

COLLEGEVILLE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Council President Cathy Kernen.

ROLL CALL: President Cathy Kernen, VP Gary Hoffmann, PPT Craig Farr, Marion McKinney, Kathy Costello, Valarie Beckius (ZOOM), Damien Brewster and Mayor Aidsand Wright-Riggins

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Engineer Dave Leh, Solicitor Rebecca Geiser, Police Chief John Barnshaw, Manager Tamara Twardowski (ZOOM) and Assistant Suzanne Robertson

The Mayor read our **Land Acknowledgement Statement:**

“We acknowledge that indigenous peoples and nations, including the Delaware Tribe of Indians, Delaware Nation, Eelūnaapèewii Lahkèewit (Delaware Nation at Moraviantown), Stockbridge-Munsee Community, and Munsee-Delaware Nation (Ontario) have stewarded through generations land and waterways on what is now known as Collegeville Borough. Our residences, businesses, organizations, and institutions rest on Lenapehoking, their ancestral and spiritual homeland. Collegeville Borough, in the State of Pennsylvania, honors and respects the enduring relationship that exists between these peoples and nations and this land.”

MOTION to approve the minutes from the June meeting by McKinney with a second by Costello
MOTION carries 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE:

MOTION to approve the Treasurer’s Report and checks numbered 322 – 393 which includes two payrolls, ACH transfers and payments in the amount of \$315,442.19 by McKinney with a second by Farr
MOTION carries 7-0

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT: Ms. Kernen advised of a potential new business on Main Street. A social board game café is being considered in the space of the previous La Spa Bliss. There is a new café (Dana’s Café) under construction at the Collegeville Shopping Center.

CTMA/PUBLIC WORKS: No report

CPVRPC: No report. Next meeting is July 19.

LPVRSAs: Ms. Stagliano reported for June & July. A total of 83 EDU’s were approved. 472 EDU’s for release of chapter 94 Consistency letters were approved. The generator project pay applications were completed. We are now in the process of recoating all the primary clarifiers. With so much rain over the last couple of months, a few primary tanks were taken in and out of service multiple times to accommodate low and high flows. PA DEP did the semi-annual inspection on June 10. No violations were noted. Representatives from Rise Up Cell Towers received their variance from Upper Providence and should be starting construction soon.

PARKS: Ms. Costello noted the clean up at the park in June. The gaga pit has been disassembled and removed. She continues to work with the Montgomery County Planning Commission along with Trappe Borough to work on the Master Plan for Waterworks and Collegeville parks. We are still waiting for estimates and recommendations on how to deal with the oil leak at the Scout Cabin. It continues to be closed for use. Ms. Costello noted that she is also working on the Veteran's Memorial at the park.

PERSONNEL:

MOTION to approve the resignation of Penny Balzereit from the Zoning Hearing Board by McKinney with a second by Hoffmann

MOTION carries 7-0

MOTION to approve the resignation of Frank Muller from the Planning Commission by McKinney with a second by Costello

MOTION carries 7-0

MOTION to approve the appointment of Frank Muller to the Zoning Hearing Board by McKinney with a second by Hoffmann

MOTION carries 7-0

MOTION to approve the Police Collective Bargaining Contract by McKinney with a second by Brewster

MOTION carries 7-0

MOTION to accept the resignation of Dennis Kellon from the Civil Service Board by McKinney with a second by Costello

MOTION carries 7-0

MOTION to approve Brian Moeller to the Civil Service Board by McKinney with a second by Costello

MOTION carries 7-0

Ms. Kernan advised that they are holding interviews this summer for the Junior Councilperson position vacated by Alicia Hoffmann. She also noted that we need two residents for the Planning Commission.

STREETS & PUBLIC SAFETY: Mr. Farr reported that a parking issue on Chestnut was discussed and they are in the very early stages of discussing an open hunt in the hopes of thinning the herd of deer in the borough. It probably won't happen this year, but they are considering it due to the volume of complaints from residents.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

ENGINEER:

MOTION to approve the final escrow release for Glenwood Reserve in the amount of \$65,032.65 contingent on an 18-month maintenance bond in the amount of \$46,588.13 by McKinney with a second by Brewster

MOTION carries 7-0

SOLICITOR: Ms. Geiser reported that there were two executive sessions this month. The first on July 2 regarding a personnel matter (Police contract) and the second on July 7 regarding litigation (Perkiomen Bridge Hotel). She continues to look at legal options for the borough with regards to the Perkiomen Bridge Hotel.

MOTION to approve the settlement of the appraisal of 555 Second Avenue and tax refund of \$1944.20 to Gordon Freeman Enterprises by McKinney with a second by Costello

MOTION carries 7-0

MANAGER:

MOTION to approve the manager to apply for a DCED Multi Modal Grant in the amount of \$1.4M for improvements to the 400 block of Main Street by Brewster with a second by McKinney

MOTION carries 7-0

POLICE: Chief Barnshaw's report is on file. He noted that the new body cameras are now being used on the street.

MOTION to approve fire requests received after our June meeting:

Trappe on June 22 and

Limerick and Lower Providence 4th of July parades by McKinney with a second by Hoffmann

MOTION carries 7-0

MAYOR:

MOTION to approve Resolution 2025-06 in support of Public Transportation Funding by McKinney with a second by Costello

MOTION carries 7-0

FIRE: Report on file

AMBULANCE: Reports on file.

MOTION to approve all reports by McKinney with a second by Brewster

MOTION carries 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chuck Draksler 484 Shakespeare Dr – Mr. Draksler asked for an update on the Perkiomen Bridge Hotel. Ms. Geiser explained that the borough is following all legal channels in the hopes of getting the building cleaned up by the owner so as not to spend taxpayer dollars. She is open to all suggestions.

OTHER BUSINESS: Ms. Kernen advised that the Movie on the Lawn at Ursinus next Friday is Moana 2. She noted there will be food trucks and that if it rains, it will move inside to Olin Hall. On August 15 there will be a sing-a-long version of Wicked.

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:17PM