

COLLEGEVILLE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
March 4, 2026

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

**ROLL CALL:**

President Cathy Kernen, VP Gary Hoffmann, PPT Craig Farr, Valarie Beckius, Kathy Costello, Marion McKinney and Mayor Aidsand Wright-Riggins. Damien Brewster was absent.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Engineer David Leh, Solicitor Rebecca Geiser, Manager Tamara Twardowski and Police Chief John Barnshaw.

**MOTION** to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2026 meeting by McKinney. Seconded by Costello.

**Motion** carries 6-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Aileen Johnson attended the meeting to give the Borough an update on the building project for the Perkiomen Valley Library and explained the many improvements that the building will have. The construction is scheduled to be completed at the end of August. The library is currently operating out of the Schwenksville Borough Hall with limited hours and services.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BUDGET & FINANCE:**

**MOTION** by McKinney to approve checks numbered 712-740, reflecting two payrolls, ACH transfers and payments in the amount of \$338,365.92. Seconded by Hoffmann.

**Motion** carries 6-0

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT:**

No report

**CPVRPC:**

The commission did not meet in February. The next meeting is scheduled for March 16 at the Lower Frederick Township building.

**CTMA/PUBLIC WORKS:**

Minutes dated 1/28/2026 and financial reports as of 2/23/2026 were received from both entities. Ms. McKinney reported that Re-Organization was accomplished. An executive session was held to discuss a personnel matter.

**MOTION** by McKinney to give the Public Works Director a 4.13% raise retroactive to January 1, 2026. Seconded by Beckius.

**Motion** carries 6-0.

LPVRSAs:

Ms. Stagliano gave a report of activities in January and February. She shared that she had been elected as Chair at the re-organization meeting. 33 EDU's Were approved. Chapter 94 Consistency letters with 512 EDU's were approved. 472 of those were for Collegeville Road in Upper Providence Township. The generator project is completed. There are minor issues with the primary clarifiers that are being addressed.

PARKS:

MS. Costello reported that they will be holding 2 concerts this year. The first one will be May 16<sup>th</sup> at Collegeville Community Park and the next will be June 11<sup>th</sup> at Water Works Park.

PERSONNEL:

No report

STREETS & PUBLIC SAFETY:

No report.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

ENGINEER:

2026 road work will include Ultra-Thin Bonded Wearing Course on the following streets. Curbs have been inspected on these streets and a list of repairs/replacements of curbs, etc. that need to be completed by the property owners has been compiled. The bid package for the roadwork has been prepared.

**MOTION** by McKinney to authorize the advertising of bids for the 2026 road project. Seconded by Costello.

**Motion** carries 6-0.

Sixth Avenue will also be done but in conjunction with Upper Providence's Road project.

SOLICITOR:

Ms. Geiser, Solicitor, presented an agreement with Upper Providence's that would enable cost-sharing on the paving project this year. When finalized; Collegeville would pay 4% of the cost of the paving.

**MOTION** by McKinney to approve the agreement with Upper Providence for 2026 paving project when the agreement is finalized to the satisfaction of the Borough and the Solicitor. Seconded by Hoffmann.

**Motion** carries 6-0.

505-511 Second Avenue has appealed the assessment for their property. A settlement agreement was proposed that would reduce the assessment by \$86,128 and the Borough taxes by \$736.39.

**MOTION** by McKinney by to approve to approve the settlement approval. Seconded by Farr.

**Motion** carries 6-0.

Ms. Geiser announced that an executive session was held on March 2 from 5:00 to 6:05 pm to discuss litigation matters.

MANAGER:

Historic Trappe received a grant to fund the cost of and installation of some wayfinding signage to help guide Perkiomen Trail users along Main Street to historic sites. They are seeking to install two signs that would be within Collegetown Borough: one at the trailhead in Collegetown and one somewhere in Collegetown, perhaps in front of your borough hall or at the Collegetown/Trappe border, to encourage people to keep going; the other three would be installed at our Main Street properties. Each property will also get a more detailed interpretive sign with pictures on it about the site, its occupants, history, etc.

**MOTION** by McKinney to approve the Wayfinding signage proposed by Historic Trappe. Seconded by Costello.

**Motion** carries 6-0.

The Borough Managers from Collegetown and Trappe applied for a grant and if approved would help fund the proposed Interconnect Project.

**MOTION** by Beckius to approve Resolution 2026-04 to apply for a Montco 2040 Grant that would help with funding for the NPWA Interconnect Project. Seconded by McKinney.

**Motion** carries 6-0.

POLICE:

Chief Barnshaw presented his report.

A request was received from Ursinus College to close Main Street for their commencement ceremony on Friday, May 22, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

**MOTION** by McKinney to apply for the PennDOT Permit that is required to close Main Street for the Ursinus Graduation. Seconded by Costello.

**Motion** carries 6-0.

Requests for fire police were received from Conshohocken for the Saint Patrick's Day Parade on March 14 and from Upper Dublin for their triathlon on May 17.

**MOTION** by McKinney to approve the Fire Police requests that were received. Seconded by Hoffmann.

**Motion** carries 6-0.

There was discussion on the impact of 7 Brews in regards to traffic and the shopping center tenants and patrons.

**MOTION** by Beckius to approve Collegeville Fire Police for events at 7Brews if the Fire Company receives a donation for their services. Seconded by McKinney.

**Motion** carries 6-0.

FIRE:

Assistant Chief Penuel gave the report for February. 28 incidents were responded to. Two training sessions were held. Education on the new reporting system continues.

AMBULANCE:

No report.

**MOTION** by McKinney to accept all the reports. Seconded by Costello.

**Motion** carries 6-0.

Ms. Kernen noted that there will be a Dinner and a Show event with the Ursinus and local restaurants. The play is called "Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind."

Movies on the lawn will again take place this summer.

The CEDC will be hosting 3 movies on June 5, July 24, and August 7<sup>th</sup>.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

J. Snovel asked if the Mayor had a report tonight, and he said he was passing. A. Johnson relayed that the cash register round up at Kimberton Whole Foods this month goes to the Perkiomen Valley Library and that there will be a library representative at Whole Foods several dates this month to provide information on the library.

OTHER BUSINESS:

No other business.

MEETING ADJOURNED