

BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 13, 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 (participated virtually)
- Councilman Nino Petrocelli
- Councilman Jason Sarasnick

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

Absent: Fire Chief Ray Costain

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Maureen Johnson, 611 Winfield St., stated that she has been a resident for three years and that she regularly sees motorists speeding and not stopping for stop signs on Winfield Street. She stated that this roadway is becoming a busy cut through for those trying to avoid the busy Chartiers Street and Bank Street intersection. She called for traffic calming features to be added to Winfield Street, such as speed humps or pillows to make this street safer for pedestrians.

Emily McCranie, 1101 Chartiers St., also spoke about concerns on Winfield Street, added that she is seeing an increase in vehicular traffic on this street making it feel unsafe. She stated she is concerned about the safety of the many children who live on or near Winfield Street. She also asked Council to consider added a speed hump on Winfield St.

Melissa Guiliani, 1096 Lafayette St., stated that she supports the need for a traffic calming feature on Winfield Street to address the speeding and vehicles not stopping at the stop sign.

BUSINESS:

1. A motion to approve the March 9, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, as submitted was made by Mr. Ferri, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.

2. A motion to approve the April 2026 Bill List was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

3. A motion to approve the April 17, 24, May 1 and 8, 2026, payrolls was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-10, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, authorizing the submission of a Banner Permit to PENNDOT to display a banner for Day on the Avenue over Washington Avenue was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to adopt 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. Ferri, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; Mr. Franchick questioned the type of permits that would be necessary under this Ordinance. The solicitor explained unique situations such as construction dumpsters or PODS. Dismantled vehicles are not permitted, and the parking of trailers such as boats is permitted for up to 48 hours. Motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to accept the lowest responsible bid received from Youngblood Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$331,312.00 for the Base Bid (Sarah St. & Missouri Ave.) and Add Alternate No. 2 (half of Lurry St.) of the 2026 Roadway 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. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$86,500.00 from the Capital Project Fund to Sports and Recreation Associates for Invoice No. 2 of the Chartiers Park Shelter No. 1 Construction Project was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli, Mr. Ferri stated that construction is progressing very well and questioned when it will be completed? The Manager stated that work should be done within the month; motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to designate the Tribune-Review Pittsburgh Edition as the official newspaper of general circulation to advertise official notices for the Borough was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ferri; Mr. Ciesielski stated that the State is working on legislation that would permit us to advertise on the Borough's website. Manager Kauer stated that the Post Gazette is planning to go out of business later this month, which necessitated this motion. Motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to authorize the public advertisement of a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, May 11, 2026, 6:45 PM for an Application of Pittsburgh Pottery, LLC, seeking Conditional Use approval for a 'light manufacturing' facility at 414 Margaret Street was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; Ms. Cimarolli questioned the status of their

application. The Manager stated that their use is requiring the Conditional Use Permit process. The plan has been reviewed by the Borough Engineer and Planning Commission. The Commission has recommended its approval without any conditions. The application will be before Council at the May meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion to approve Bond Reduction Request #2 from Kalkreuth Roofing, 372 Commercial Street. The Borough Engineer recommends reducing the bond amount from \$3,355.00 to \$0, as all necessary improvements and work have been completed, motion was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ferri; Mr. Ciesielski questioned what was outstanding. Engineer Heyl reported that grass was needed to grow to close out their Conservation District permit. Motion carried unanimously.
11. A motion to authorize R&R Masonry Restoration to complete masonry restoration and general repointing work on the Borough Building at a cost not to exceed \$10,900 was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
12. A motion to authorize disbursement of a Real Estate Tax Refund due to a change in assessment to the following:
 - a. SHIV Land Co., LLC, Rite Aid Store #10892, Parcel: 322-A-69, Years 2024 & 2025, Total: \$30,442.87Motion was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
13. A motion to accept the revised April 2026 Police Pension Plan MMO, based on a decrease in employees contribution rate, in the amount of \$95,490, as prepared by the Plan Actuary, was made by Mr. Ferri, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
14. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-11, 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. Ferri, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
15. A motion to approve and grant a Borough Earned Income Tax Credit for year 2025 in accordance with Chapter 24 of the Bridgeville Code of Ordinances, Part 1, Section 111 (Tax Credits for Volunteer Firefighters of the Bridgeville VFD), for the eligible and active members as recommended by the Fire Chief was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
16. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – March 2026 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Ferri, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; Mr. Ciesielski questioned the Rite Aid refund if it will affect commission paid? The Manager stated that it wouldn't as commission is only paid on delinquent taxes and their taxes were not delinquent. Motion carried unanimously.

17. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the March 2026 Treasurer's Report was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
18. A motion to accept all submitted March 2026 official reports was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION, JUSTINE CIMAROLLI – Ms. Cimarolli reported that she attended the annual Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM) Conference last weekend. She stated that there were good discussions, especially focused on ways to improve emergency services.

Mr. Colosimo reported that at the ALOM Conference, it was discussed there are two bills pending at the state legislature to allow municipalities to advertise on their municipal websites as newspapers are closing. He also reported that some communities are imposing stormwater fees. Lastly he stated that the County is in the process of coordinating a reassessment of all real estate in the County. Mr. Colosimo reported that the reassessment will cost \$30,000,000.

Mr. Petrocelli reported that he was impressed with the County staff who presented at the ALOM conference.

Mr. Ciesielski reported that he learned about accessibility requirements for municipal websites that we have already in place. He also shared information about accounts payable programs to improve efficiency and potentially lower costs. Lastly, he stated that he made good connections with colleagues from other communities.

Mr. Franchick reported that he met with Park contractors at the ALOM Conference and discussed ways to resurface the McLaughlin Run Park Tennis Courts into pickleball courts. He also highlighted a bench donation program he learned about that could be implemented here.

Ms. Cimarolli reported that at the conference she learned about a state program that will create a Landslide Insurance program. She also reviewed information about a state PENNVEST program that can help residents make sanitary sewer repairs at their homes and she also highlighted ADA accessibility requirements for municipal websites. Lastly she stated that she learned a lot and made great connections.

FINANCE, JASON FERRI – Mr. Ferri had no report.

PARKS & RECREATION, SHANE FRANCHICK – Mr. Franchick reported that baseball season has started at Chartiers and Cook School Parks. He stated that last month there was minor flooding in Chartiers Park that Public Works has cleaned it up. Mr. Franchick also reported that Public Works are cutting grass and have the parks cleaned up and opened for the season.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, JASON SARASNICK – Mr. Sarasnick reported that brush collection and street sweeping is underway for the month, and that May through September, street sweeping will be performed the third week of the month. He also stated that the Public Works Department helped Public Art Bridgeville with sculpture placements this month and has been busy

with equipment and facilities maintenance.

PUBLIC SAFETY, NICHOLAS CIESIELSKI – Mr. Ciesielski reported that contract negotiations have started with the Police Union for a 2027 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

CHAR-WEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, JOE COLOSIMO – Mr. Colosimo reported that he and Mr. Petrocelli attended the last meeting of the COG. He stated that it was reported that the County is working on a plan to help staff volunteer fire stations and also that the County has a team of social workers call the “A-Team” that can help.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported that she is trying to help connect a relative in Argentina to citizen who lived in Bridgeville 100 years ago.

POLICE CHIEF, GARY JAMES – Chief James reported that he provided the written reports and could answer any questions. He also reported that there has been an asserted effort to increase traffic law enforcement. There were 111 citations issued last month and 109 warnings issued. The Chief stated that the Department is focused on trying to address the traffic concerns to slow people down.

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 work on the Sanitary Sewer O&M project has started. He also reported that they are working with ALCOSAN to advance the Baldwin Street sewer project to increase capacity in the McLaughlin Run Interceptor.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – No report.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – No report.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, LEESA SHADY – Ms. Shady reported that Bridgeville 125th Anniversary Cookbooks and 1920’s Banquet Tickets are for sale. She also reported that this month’s speaker will be Fire Chief Ray Costain talking about community fire safety. Lastly she stated that they will be having a spring bake sale on May 7 and 8.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – Director Weaver reported that the Library Spring Book Sale will be held on April 17 and 18, and that a dinner fundraiser will also be held on April 18th at Chipotle. Lastly, she stated that the library has a basket raffle underway and will host the Pittsburgh Society of Sculpturers exhibition on April 18th from 5PM to 7PM.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – Mrs. Colosimo reported that the lot maintenance is now underway and that the Authority has reached out to the District Attorney to see if he could help fund security camera upgrades. She stated that they continue to research electric vehicle charging stations and considering repaving Lot 2 this year.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Guiliani reported that at the last meeting, the Commission approved the Conditional Use Permit for Pittsburgh Pottery to operate at 414 Margaret Street. She also stated that the Commission continues to discuss business

development strategies and that the annual Earth Day Clean Up Event will be held on April 18th, meeting at 9AM at the Borough Building.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Manager Kauer reported on the following:

- Grant Projects
 - 2026 DCNR Grant for the Chartiers Park Field Lighting Project: submitted application that is seeking \$290,050; project cost estimates have increased to \$580,100. Support letters received from Representative Kulik, Senator Fontana, BAA, Police Department, and County Councilman Bob Palmosina.
 - 2026 DCED GTRP Application underway also seeking funding for the Chartiers Park Lighting Project.
 - County Main Street Grant application submitted seeking \$37,500 for a permanent sculpture to commemorate the Borough's 125th anniversary to be displayed on Washington Ave. County Hauling has pledged to give us \$5,000 towards this project.
 - FEMA BRIC Grant for the McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project:
 - FEMA BRIC – the State reports that FEMA has contacted PEMA regarding the resumption of the BRIC program and review of the applications previously submitted for the FY 2022 and 2023 application cycles. Our project was a selected 2022 project.

- 2025 Audit: work continues on the annual audit. DCED report completed and submitted to the state on 4/1/26. Auditor to present final report at the May 11th Council Meeting.
- 2026 Borough Guide – has been completed and was mailed to all households.
- 2nd Quarter Newsletter – drafted and it will be mailed out with garbage bills the week of 4/13/26.
- 2026 Sanitary Sewer O&M Project got started on April 8th, working on Missouri Avenue. Pre-construction meeting was held on March 12th.
- Construction of the new Chartiers Park Shelter No.1 is progressing well and is on track to be completed by the end of April.
- Attended the annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 28th, event was well attended and a success.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary