

BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 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 Jason Sarasnick

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

Absent: Councilman Nino Petrocelli

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Amanda McDermott, 272 Patterson Avenue, on behalf of the 125th Bridgeville Anniversary Committee reviewed their planned celebration week of July 18 – July 26, 2026. She said a lot of the details are in the works and that questions can be directed to 125@bridgeville.us. Activities planned include a 5K race, a 1920's themed banquet dinner, group church service, carnival, comedy night and a parade. Mr. Ferri thanked Ms. McDermott for bringing this information to Council and added that our community's future is bright with her in it.

Mr. Gary Massotti, Labella Bean Coffee Shop, stated that this June, his business has been in Bridgeville for 25 years. He commented that he loves being in Bridgeville, but recent issues around the building are causing concerns for his business. This includes homeless people in his store and lurking in the building. He also added that some of the new businesses on Washington Avenue are making the environment challenging and something our community is not proud of.

BUSINESS:

1. A motion to approve the February 9, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, as submitted was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to approve the March 2026 Bill List was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the March 13, 20, 27, April 3, and 10, 2026, payrolls was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-9, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, giving notice of the Borough's intent to be included in the Allegheny County Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Programs for three program years – 2027, 2028 and 2029 was made by Mr. Ferri, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick. Mr. Franchick asked the Manager for examples of CDBG projects in Bridgeville. Manager Kauer stated that this funding reconstructed the sidewalks in Triangle Park, made ADA accessibility improvements and catch basin reconstruction. Motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to authorize the advertisement and public display of Ordinance No. 1035, an Ordinance of the Borough of Bridgeville, amending its Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Part 4, General Parking Regulations, to add new provisions restricting or prohibiting the parking or storage of uninspected, unregistered or dismantled motor vehicles, or nonmotorized trailers, campers, RV's, machinery, equipment, garbage / refuse containers, moving or storage containers, on any Borough street and alleys was made by Mr. Franchick, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to authorize the execution of a Lease Agreement between the Borough of Bridgeville and the Bridgeville Athletic Association for the use of the Chartiers Park Concession Stand through December 31, 2026, was made by Mr. Franchick, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to authorize the execution of a Sculpture Loan Agreement between the Borough of Bridgeville and the Seward Johnson Atelier for the continued lease of the "Crossing Paths" sculpture through March 2027 was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to authorize the Borough Manager to apply for a Main Streets Allegheny Grant, seeking \$30,000 for the purchase of a permanent sculpture exhibit to be displayed on Washington Avenue was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; Mr. Franchick questioned the type of sculpture. Ms. Cimarolli stated that Public Art Bridgeville is considering a Dan Droz piece that would be attached to the fence on the Washington Ave. Bridge. Motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – February 2026 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Franchick, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
10. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the February 2026 Treasurer's Report was made by Mr. Franchick, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion to accept all submitted February 2026 official reports was made by Mr. Ferri, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION, JUSTINE CIMAROLLI – No report.

FINANCE, JASON FERRI – Mr. Ferri reported that the Committee met last month with the Pension Plan Actuaries. He stated that the fund is doing well and remains healthy.

PARKS & RECREATION, SHANE FRANCHICK – Mr. Franchick reported that registration is now open for BAA T-Ball and that this year they will have a High School baseball and softball team in the 15 and under league. Mr. Franchick stated that construction of the new Chartiers Park Shelter is going well and is planned to be completed by the end of April. He also stated that the new Story Walk trail sign for Chartiers Park has been ordered. Lastly, he reported that Park Shelter Rentals are now open for the season.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, JASON SARASNICK – Mr. Sarasnick reported winter is slowly ending and that the Department was very busy this winter clearing roads and sidewalks. He reported that curbside brush collection and weekly street sweeping will start April 7 and run through May 1.

Mr. Ferri stated that he recently noticed areas of the new concrete of the Gregg Avenue Steps are deteriorating. Engineer Heyl stated that the matter has been reported to the contractor to fix under the 18-month maintenance bond period.

PUBLIC SAFETY, NICHOLAS CIESIELSKI – No report.

CHAR-WEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, JOE COLOSIMO – Mr. Colosimo reported that he attended the last meeting of the COG, and he wished Mayor Copeland a Happy Birthday.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported that March is Women’s History Month, and she recognized the ladies that founded the Bridgeville Library in 1962. She stated that on March 18th, she’ll be representing the Borough at the Eagle Scout Ceremony for the Potanko Brothers.

POLICE CHIEF, GARY JAMES – Chief James reported that he provided the 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 recently completed the specification for the Station Street ADA Ramps that the COG will be bidding for the Borough soon. He added that the 2026 Road Program has been advertised.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – Chief Costain reported that the Department responded to 38 calls for service last month. He stated that the BVFD Cash Bash will be held on May 2, see any member for a ticket. The Chief also reported that the Rescue Truck is currently out of service for alternator

repairs.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – Chief Miller reported that the 2025 Annual Report was included with the February Report. He also reported that SouthBridge earned its Class 4 Swift Water Rescue Team certification.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, LEESA SHADY – Ms. Shady reported that membership renewal is currently underway. She stated that at their February 17th meeting Ed Pelino was elected President and Mary Weise is now President-Emeritus. She thanked Mary for her service and commitment to help found the Historical Society. Ms. Shady stated that they will have a Spring Bake Sale on May 7 and May 8 and that during Day on the Avenue they will have an Open House.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – Director Weaver reported that the library will have a Craft Swap on March 28th and Spring Book Sale on April 17 and 18. She also stated that the Sculpture Exhibition will be on display during April with a reception scheduled for April 18.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – Mr. Colosimo reported that the next meeting will be March 18 and that work is underway to complete landscaping. He also stated that the Authority is researching Electric Vehicle charging stations.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Mr. Livingston reported that Commission reorganized at its last meeting, the officers remained the same. He stated that he submitted his annual report to Council and that they are working on a new 5–10-year project implementation plan for the Borough. Lastly, he stated that the annual Earth Day Clean Up Day will be held on April 18, 9A meeting at the Borough Building.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Manager Kauer had no report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Ferri stated that the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 28th, at 11AM at the Firehouse.

Ms. Cimarolli stated that the Rotary Club Trivia Night will be held on April 11 at the Chartiers Room.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Franchick, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary