

**BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 9, 2026
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 Justine Cimarolli led a moment of silence for the recently departed members of our community and those serving in the military. Ms. Cimarolli announced that the Council met in Executive Session before the start of the meeting to discuss a legal matter, no action was taken.

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

Council President Justine Cimarolli
Council Vice President Nick Ciesielski
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 John Heyl, Borough Manager Joseph Kauer, Fire Chief Ray Costain and Chief of Police Gary James.

Absent: EMS Chief Dan Miller.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

BUSINESS:

1. A motion to approve the January 5, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, as submitted was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to approve the February 2026 Bill List was made by Mr. Franchick, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the February 13, 20, 27, and March 6, 2026, payrolls was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-7, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, authorizing the disposal of records in compliance with the Municipal Records Manual approved on July 16, 1993, in accordance with Act 428 of 1968 was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; Mr. Ciesielski questioned the manner in which the records will be disposed of. Manager Kauer stated that a paper shredding company has been retained to dispose of such in a secure manner. Motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-8, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, authorizing the submission of a Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural

Resources grant application for the Chartiers Park Field Lighting Project was made by Mr. Ferri, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion to accept the lowest responsible bid received from Roto-Rooter Plumbing in the amount of \$78,290 for the Base Bid and Add Alternates No. 1 and 2 of 2026 Sanitary Sewer O&M CCTV Program subject to the contractor obtaining the required insurance certificates, performance bond, payment bond, and review and approval of same by the Borough Solicitor prior to execution of the Agreement by the Borough was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; Mr. Franchick questioned the terms of the contract if it was a one-year or multi-year agreement. Manager Kauer stated that this is a one-year contract for a specific area of the Borough to be serviced. Motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to authorize the annual Bridgeville Day on the Avenue event to be held on Saturday, June 20, 2026, was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Franchick; Mr. Colosimo questioned if the 125th Anniversary Committee has asked the Borough for a donation yet? Manager Kauer stated that they haven't. Motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to authorize the purchase of a Story-walk Trailhead Arch Sign for Chartiers Park from G&S signs at a cost not exceeding \$9,470.36. Motion was made by Mr. Franchick, seconded by Mr. Ferri; Ms. Cimarolli stated that the Bridgeville Rotary Club will reimburse the Borough the full costs of this purchase, with installation provided by the Borough's Public Works Department. Motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare and advertise specifications for paving the following streets under consideration for the 2026 Road Paving Program with the final determination of streets to be paved subject to change depending on bids received and funds available as noted in this list:
 - a. Sarah Street
 - b. Missouri Avenue from Pennsylvania Avenue to House No. 1435
 - c. Charlet Street – *Alternate Bid*
 - d. Lurry Street (Half from midblock hill to terminus) - *Alternate Bid*
 - e. Parking Authority's Lot No. 2 – Alternate Bid, The Authority will pay the costs of their paving work and the engineering that is from their specific area.

Motion was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Franchick; Mr. Ferri questioned why Pennsylvania Avenue wasn't included. Manager Kauer stated that Pennsylvania Avenue is a priority, however Pennsylvania American Water Company is currently deliberating the replacement of the water main on this street, so it was advised to wait until after their decision is made. He recommended that in 2027, Pennsylvania Avenue be made the priority. Motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion to authorize the engagement of services with Cohen Law Group for the renewal of a Cable Franchise Agreement with Verizon at a cost not to exceed \$10,500 was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Franchick; Mr. Franchick questioned whether this would also include streaming services. Solicitor McDermott stated that it won't as it currently is

excluded by a federal statute. Manager Kauer stated that the cost of this work will decrease if more Char-west COG communities participate. Motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion to authorize hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Wednesday, July 22 with Noble Environmental, and Free Electronic Collection Event on Saturday, August 8th. Both events are to be held at the firehouse parking lot was made by Mr. Franchick, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; Ms. Cimarolli questioned who pays for these events. Manager Kauer reported that for the Electronics Event, the TV manufacturer pays for the recycling collection contractor, and no fee is charged to the Borough or our residents. For the Noble Environmental event, partial fees are charged to the participant, while the remaining costs are split between the PA DEP and the Borough. Motion carried unanimously.
12. A motion to engage the professional services of Traffic, Planning and Design (TPD) to complete traffic engineering services as outlined within their January 19, 2026, proposal for the north-end of Washington Avenue and into Collier Township at a cost not to exceed \$30,000. Motion was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; Ms. Cimarolli questioned Collier’s participation. Manager Kauer reported that Collier Township agreed and supports retaining TPD. He added that Collier Township will pay \$15,000, and Bridgeville Borough will pay \$15,000 for this project. Motion carried unanimously.
13. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – January 2026 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Franchick, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
14. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the December 2025 and January 2026 Treasurer’s Report was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
15. A motion to accept all submitted January 2026 official reports was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION, JUSTINE CIMAROLLI – No report.

FINANCE, JASON FERRI – No report.

PARKS & RECREATION, SHANE FRANCHICK – Mr. Franchick reported that the parks are mostly closed for the winter season and that the Committee is working with the Manager to seek additional grant funding for the Chartiers Park baseball field lighting project.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, JASON SARASNICK – Mr. Sarasnick reported that over the past month the Public Works Department has been extremely busy with snow callouts, treating our roads and sidewalks. He stated that as result from the large late January snowstorm that caused

accumulating snow to pile up at intersections, corners and along parking lanes, the crew is now working to haul out and dispose of the snow. Lastly, he remarked that the crew has been doing a phenomenal job with this work.

PUBLIC SAFETY, NICHOLAS CIESIELSKI – Mr. Ciesielski thanked the Public Works Department on their work to clean up after the recent large snowstorms.

CHAR-WEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, JOE COLOSIMO – Mr. Colosimo reported that he attended the last meeting of the COG that was held in Kennedy Township. He stated that at this meeting County Councilman Pat Catena presented on a plan the County has to provide Narcan to emergency service providers and also discussed regionalization of fire protection services. He also stated that Representative Kulik proposed a state bill that would allow municipalities to advertise on their own municipal websites versus newspapers.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported that she had plans on January 30th to present the Potanko Brothers with proclamations recognizing their achievements of earning the rank of Eagle Scout. The ceremony was postponed due to the snowstorm. She also shared a recent Valentine's Card she received from a member of the Borough's youth community.

POLICE CHIEF, GARY JAMES – Chief James reported that he provided both the December and January written reports and could answer any questions.

SOLICITOR, THOMAS MCDERMOTT – Solicitor McDermott stated that he provided his written report and could answer any questions.

BOROUGH ENGINEER, JOHN HEYL – Engineer Heyl reported that he is working with the Borough Manager to study the possibility of creating a playground on the west side of the Borough.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – Chief Costain reported that the Department responded to 396 calls for service in 2025. He stated that this included 14 building fires with one of them being in the Borough and responded to 143 EMS assists. There were 22 motor vehicle accidents, 18 of which did not include any means of entrapment. The Chief stated that the Department typically has on average four personnel per call with 1-2 firefighters available during the traditional daylight shift hours. Chief Costain thanked the Borough Manager and Public Works for their coordination during the large snowstorm last month. He reported that during the storm, the fire station was staffed with 15 firefighters, and during the storm only had to respond to two medical related calls. Ms. Cimarolli thanked the firefighters for staffing the station and making themselves available.

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, February 22nd at 1:30 at the Chartiers Room. This month's program is on the 2nd owner of the Woodville Plantation.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – Director Weaver reported that the library has hired a new librarian and is still seeking a community services host. She stated that on February 25th they are hosting a local author talk featuring Mark Berton and during April, a sculpture exhibition in

partnership with Public Art Bridgeville.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – Mrs. Colosimo reported that the Authority’s next meeting is February 16th, and that recently the two remaining light fixtures in Lot 1 have been upgraded to LED lighting. She stated that the excessive snow last month has been a challenge for the Authority. Mrs. Colosimo also reported that the Authority received estimates to resurface both Lot 2 and 5 and is working with the Borough Manager to secure grant funding for this project.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Mr. Livingston reported that many projects from the Comprehensive Plan and Active Transportation Plan were completed last year and that he will have a written yearend report for the Council shortly. He stated that the Commission did not meet in January due to the snowstorm.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Manager Kauer reported:

- The Public Works Department has been busy dealing with a very active winter so far. The Borough experienced a large snowstorm on January 25th, that accumulated over 12” of snow. Crews are now working to haul off and remove the large snowplows obstructing corners, crosswalks and parking lanes. Before the storm Emergency Management planning was coordinated with all departments, volunteers and possible emergency shelters if they were needed. I would like to thank the five Public Works Employees, Greg, Ed, Bill, Greg and Jeremy for their excellent work and dedicating a lot of their time over the past several weeks.
- To-date the Borough has received 550 tons of salt and is currently experiencing a salt supply shortage as we wait on the delivery of an additional 200 tons of salt that was placed back on January 19th. Delivery is delayed due to ice conditions on the rivers that bring salt in via barge. There is a need to plan for a new and larger salt bin that would allow us to have a larger supply on hand to avoid future supply delays in future winters.
- Grant Projects (Grant Log Attached):
 - 2025 LSA Grant, in the amount of \$150,000, for the Chartiers Park Field Lighting Project, has been awarded. A separate LSA Grant in the amount of \$408,019 for the CV Flood Authority was also awarded for streambank repairs in South Fayette Township.
 - 2025 Multimodal Grant in the amount of \$92,370 was awarded for the Bower Hill Road Pedestrian Crossing Project.
 - 2025 DCNR Grant for the Chartiers Park Field Lighting Project was not selected, work is underway on preparing a 2026 application.
 - 2023 LSA Grant for \$1,000,000 for the Flood Control Project, we received a contract extension to use the funds through June 2027.
 - FEMA BRIC Grant for the McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project:
 - PEMA LPDM (\$712,000) grant – PEMA reports that FEMA confirmed that the EHP reviews are now complete, and release of project funding is anticipated soon for the Commercial Street Culvert Project.
 - Fetterman \$5.3 million appropriation – Fetterman’s office reports that his appropriation request for the project was not advanced as there now is a new federal policy that is prohibiting appropriation awards to former BRIC projects.
- 2025 Audit: work has begun on the annual audit. Staff is assisting Turnley with documents

and information.

- Northend of Washington Avenue widening plan – working with the Collier Township Manager, proposals received from both TPD and Trans Associates. Both proposals propose the same work and cost the same. The Managers are recommending that TPD be retained.
- Tree Tender Course will be held on Saturday, February 28th, to offset the \$1,700 cost to host the class, Courtney Tolmer secured a \$1,000 donation from the Heinz Endowment to offset the Borough's costs to offer this course in Bridgeville.
- Met with the Fire Chief on January 23rd. The BVFD has placed an order for a new pumper that will replace the 2008 American LaFrance pumper. As previously reported, the majority of the annual contribution to the BVFD from the Borough is used to pay on the loan for the 2015 Pierce Ladder Truck. That truck has three loans on it and is planned to be paid off in 2029. The plan is to replace the pumper and have the loan payment start after the ladder truck loan is paid off. The new pumper will take a couple of years to build, and their financing is structured to start once the ladder truck loan is paid off. Late last year they also put an order on a small mini pumper / light rescue truck that will replace their Rescue Truck. Their fundraising will cover this truck payment.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion item: A motion to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an Ordinance that would amend the Bridgeville Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10 (Health & Safety), Part 6 (Prohibiting the Parking or Storage of Certain Vehicles and Equipment), to prohibit the parking of any type of trailer on public streets in excess of 24 consecutive hours.

Mr. Petrocelli questioned what initiated this discussion. Manager Kauer stated that it was recommended to him by the Public Works staff that during the last snowstorms, we encouraged people to remove their cars from the streets to make room for the snow and improve our efficiency. That's when it became even more evident that several people are using the streets for storage of trailers, boats, jet skis, and box trailers.

Mr. Sarasnick stated that he supports the idea but has concerns about the time frame of 24 hours, suggesting that it should be a minimum of 48 hours. He also called on the Police Department to enforce abandoned vehicles on the streets.

Mr. Ciesielski stated that he remembers someone who parked a camper on the street having to relocate their trailer and that these trailers should be treated the same way.

Ms. Cimarolli suggested this only be enforced during snowstorms. Solicitor McDermott stated that in most towns parking trailers on streets is prohibited. Mr. Ferri stated that 24 hours is restrictive but agrees with the spirit of the proposed law.

The Council agreed that it should be amended to 48 hours. Motion was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Colosimo, all in favor except Mr. Petrocelli who suggested that notice be provided to offenders more in advance of enforcement.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Franchick, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary