

## PENNDel BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2026

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President John Stratz.

ROLL CALL: John Stratz, President  
Barbara Heffelfinger, VP  
Robin Valentis-absent  
Bud Murphy  
Bob Winkler  
Gary Nickerson  
Ryan Sorensen  
Tom Sodano, Mayor

Staff:  
Solicitor, Barbara Kirk  
Manager, Geoff Thompson  
Chief, Sean Perry  
Engineer, Carol Schuehler  
Secretary, Marie Serota

### COUNCIL OR BOROUGH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Borough meetings are recorded for the purpose of preparing the minutes.
- The meetings planning the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration have started. More information will follow soon.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Smith, said he is not against the SEPTA Project at the train station but is concerned about the cost to the borough for sewer upgrades, storm drains and roads.

Karen Kondrk was having a problem hearing and asked if Council can please speak into the microphones.

### CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO APPROVE THE MARCH 2, 2026 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.  
SECONDED BY BOB WINKLER. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO PAY THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026:

|                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>General Fund</b>             | <b>\$55,847.96</b> |
| <b>Refuse</b>                   | <b>\$25,230.15</b> |
| <b>Sewer Fund</b>               | <b>\$34,657.68</b> |
| <b>Capital Reserve Fund</b>     | <b>\$15,740.60</b> |
| <b>Liquid Fuels' Fund</b>       | <b>\$11,255.80</b> |
| <b>Escrow Fund</b>              | <b>\$ 4,301.00</b> |
| <b>Payroll Fund</b>             | <b>\$ 1,410.21</b> |
| <b>Non-Uniform Pension Fund</b> | <b>\$ 3,550.00</b> |
| <b>Police Pension Fund</b>      | <b>\$ 3,250.00</b> |

### Payroll

|              |                    |
|--------------|--------------------|
| General Fund | \$25,885.81        |
| Sewer Fund   | <u>\$17,729.15</u> |

**Total                      \$43,614.96**

SECONDED BY RYAN SORENSEN. All ayes, motion carried.

### REPORTS

*President's Report – John Stratz*

Last year, at this time, Penndel released a resolution recognizing April as National Safe Digging Month. It's a national effort to highlight the importance of safe digging practices and contacting 811

before you dig. Their mission is to prevent damage to underground facilities, cables, phone lines, to promote safety and provide efficient and effective communications network among project owners, designers, excavators, and facility owners. So, when dialing 811 at least three business days before digging, the homeowner and contractor is knowingly helping to protect the underground facilities, the work crew and themselves and their neighbors from any unsafe digging practices. So, tonight I want to acknowledge the importance of this program.

Saturday, I had the privilege of participating in our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. I hid eggs in Redeemer's large yard and watched a wave of humanity surge forward like it was the polar plunge. This is what makes it all worthwhile.

**Borough Manager's Report** – Manager Geoff Thompson read his report, which is on file in the secretary's office.

**Mayor's Report** – The Mayor read his report, which is attached.

**Police Chief's Report** – Chief Perry read his report, which is on file in the secretary's office.

**Solicitor's Report**

Borough Council asked borough solicitor to participate in the zoning hearing appeal by the owners of 201 W. Lincoln Hwy. The hearing has been continued to 4/15/26.

**Engineer's Report** – Carol Schuehler read her report, which is attached.

MOTION BY RYAN SORENSEN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2026-4 APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE MEMORIAL PARK WALKING TRAIL AND BACKSTOP SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS. SECONDED BY BUD MURPHY. All ayes, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO RATIFY APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MID-CYCLE INVOICES:

**AT&T Mobility** invoice #X02262026 dated 2/18/26 in the amount of \$235.25 for police department wireless service.

**BCW&SA** invoice dated 2/20/26 in the amount of \$25,654.30 for January wholesale sewer service.

**Davidheisers, Inc.** invoice #30116 dated 11/7/25 in the amount of \$120.00 for testing and certification of four stop watches.

**Leck Waste Services** invoice #636553 dated 3/1/26 in the amount of \$25,193.28 for March trash service.

**BCW&SA** invoice dated 2/20/26 in the amount of \$26.69 for water at the public works' building.

**BCW&SA** invoice dated 2/20/26 in the amount of \$26.69 for water at pump station #1.

**BCW&SA** invoice dated 2/20/26 in the amount of \$31.40 for water at borough hall.

**BCW&SA** invoice dated 2/20/26 in the amount of \$29.64 for water at police department.

**BCW&SA** invoice dated 2/20/26 in the amount of \$26.69 for water at pump station #2.

**BCW&SA** invoice dated 2/20/26 in the amount of \$26.69 for water at memorial field.

**Charles Schwab & Co.** invoice dated 2/28/26 in the amount of \$1,049.99 for February employee contributions.

**The Hartford** invoice #357528098872 dated 3/1/26 in the amount of \$826.38 for life insurance for police department, Leah-Rosa, and Serota

**Verizon** invoices dated 2/20/26 totaling \$114.31 for phone bills for the public works' building and two pump stations.

**Bucks County Law Library** invoice dated 3/5/26 in the amount of \$30.00 for registration of Ordinance #2006-1, #2006-2, and #2006-3.

**Comcast** invoices dated 2/26/26 totaling \$562.22 for internet and voice services at borough hall and police department.

**Encova Insurance** invoice #37220494 in the amount of \$3,840.00 for workers' compensation insurance premium installment (all but fire department)

**Gettysburg Premium Account** invoice dated 2/27/26 in the amount of \$201.93 for dental insurance premium installment.

**State Workers' Insurance Fund** invoice dated 2/27/26 in the amount of \$1,643.00 for fire department workers' compensation insurance premium installment.

**Comcast** invoice dated 3/2/26 in the amount of \$372.85 for internet at public works' building.

**Comcast** invoice #265306805 in the amount of \$425.11 for business voice edge service

**Associated Imaging Solutions** invoice #INV560442 in the amount of \$28.39 for copies during the period of 2/11/26 to 3/10/26

**Independence Blue Cross** invoice #582519729639 dated 3/5/26 in the amount of \$7,682.11 for medical insurance premium installment.

**Verizon Wireless** invoice #6137443568 in the amount of \$36.73 for M2M Account Share 1 GB

**PECO Payment Processing** invoice dated 3/20/26 in the amount of \$1,646.43 for streetlights' electricity.

**Heritage Society of PennDel** invoice dated 3/26/26 in the amount of \$247.96 for 250<sup>th</sup> celebration banners.

**VIPR.AI LLC** invoice #QT-1653V dated 3/30/26 in the amount of \$1,980.00 for vehicle intelligence and plate recognition software.

SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #2026-1 REGULATING, RESTRICTING, OR PROHIBITING THE OPEN BURNING OF MATERIALS WITH THE REVISIONS AS DISCUSSED.

SECONDED BY BOB WINKLER. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #2026-2 PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR FALSE FIRE ALARMS CAUSED BY FAULTY FIRE DETECTION, ALARM EQUIPMENT OR NEGLIGENCE. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #2026-3 AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE BOROUGH REGARDING PARKING OF TRACTOR-TRAILERS IN GENERAL ON PARK AVENUE.

SECONDED BY RYAN SORENSEN. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE LAND DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT JOSHUA COHEN LIVING REVOKABLE TRUST 10 LINCOLN AVENUE, PENNDEL, PA 19047. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE STORMWATER CONTROLS AND BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES OPERATIONS & MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT JOSHUA COHEN LIVING REVOKABLE TRUST. SECONDED BY RYAN SORENSEN. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2026-3 DISPOSITION OF PUBLIC RECORDS.

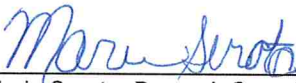
SECONDED BY BOB WINKLER. All ayes, motion carried.

COUNCIL MEMBERS TO BE HEARD - None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY BUD MURPHY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:37 P.M. SECONDED BY BOB WINKLER. All ayes, motion carried.

Submitted by:

  
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Marie Serota, Borough Secretary/Treasurer

## Mayor's Report for March 2026

Attended the Borough Council meeting .

Attended the Penndel USA 250th Committee meetings, ZHB meeting, Planning Commission meeting and the Septa open house.

Tonight council will be voting on parking ordinance updates for Park Avenue. As reported here previously, I have been working with Borough officials, and pleading with Council to act, to update all Penndel Borough parking codes and ordinances as well as traffic ordinances. My suggested goals are to improve pedestrian safety, improve signage and pavement markings and address speeding and stop sign issues. Input from residents is always appreciated and will be considered in any changes moving forward.

Council Woman Heffelfinger still needs help for our Nation's 250th.

Redeemer Lutheran is hosting **Springo**, or Spring Bingo on Friday, April 24th at 6:30pm

The OLG Spring Fling is Friday May 8th.

The annual Penndel Classic Car Show is Saturday, May 10th in the OLG school lot.

Mother's Day is Sunday May 10th.

Pennsylvania Primary Election Day is Tuesday, May 19th.

The Penndel-Hulmeville Memorial Day parade is Saturday May 23rd.

The Penndel Community Day and Borough-wide yard sale is Saturday, June 6th.

Father's Day is Sunday June 21st.

Sunset time tonight was officially 7:29. Remember children are out and about as we all return home from our busy workdays. Stay alert, observe the speed limits and make full stops at the stop signs. Young lives are depending on us. And remember, never leave your vehicle running and unattended!

## April 6, 2026 Engineers Report

Penndel Borough, Bucks County

### >> C2P2 Grant Application

On the agenda this evening is a resolution to be passed supporting the C2P2 grant application.

Since soil testing and survey were completed two weeks ago, we have worked on preliminary design to support the C2P2 grant application. We have also worked on updating the project estimate as we develop more design detail. You may recall from prior discussions that a DCED Greenways grant already awarded for trail installation can be used as match for the DCNR C2P2 grant.

An updated tally is provided below.

Construction costs Trail + Backstops = \$ 420,947

C2P2 funds 50% project cost = \$ 210,473

DCED Greenways grant award= \$ 170,000

Sum of potential grant funding = \$ 380,473

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Potential Borough Construction Cost = \$ 40,474

### Soil Testing at Memorial Park – (and Taddei Woods?)

Soil testing completed at Memorial Park was successful in identifying soils that can infiltrate stormwater, and the resulting information has been used for preliminary design of stormwater management for the walking trail project.

Soil testing completed that same day at Taddei Woods did not find a layer of soils suitable for infiltration in the locations tested.

### Growing Greener Stream Restoration – RFP for Design.

The Growing Greener grant that was recently awarded to Penndel Borough for design and permitting of stream restoration includes a competitive procurement requirement. The Borough issued a Request for Proposal to qualified environmental design firms with experience in Stream Restoration projects. Three (3) proposals have been submitted to the Borough. We intend to review the proposals and provide our recommendation to Council at the May meeting.

### Resurfacing Monroe Avenue and Crescent (east of Bellevue)

Barrett Paving anticipates performing the contracted work the week of May 11<sup>th</sup>.

## CDBG Grant Award – Memorial Park Access Improvements

The Borough submitted a grant application for CDBG funding of improvements to the sidewalk and fence along the Pfc. John Dalola Avenue frontage of Memorial Park. The application requested \$300,610 for the proposed work. The Borough has received notice of intended award in the amount of \$200,000. We are working with the CDBG office on how we can adjust the project scope to comply with budget.

CDBG would like the Borough to complete the work this calendar year. Realistically, that would be a fall construction project. We may need to coordinate with the Wildcat Football schedule to minimize disruptions, so the project would be planned to begin in mid to late October.

To meet the schedule requested by CDBG, we will need to schedule survey this month. We plan to complete project design for presentation to Borough Council and CDBG by the end of May.

## Daycare at 239 Highland Avenue

Installation of stormwater management facilities is underway and is subject to ongoing construction inspection. When complete, two infiltration beds will accept and infiltrate runoff from the artificial turf play areas and from the building roof drains.

## Neshaminy Collision

Final land development plans have been presented for signature and recording. The related agreements are on the agenda this evening.