

BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 10, 2026
7:00 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION: the Borough Council met in Executive Session prior to the start of the meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters. No action was taken.

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.

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

Council President Justine Cimarolli
Council Vice President Nick Ciesielski
Councilman Jason Ferri
Councilman Shane Franchick
Councilman Nino Petrocelli
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 Joseph Colosimo

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

BUSINESS:

1. A motion to approve the July 13, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, as submitted was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to approve the August 2026 Bill List was made by Mr. Ferri, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the August 14, 21, 28, September 4 and 11, 2026, payrolls was made by Mr. Franchick, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-21, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, indicating the intent of the Borough of Bridgeville to work along with Allegheny County to accomplish the goals of the Live Well Allegheny campaign was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-22, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, authorizing the submission of a Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund Grant for the Bridgeville Fire Station Parking Lot Resurfacing Project was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; Mr. Franchick asked if this grant seeks full funding? The

Manager responded that it does not, the BVFD would have to match \$54,000 if awarded.
Motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion to ratify the disbursement of \$16,403.08 from the Sewer Fund to Roto-Rooter Services Co. for Partial Payment No. 2 of the 2026 Sanitary Sewer O&M CCTV Program was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$5,754.99 from the Capital Project Fund to Merit Electrical Group, Inc. for Partial Payment No. 3 (Final) of the Chartiers Park Shelter No. 1 Construction Project / Electrical Improvements was made by Mr. Ciesielski; seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$271,101.10 to Youngblood Paving Inc., for Partial Payment No 1 of the 2026 Roadway Improvement Program was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Franchick; motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$10,000 from the Capital Project Fund to Sports and Recreation Associates for Invoice No. 59 of the Chartiers Park Shelter 1 Replacement Project was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
10. A motion to appoint John W. Johnson to the Bridgeville Planning Commission, with a term that will expire the first Monday of January 2028, was made by Mr. Ferri, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
11. A motion to authorize the change of venue for the September 14, 2026, 7PM, Council Meeting to be held within Chartiers Park Shelter No. 1 was made by Mr. Franchick, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
12. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – July 2026 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
13. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the July 2026 Treasurer's Report was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
14. A motion to accept all submitted July 2026 official reports was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION, JUSTINE CIMAROLLI – Ms. Cimarolli thanked the Committee Members, volunteers, community, staff, and first responders who helped make the 125th Anniversary Celebration Events a success. She said everyone did a great job.

FINANCE, JASON FERRI – Mr. Ferri also thanked the volunteers and first responders who helped make the 125th Anniversary events spectacular.

PARKS & RECREATION, SHANE FRANCHICK – Mr. Franchick also thanked everyone for the

125th anniversary events. He also stated that the parks look great.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, JASON SARASNICK – Mr. Sarasnick reported that street sweeping is underway the third week of the month and that the Department is now completing line painting, grass cutting and equipment maintenance. He also added that the Public Works Department also helped with the 125th anniversary events and are doing a great job.

PUBLIC SAFETY, NICHOLAS CIESIELSKI – Mr. Ciesielski thanked everyone who supported the 125th anniversary events, especially the Bridgeville VFD who hosted the majority of the events. He also reported that progress is being made to complete the speed study on Bank Street and Sarah Street. After the study and counts are completed, he reported that the Committee will review the data to discuss what should be done next. Mr. Ciesielski also reported that the four-way stop sign that has been temporarily installed at McLaughlin Run and Baldwin Streets is working good so far and he appreciates the Police Department's increased enforcement efforts.

CHAR-WEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, JOE COLOSIMO – Mr. Petrocelli reported that Bridgeville will host the COG meeting later this year.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland stated that proclamations have been received from State Senator Devlin Robinson and Representative Anita Kulik in honor of the Borough's 125th anniversary. She also stated that she enjoyed the Bridgeville Athletic Association's annual duck race that was held in Chartiers Creek last month.

POLICE CHIEF, GARY JAMES – Chief James reported that he provided the written reports and could answer any questions. He also reported that the Department over the past month assisted with many of the 125th anniversary events and answered 640 calls in the month of July. The Chief stated that officers completed 166 separate traffic monitoring details this month, issuing 43 citations and multiple written and verbal warnings.

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 road paving is now complete for the year, and that the punch list item that only remains for Chartiers Shelter 1 is adjustments to the ADA line painting. The Engineer also reported that he has submitted to PENNDOT the traffic signal permit application for the new pedestrian crossing signal on Bower Hill Road.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – Chief Costain reported that in the month of July the department responded to 42 calls. He also stated that the new rescue truck is scheduled to be delivered to Bridgeville in September, and that he hopes to have all the firefighters trained on it and in-service by December.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – Chief Miller stated that he provided his written report and could answer any questions.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, LEESA SHADY – Ms. Shady reported that History Center will be closed the last two weeks of August for new flooring to be installed. She also stated

that monthly speakers' programs will resume in September with a presentation on the Dunkin Miller Glass Museum. Ms. Shady also stated that the history display at the library for the 125th anniversary has ended.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – Director Weaver reported that the monthly classic outdoor movie will be held on August 28th and that fall programming opens up for registration on August 31st.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Mr. Livingston reported that the Commission did not meet in July and that at the August meeting they will discuss projects within the Comprehensive Plan that hasn't started yet.

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

- The Borough was awarded \$97,725 in grants for two projects this month:
 - 1) \$60,225 CDBG grant to install new water drinking fountains, similar to the one at McLaughlin Run Park, with concrete pads at Triangle Park, Cook School Park and Chartiers Park.
 - 2) Awarded \$37,500 Allegheny County Main Street Grant for the purchase of a sculpture that will be displayed on Washington Avenue to commemorate Bridgeville 125 / America 250 anniversaries.
- BRIC Grant for Flood Control Project Phase 1 – PEMA has directed us to make official public notice of the project for a 15-day public comment period, which was initiated on July 21, 2026.
- 2026 DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant submitted seeking \$211,050 of \$301,500 project to construct the missing sidewalks on Cook School Road and Ridge Road from the area of Vesper St. to Pesavento Drive as recommended by the Planning Commission / Active Transportation Plan. Project has received support from Senator Robinson, Representative Kulik and Allegheny County Council.
- Partnering with the Bridgeville VFD to draft a GEDTF grant application seeking \$200,000 to resurface the fire station parking lot and driveways.
- Gregg Avenue Steps – spalling areas have been patched, and all of the steps were pressure washed and professionally sealed by the contractor.
- SHACOG Rock Salt Bid – no vendors bid to provide salt for the season. The COG rebid the product but changed the minimum and maximum order amounts to entice bidders. We submitted an estimate of 750 tons for the season to order, 75% minimum would be 562 tons and max is 1050 tons. One bid was received today, and the price has doubled to \$160 per ton for the season.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion – McLaughlin Run Road and Baldwin Street traffic signal / four-way stop intersection:

The Manager reported that in June the existing traffic signal at this intersection began to sag and a large truck pulled down the guy wires that supported the signal. Our Traffic Signal contractor came out to repair the signal but the wooden telephone poles that support it are in poor shape too. Requests have been made with multiple utility companies to replace their poles. In this time, the signal was struck again due to it being too low. An emergency action was made to eliminate the yellow and green lights on the signal, turning it into a red-flashing single light with four stop signs installed.

Chief James reported that the Public Works Department has adjusted the location of the stop bars and the intersection is working well as an all-way stop. He added that the neighboring businesses also report the same, saying that traffic in this area is now going slower. He suggested that the signal be permanently removed, made an all-way stop-controlled intersection, and consider adding blinking stop signs or red light to increase awareness.

Motion to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an Ordinance that will make the intersection of Baldwin St., Mill St. and McLaughlin Run Road an all-way stop controlled intersection, authorize the advertisement of this proposed Ordinance and authorize the submittal of a signal removal permit application to PENNDOT was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Franchick, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary