

COLLEGEVILLE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 1, 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, Damien Brewster Kathy Costello, and Marion McKinney. Mayor Aidsand Wright-Riggins was absent.

IN ATTENDENCE:

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

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

Motion carries 7-0.

Entech Engineering Presentation

Matthew Boggs from Entech Engineering and Joe Hastings, CTJPWC Director were present and gave an overview of the PFAS Treatment Options Report. The options studied included treatment at our own wells, an interconnection with North Penn Water Authority, an interconnection with Aqua or PA American, and a combination of both treatment and interconnection. The most economic alternative was an interconnection with North Penn Water Authority. This option not only would provide contaminant free water, it would also solve the potential water shortages that the CTJPW system has during periods of drought.

Discussion and questions ensued amongst Council members.

Mr. Penuel asked whether we could keep current wells active for firefighting activities.

Mr. Trautman had questions relating to Charter documents.

MOTION by McKinney to approve Interconnection with North Penn Water Authority. Seconded by Brewster.

Motion carries 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Vanessa Disco – 525 School Street reported the building’s basement was flooded with sewage 3 years ago; drywall and wood structures were cleaned but not replaced. Tenant is requesting the Borough require removal and remediation due to health concerns about bacteria growth behind materials. The Borough Solicitor advised that if there are no current code violations identified that the Borough’s authority is limited; however, the tenant could consult attorney for private legal action against the landlord.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE:

MOTION by McKinney to approve checks numbered 776-821, reflecting two payrolls, ACH transfers and payments in the amount of \$216,198.35. Seconded by Hoffmann.

Motion carries 7-0

2025 Audit Reports were distributed to Council and have been filed with DCED.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT: No report.

CPVRPC:

The March meeting was cancelled. Ms. Beckius shared that Montgomery and Chester Counties Planning Commissions have completed a guideline of best practices for preparing a Data Center Ordinance. The 2026 Household Hazardous Waste Collection flyer is available. It is posted on the Borough's website.

CTMA/PUBLIC WORKS:

Minutes dated 2/24/2026 and financial reports as of 3/23/2026 were received from both entities. Ms. Beckius reported that the By-Law for Public Works are being reviewed.

LPVRSAs: No report

PARKS:

Ms. Costello reported that the new picnic tables that were purchased have been received by the vendor, but have not yet been delivered and set up. She reminded everyone that there will be a concert at Waterworks Park on May 16 and a June 11 concert at the Community Park.

PERSONNEL: No report

STREETS & PUBLIC SAFETY:

Discussions related to Carmen Drive sidewalk and tree issues were tabled for the time being.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

ENGINEER:

Only one qualified bid was received for the 2026 roadwork. This was not unexpected as Micro Resurfacing requires a special process and there are only two main companies in the area that do that work.

MOTION by McKinney to award the 2026 roadwork project to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$357,573.76. Seconded by Hoffmann.

Motion carries 7 -0.

SOLICITOR: No report

MANAGER:

Ms. Twardowski would like to apply for a 2026 Community Development Block Grant which if approved/granted would be used to fund equipment and surface replacement at Collegeville Community Park.

MOTION by McKinney to approve the Resolution 2026-05 which authorizes the Borough Manager to apply for the CDBG Grant. Seconded by Brewster.

Motion carries 7-0.

POLICE:

Chief Barnshaw presented his report for the month of March. The Police will sponsor a “Drug Takeback Day” on Saturday, April 25 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. This allows the public to dispose of unused medications. Future community events to be attended by the Police are Magic Memories “Meet & Greet” on April 7, “Hometown Torch Run” with the Special Olympics on May 1 and “Coffee with a Cop” at Liberty Thrift on May 2nd.

Fire Police assistance was requested from Limerick Township for their carnival, Lower Providence for the Montgomery County Heroes Festival and Skippack’s July 4th parade.

Collegeville has requested assistance on Friday, May 22 when Main Street will be closed from 9:00 to 1:00 for Ursinus’s Graduation.

MOTION by McKinney to approve the Fire Police request. Seconded by Brewster.

Motion carries 7-0.

FIRE:

Assistant Chief Penuel summarized the Fire Company’s activities for March.

AMBULANCE: No report

MOTION by McKinney to accept all the reports. Seconded by Beckius.

Motion carries 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

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