in her to serve as President of Council.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

1. Mr. Greg Jones, One Music Fest, invited the community to participate in the annual Martin Luther King Celebration that will be held on Monday, January 19, at 6:30PM at Bethany Church. He also stated that a food collection to benefit the Bridgeville Food Bank will be held in conjunction with this event.
2. Mr. Mike Chiodo, 233 Station Street, congratulated the new members of Council for taking office and made complaint about graffiti that was painted on the side of the Rite Aid Pharmacy. The Manager stated that he was aware of the graffiti and the property owner was notified to remove it.

BUSINESS:

1. A motion to reappoint the law firm Gaitens, Tucceri & Nicholas, PC, as the Borough Solicitor, was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Franchick; motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to reappoint the firm LSSE Civil Engineers and Surveyors as the Borough Engineer was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to appoint Joseph Chabala to the Bridgeville Zoning Hearing Board with a term that is to expire the first Monday of January 2031 was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to appoint Paul Cengia to the Bridgeville Civil Service Commission with a term that is to expire the first Monday of January 2032 was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to appoint Karen Taylor to the Bridgeville Civil Service Commission with a term that is to expire the first Monday of January 2032 was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to appoint Rick Ruffennach and Zack Braley to the Bridgeville Civil Service Commission, as Alternate Members, with a term that is to expire the first Monday of January 2032 was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Franchick; Mr. Ciesielski questioned the number of alternates that are permitted on the Commission. Ms. Cimarolli stated that the Civil Service Rules allow for up to three alternate members. Motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to appoint Jen Brilmyer to the Bridgeville Shade Tree Commission with a term that is to expire the first Monday of January 2031 was made by Mr. Ferri, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to appoint Deb Colosimo as the Vacancy Board Chairman with a term that is to expire the first Monday of January 2028 was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr.

Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion to authorize the advertisement of the 2026 meeting schedule for the Borough Council (2nd Monday of the Month, 7PM), Parking Authority (3rd Monday of the Month, 7PM), Planning Commission (4th Monday of the Month, 7PM), Shade Tree Commission (First Monday of February, May, August and November at 7PM,) Zoning Hearing Board and Civil Service Commission to meet as needed was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
10. A motion to approve the December 8, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, as submitted was made by Mr. Franchick, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick, Mr. Petrocelli abstained from voting; motion carried unanimously.
11. A motion to approve the January 2026 Bill List was made by Mr. Franchick, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick, Mr. Petrocelli abstained from voting; motion carried unanimously.
12. A motion to approve the January 9, 16, 23, 30, and February 6, 2026, payrolls was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
13. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-1, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, appointing a Representative (Joseph Kauer) and an Alternate (Nino Petrocelli) to the Governing Board of the Chartiers Valley District Flood Control Authority was made by Mr. Franchick, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
14. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-2, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, appointing a Delegate (Joseph Kauer) and an Alternate (Jason Ferri) to the Tax Collection Committee was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
15. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-3, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, to join the Congress of Neighboring Communities "CONNECT" was made by Mr. Ferri, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
16. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-4, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania appointing Representatives to the Congress of Neighboring Communities ("CONNECT") for a one-year term expiring in 2026. (Jason Ferri, Justine Cimarolli, and Joseph Kauer) was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
17. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-5, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, setting the Police Pension Fund contributions to fund the shortfall in the Police Pension Fund evidenced by an independent actuarial study and as permitted by previous ordinances and the police collective bargaining agreement was made by Mr. Franchick, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

18. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-6, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, authorizing execution of a Cable Franchise Agreement between the Borough and Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Franchick; Mr. Petrocelli asked for an explanation. Manager Kauer reported that this will be for a 10-year agreement with Comcast to operate a cable television network within the Borough's right of ways. The agreement process was made public via a public hearing held last year. Motion carried unanimously.
19. A motion to direct the Bridgeville Civil Service Commission to initiate the testing procedures and prepare a promotional eligibility list for the position of Police Sergeant was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; Ms. Cimarolli questioned how long will this process take? Chief James stated that it will take five or six months, with a three-to-four-month study period for the eligible applicants. Motion carried unanimously.
20. A motion to authorize the purchase of a custom stainless steel dump body, snowplow, salt spreader and upfitting accessories for the new Public Works truck from A&H Equipment Co. at State Costars price of \$52,635 was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Franchick; motion carried unanimously.
21. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$3,069.90 from the Capital Project Fund to Merit Electrical Group for Partial Payment No. 1 of the Electrical Improvements for new Chartiers Park Shelter No. 1 Project was made by Mr. Franchick, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; Mr. Franchick questioned the work performed. Manager Kauer stated that this was for the disconnection and preparation of the new electrical service and panel at Chartiers Park Shelter 1. Motion carried unanimously.
22. A motion to authorize the public advertisement seeking competitive bids for the 2026 Sanitary Sewer O&M CCTV Program was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
23. A motion to authorize Municipal Advertising Consultants to prepare the 2026 Borough Guide as outlined in their December 22, 2025, proposal was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; Mr. Petrocelli questioned if this is the larger book type publication. Manager Kauer responded that it is. Mr. Franchick questioned if the annual HHW recycling events have been scheduled. Manager Kauer stated that they will be soon and information of such included in the Guidebook. Motion carried unanimously.
24. A motion to enter into a Sculpture Loan Agreement for Seward Johnson Work for the 2026 Public Art Bridgeville Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition that will include one sculpture within Triangle Park was made by Mr. Franchick, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; Ms. Cimarolli questioned if this is only for one sculpture? Manager Kauer reported that Public Art Bridgeville plans to only have one Seward Johnson sculpture in the 2026-27 program, it being the painter within Triangle Park. Motion carried unanimously.
25. A motion to ratify the offer of conditional employment to Jeremy Haffenden as a Laborer / Equipment Operator, pending the candidate successfully passing physical and drug exams was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ferri; Mr. Petrocelli questioned the hire as a hiring

was made at the December meeting? Manager Kauer reported that the December hire only worked two days and took another job. Mr. Haffenden’s hiring was made from the candidates interviewed last month. Motion carried unanimously.

26. A motion to ratify the approval of an extension of the original approval date, effective December 23, 2025, of the PD Capital Lot Consolidation Plan of parcels 255-N-397 and 255-J-235 at 501 and 511 Washington Avenue as recommended by the Bridgeville Planning Commission as previously approved by Borough Council on October 13, 2025 was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ferri; Ms. Cimarolli questioned why this was needed? Manager Kauer stated that when the applicant went to record the plan it was after 90 days from the Planning Commission approval requiring a formal extension to be granted. Motion carried unanimously.
27. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – December 2025 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Franchick; motion carried unanimously.
28. A motion to accept all submitted December 2025 official reports was made by Mr. Sarasnick seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Cimarolli stated that she will make appointments to the following committees within the month:

- ADMINISTRATION
- FINANCE
- PARKS & RECREATION
- PUBLIC WORKS
- PUBLIC SAFETY
- DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE TO CHAR-WEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
- DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE TO COUNTY AND STATE BOROUGHS ASSOCIATIONS

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported that she administered the oath of office to the two new full-time police officers last week.

POLICE CHIEF, GARY JAMES – Chief James reported that the Department held a Breakfast with Santa event on December 21st. He stated that all children attending were given toys.

SOLICITOR, THOMAS MCDERMOTT – No report.

BOROUGH ENGINEER, JOHN HEYL – Engineer Bajek reported that they are working develop a cost estimate for the 2026 Road Program, plans for the 2026 Sanitary Sewer O&M project and continue to work on the Flood Project.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – No report.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – No report.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, LEESA SHADY – Mayor Copeland reported that the Society will be having their monthly speaker’s program on Sunday, January 25th at 1:30 at the Chartiers Room. This month’s program is on Presidential Assassinations.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – Director Weaver reported that the library’s winter programs are now underway including a January 14th Audubon society bird workshop and on January 22nd a Turkish Culture workshop.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – Mr. Colosimo reported that the Authority will be meeting on Tuesday, January 20th so that it does not interfere with the Martin Luther King celebration.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – No report.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Manager Kauer reported:

- The final 2025 Budget to Actual Report has been provided to all members of Council and Mayor, all funds performed better than forecasted and the community remains in a strong financial position going into 2026. He recognized Cheryl Glowark’s hard work and efforts to keep our books and accounting in order.
- Bridgeville was successful in securing a \$150,000 state LSA grant for the Chartiers Park Ballfield Lighting Project. We still have two other grant applications pending for this project to hopefully enable a lower match from the Borough. The CV Flood Authority also secured a \$408,000 LSA grant to restore a section of the creek’s streambank over by Top Golf and behind the South Fayette Municipal Authority.
- FEMA BRIC grant update, we received information that a federal court lawsuit out of Washington State is ordering FEMA to take the necessary steps to reverse the termination of the BRIC program. We are awaiting PEMAs directive on how this impacts our Flood Control Project.
- A couple of Public Works Department Updates:
 - New Hire Jeremy Haffenden started work last Friday and is currently going through training.
 - The new dump truck chassis is at the dealership ready for upfitting. A&H report that we should have the truck fully built and delivered to the Borough by late spring.
 - Over the past month we have used about 500 tons of salt to treat roads, it’s been a busy winter so far.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Petrocelli thanked the past Borough Council members for doing an excellent job, including Mr. Joe Verduci.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Franchick, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary