**BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE**
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
**Monday, October 12, 2026**
**7:00 PM**

The meeting was held within Council Chambers at the Borough Building and livestreamed online at 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 Joseph Colosimo
Councilman Jason Ferri
Councilman Jason Sarasnick

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

**Absent:** Councilman Shane Franchick and Councilman Nino Petrocelli

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**
Mr. Ozgur Yilmaz, 1411 Pesavento Dr., stated that he has a lien against his property for delinquent sewage and that he provided a letter to Council regarding such that he asked them to take under advisement.

**BUSINESS:**
1. A motion to approve the September 14, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, as submitted, was made by Mr. Ferri, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

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

3. A motion to approve the October 16, 23, 30, and November 6, 2026, payrolls was made by Mr. Ferri, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1038, an Ordinance of the Borough of Bridgeville, amending its Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles & Traffic, Part 4, General Parking Regulations, Subsection 15-410, Penalties was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-26, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, authorizing the submittal of a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant application for the Bridgeville Flood Control Project Phase 1 was made by Mr. Ferri, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-27, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, authorizing the submittal of a Community Development Block Grant application for the Washington Avenue and Bower Hill Road corners ADA Ramp Improvements Project was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-28, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, 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. Ciesielski; seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-29, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, authorizing the execution of a grant contract with the Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority, accepting a $37,500 grant for the Bridgeville 125th Anniversary Downtown Sculpture Project was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; Ms. Cimarolli remarked that County Hauling also gave the Borough $5,000 towards this project. Motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion to authorize the execution of Change Order No. 1 / Final of the 2026 Roadway Improvement Project, resulting in a decrease of $53,259.59 based on final in-place quantities, and authorize the disbursement of $6,951.31 to Youngblood Paving Inc., for Partial Payment No. 2 / Final was made by Mr. Ferri, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion to authorize Protocol, LLC to install two Tideflex backflow preventers on Carol Avenue storm water outfall discharges into McLaughlin Run at a cost of $18,287 was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; Ms. Cimarolli questioned the difference in bid prices between bidders asking if they bid on the same project. The Manager stated that it is the same; motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion to authorize the purchase of replacement playground decks from Gametime for the Chartiers Park Rear Playground at a cost of $19,383.18, to be paid from the Budgetary Reserve Fund was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Ferri; Mr. Colosimo questioned the color of the new decks? Manager Kauer stated that the existing color is not made anymore, and the replacements will be as close as possible; motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion to reject the bid received from American Rock Salt Company through the SHACOG bid and accept the bid from Morton, in the amount of $147.61 per ton through the Char-West COG bid was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski. Mr. Sarasnick stated that this bid is $13 less than the SHACOG Bid, but still over $50 more per ton than last winter. Motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion to authorize having a Winter Market and Celebration Event on Railroad Street and the Margaret Street Lot on Saturday, December 5th was made by Mr. Ferri, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – September 2026 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

15. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the September 2026 Treasurer's Report was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.

16. A motion to accept all submitted September 2026 official reports was made by Mr. Ferri, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

ADMINISTRATION, JUSTINE CIMAROLLI – Ms. Cimarolli reported that along with Mr. Ciesielski and Borough Staff are working on the planning of the upcoming Winter Market that will be held on December 5th.

FINANCE, JASON FERRI – Mr. Ferri reported that work is underway on the 2027 budget and that the annual Budget Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 4th, 6PM.

PARKS & RECREATION, SHANE FRANCHICK – Mr. Ciesielski reported that the Borough was successful in being awarded two additional grants for the Chartiers Park Field Lighting Project. He added that this funding secured the full amount estimated for the project.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, JASON SARASNICK – Mr. Sarasnick reported that leaf collection starts October 12 and Brush Collection starts November 2nd, both programs run through December 4. He also reported that the Department is still cutting grass and recently added vascar lines and slow markings on Sarah and Harding Streets.

PUBLIC SAFETY, NICHOLAS CIESIELSKI – Mr. Ciesielski reported that the added traffic markings and speed sign installed on Harding Street is working to address the traffic issue. He also reported that the annual Halloween Parade is Saturday, October 31st at 11AM and that Trick or Treat is also October 31st, from 6PM to 8PM.

Ms. Cimarolli asked how the four-way stop at Baldwin Street and McLaughlin Run Road is working. Chief James reported that it is working very well, exceeding expectations.

CHAR-WEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, JOE COLOSIMO – Mr. Colosimo reported that the recent salt bid through the COG was able to save us some money. He also reported that Green Tree Borough recently left the COG's membership. Lastly, Mr. Colosimo stated that Mr. Petrocelli had surgery this week and that it went well and he is ok.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland stated that on October 17th, she'll be officiating a wedding at Triangle Park and that on October 31st she'll be presenting a proclamation to a Troop 2 Boy scout who earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

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 responded to 775 calls for service, had 24 physical arrests, completed 195 separate traffic watches, issued 53

citations, 53 traffic warnings and 41 parking tickets. Chief James reported that the Sarah and Harding Street traffic markings and speed sign are working to address the speeding concerns on these streets. He stated that this smaller speed sign will be moved around town on the side streets where concerns are observed.

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

BOROUGH ENGINEER, JOHN HEYL – Engineer Heyl stated that he has provided the written report and that the Borough's MS4 permit was filed with the DEP.

He also reported that final design of the Commercial Street culvert continues and that they have been working with PENNDOT to secure the signal permit for the Bower Hill Road crossing project.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – Chief Costain reported that the BVFD responded to 34 calls for service in September. He also reported that the new Rescue Truck was delivered and now at an upfitter for equipment mounting. The Chief stated that the goal is for the new truck to be in service in December.

Chief Costain stated that earlier this year he met with Council's Public Safety Committee to discuss an issue that the Department is facing with daylight volunteer staffing who are available to answer emergency calls. It was suggested that Council consider implementing a paid firefighter program in 2027 to have two firefighters on duty during daylight hours. The Chief stated that his goal if it were to be advanced, would be to hire people from outside the department to increase the overall staffing. Mr. Ferri thanked the Chief for putting this issue on Council's radar and that it is being looked into for 2027 budget consideration.

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

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, LEESA SHADY – Ms. Tome reported that the Society held a bake sale earlier this month and raised $1,300. She reported that this month's speakers' program will be held on October 27th, 7:30pm at the Chartiers Room on the Great Castle Shannon Bank Robbery.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – Director Weaver reported that September was Love Your Library Month. The library raised $18,000, and an additional $12,000 was able to be matched by a grant. She reported that on October 17th, the Library is hosting a 100-year birthday celebration for Winnie the Pooh and a Haunted Library event on October 30th from 6PM to 8PM.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – Mrs. Colosimo reported that the Authority will meet on Monday, October 19th. She stated that they are considering security camera upgrades and prohibiting permit parking holders from using on-street spaces. The Authority continues consideration of adding electric vehicle charging stations to the lots and making Lot 5 on Baldwin Street a special parking lot for trailers.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Guiliani reported that the

Commission continues to participate with University of Pittsburgh engineering students who are studying ways to remedy Acid Mine Discharge in McLaughlin Run. She also stated that planning of the North End Washington Avenue traffic engineering project continues and that the Planning Commission presented the Council with 2027 budget consideration requests.

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

- $440,000 in two separate Grants awarded this month for Chartiers Park Field Lighting Improvements. They were a $150,000 LSA Grant and $290,000 DCNR Grant. To date we have secured $590,000 towards this project, which should cover 100% of its costs.
- $902,380 ALCOSAN GROW Grants awarded for McLaughlin Run sanitary sewer improvements. To fund 85% project costs. McLaughlin Work Area 1 for $657,591 and $244,789 for McLaughlin Work Area 4.
- Fall TreeVitalize Tree Grant approved, to plant 24 new street trees on Saturday, November 14th, meeting at 9AM at the Borough Building – volunteers needed.
- Assisted with the Tree Pittsburgh Tree Adoption Event at the Borough Building on 9/26/26, 300 free trees and shrubs were given away, with 85% of the participants residing in the Borough.
- 2027 Budget – work on next year's budget is underway.
- Drafted 4th Quarter Newsletter that will be mailed out in October trash bills.
- Bower Hill Crossing Project – the construction easements for the ADA ramp construction on the south side of the street have been secured.
- Using funds from this year's Day on the Avenue, planning is underway to host a Winter Market and Celebration on Saturday, December 5th, the day after Light Up Night. The plan is to have live music, craft vendors, food trucks and an open house at Pittsburgh Pottery.
- The Halloween Parade will be held on Saturday, October 31st, 11AM.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ferri, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary