

COLLEGEVILLE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 6, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Council VP Gary Hoffmann.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Engineer David Leh, Solicitor Rebecca Geiser, Manager Tamara Twardowski, Police Chief John Barnshaw and Assistant Suzanne Robertson

MOTION to approve the minutes from the July meeting by McKinney with a second by Costello
MOTION carries 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE:

MOTION to approve the Treasurer's Report and checks numbered 395-431 reflecting two payrolls, ACH transfers and payments in the amount of \$220,243.53

MOTION carries 6-0

Ms. Twardowski noted that the mid-year budget presentation will be in September. She also announced that Rep. Dean and Sen. Fetterman have moved forward an appropriations project request from the Borough that was a joint effort between the Borough and Ursinus College. The original amount requested was 3 million dollars, but we are not sure if we will get the full amount and what the rules will be on the spending of it. We hope to have more information in September.

Mr. Hoffmann thanked Ms. Twardowski and President Hannigan from Ursinus for their collaborative work to receive these funds. He feels that this money has been secured because of teamwork and is thankful for every dollar secured that saves taxpayer dollars.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT: Ms. McKinney encouraged everyone to come next Friday night to Ursinus campus for the Wicked Sing-a-Long. There will be food trucks, vendors and activities. She thanked Ms. Kernan and the CEDC for planning this event.

LVPRSA: No report

CTMA/PUBLIC WORKS: Ms. McKinney noted that they paid bills and continued the discussion about the water and wells. Mr. Farr added that the committee members from Trappe are dragging their feet in making decisions and that these delays will end up costing more. He feels there are some personal issues that are clouding their judgement.

REGIONAL PLANNING: The committee met on July 21st. Ms. Beckius reported that the meeting focused on Montgomery County's 2024 Housing Units Built Report and the 2024 Non-Residential Construction Report. Also discussed was the new Montco Forever Green open space program.

PARKS: Ms. Costello noted that the committee, Ms. Twardowski, Mr. Dolny (Trappe Manager) and members of the MCPC to discuss ideas for improvements to Water Works Park that could be added to the Master Plan for Collegeville parks. She is working on planning an open meeting for residents of both boroughs to discuss the Master Plan and get feedback. Ms. Costello said she is still in discussions with a couple bands for a fall concert. There has been a request for a West Mont soccer team to use our fields for practice this fall. There will be some additions to the Halloween Parade this year. It will be expanded to include activities at the Collegeville Park prior to the parade.

PERSONNEL:

MOTION to accept the resignation of Jerry Stayer from the Zoning Hearing Board by McKinney with a second by Costello

MOTION carries 6-0

STREETS & PUBLIC SAFETY: No report

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

ENGINEER: Mr. Leh noted that he has received word from the paving contractor for the 2025 Paving Project that they intend to complete the project the week of September 22nd. The "depression" on 10th Avenue will be repaired and filled in next week by our Public Works Department.

SOLICITOR: Ms. Geiser suggested that council agree to vote to move forward with the Purdue Pharma Class Action suit which would allow it to go to the hearing stage. Mr. Farr noted that he will not agree to vote for that. A discussion about the merits of the case ensued and it was decided they table voting until September when they have a clearer understanding of the situation. Ms. Geiser gave an overview of the process of Eminent Domain and advised that if there is a way to avoid it, that is preferable. These types of cases take a very long time to go through the courts and cost a lot of money in legal fees and have lasting costs to municipalities.

MANAGER: Ms. Twardowski advised that she received complaints about the fencing around the Perkiomen Bridge Hotel being compromised. She reached out to Mr. Crawford and the repairs have been made. She urged residents to report anything they see that doesn't look right around town and she will do her best to address and all concerns.

POLICE:

MOTION to approve the memorandum of understanding for the PVSD Bus Patrol program by Brewster with a second by Costello

MOTION carries 7-0

MOTION to approve the road closure on Main Street on October 29 from 6-9PM for the Halloween Parade by McKinney with a second by Beckius

MOTION carries 6-0

MAYOR: The Mayor expressed his appreciation for our Council and Staff and the hard work that goes into running a municipality and making good things happen here.

FIRE: Mr. Penuel reported 110-day book entries, 3 training sessions and 688.5 hours of service to the community.

AMBULANCE: Report on file

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

MOTION carries 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OTHER BUSINESS: Ms. McKinney noted there is a Breast Cancer Walk scheduled at Ursinus by student Madison Smith on October 19. She hopes it will be a successful community event.

Mr. Hoffmann thanked Ms. Robertson for her years of service to the Borough and wished her well!

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:45PM