

PENNDel BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 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	Staff:
	Barbara Heffelfinger, VP-via telephone	Solicitor, Barbara Kirk
	Robin Valentis-via telephone	Manager, Geoff Thompson-absent
	Bud Murphy	Chief, Sean Perry
	Bob Winkler	Engineer, Carol Schuehler
	Gary Nickerson	Secretary, Marie Serota
	Ryan Sorensen	
	Tom Sodano, Mayor	

PRESENTATION – Paul Schneider, Langhorne Borough Councilman, Proposed Cloverleaf

Paul Schneider, Cindy Transue, and Carol Ann Aicher, residents of Langhorne Manor Borough, asked for Council's support against PennDOT's proposed Cloverleaf project. Power point slides presented at the meeting are filed in the secretary's office.

NESHAMINY COLLISION AMENDED LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Solicitor Bryce McGuigan and owner of 10 Lincoln Avenue, Joshua Cohen attended the meeting. Mr. McGuigan explained the need for the waiver. Borough Engineer does not object to the waiver.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO APPROVE THE AMENDED LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AS SUBMITTED BY NESHAMINY COLLISION LOCATED AT 10 LINCOLN AVENUE, PENNDel, PA SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH THE BOROUGH ENGINEER'S COMMENTS AS OUTLINED IN HER REVIEW LETTER DATED JUNE 26, 2026 WITH APPROVAL OF A WAIVER WITH RESPECT TO THE DIMENSIONS OF THE NEW PROPOSED DRIVEWAY FROM THE PROPERTY LINE WHEREBY IT WILL BE 5.2 FEET FROM THE PROPERTY LINE IN LIEU OF THE 12 FEET REQUIRED BY THE CODE. SECONDED BY BUD MURPHY. All ayes, motion carried.

COUNCIL OR BOROUGH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Borough meetings are recorded for the purpose of preparing the minutes.
- All comments must be made at the microphone and be kept at three minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT – On Agenda Items and Non-Agenda Items (3-minute time limit)

Mike Smith, HVAC unit at the recreation field snack stand was installed sometime between 1992 and 1994 with donated funds. He thinks council should pay for half of the cost.

CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION BY BUD MURPHY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 2026 COUNCIL MEETING. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO PAY THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2026:

General Fund	\$38,819.76
Refuse	\$ 1,335.70
Sewer Fund	\$41,173.09
Capital Reserve Fund	\$31,854.36
Liquid Fuels' Fund	\$ 1,156.31
Escrow Fund	\$ 2,864.00
Payroll Fund	\$ 1,004.53

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General Fund	\$34,527.46
Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 4,274.68</u>
Total	\$38,802.14

SECONDED BY RYAN SORENSEN. All ayes, motion carried.

REPORTS

President's Report:

For those wondering, yes, it was I who turned on the timer for the lights around the basketball court. I did this to discourage firework usage at the field because it is: 1. Illegal to shoot off fireworks in Penn del. 2. We do this to prevent injuries and potential house fires in our community.

Borough Manager's Report - Geoff Thompson was away.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Tom Sodano read his report, which is attached.

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

Solicitor's Report – none

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

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO AUTHORIZE SIGNATURE OF THE LAND STUDIES AGREEMENT, LS PROPOSAL #: PD-2006.2-26 DATED 6/29/26 AND DESIGNATE THE BOROUGH MANAGER AS AGENT TO SIGN FOR THE BOROUGH. SECONDED BY RYAN SORENSEN. All ayes, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO TABLE THE MOTION TO REPLACE THE HVAC SYSTEM AT THE RECREATION FIELD CONCESSION STAND BUILDING. SECONDED BY RYAN SORENSEN. All ayes, carried.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Comcast invoice dated 05/26/2026 in the amount of \$570.88 (2 months) for internet and voice services at 300 Bellevue Avenue

A T & T Mobility invoice dated 5/18/2026 in the amount of \$547.99 (2 months) for PD wireless services.

Comcast invoice dated 5/26/2026 in the amount of \$284.14 for internet and voice services for 37 W. Woodland Ave.

Leck Waste Services invoice #659820 in the amount of \$25,193.28 for June residential trash service

The Hartford invoice #357520425575 dated 6/5/2026 in the amount of \$715.14 for life insurance premium.

Verizon invoice dated 5/20/2026 in the amount of \$42.06 for 790 Neshaminy St.

Verizon invoice dated 5/20/2026 in the amount of \$48.25 for pump station.

Verizon invoice dated 5/20/2026 in the amount of \$41.64 for pump station.

Encova Insurance invoice #37284634 in the amount of \$4,095.00 for workers' compensation insurance installment

Gettysburg Premium Account invoice dated 5/29/2026 in the amount of \$201.93 for dental insurance premium installment.

State Workers' Insurance Fund invoice dated 6/1/2026 in the amount of \$1,725.00 for fire department's workers' compensation insurance.

Pens.com invoice #114619799 dated 4/27/2026 in the amount of \$783.04 for 500 tote bags w/patriotic flag.

Comcast invoice dated 6/2/2026 in the amount of \$372.85 for internet at 790 Neshaminy St.

Comcast invoice #274235526 dated 6/1/2026 in the amount of \$424.66 for business voice edge service.

Independence Blue Cross invoice #582517264886 dated 6/5/2026 in the amount of \$7,682.11 for medical insurance premium.

Richard T. Barrett Paving Co. invoice dated 5/29/26 in the amount of \$24,628.16 for full and final payment for Crescent St. paving.

Verizon Wireless Invoice #6145015537 dated 6/1/2026 in the amount of \$25.02 for M2M Account Share 1 GB

DeLage Landen Financial Services, Inc. invoice #597576623 dated 6/21/2026 for copier lease payment.

Philadelphia Insurance Company invoice #2009368687 dated 6/10/2026 for volunteer accident police in the amount of \$300.00.

Selective Insurance Co. of America invoiced 6/12/2026 in the amount of \$150.00 for pension plans' bond (to be reimbursed from the pension funds).

PECO Payment Processing invoice dated 6/22/2026 in the amount of \$1,645.51 for streetlights' electricity.

Langhorne Postmaster invoice dated 6/30/2026 in the amount of \$258.04 for summer newsletter postage.

SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BUD MURPHY TO APPOINT ALEXANDER GROVES AS A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER, CONTINGENT UPON THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A BACKGROUD INVESTIGATION AND ALL REMAINING CIVIL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS. SECONDED BY RYAN SORENSEN. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO APPOINT MICHAEL PERILLO AS A PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER, CONTINGENT UPON THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, motion carried.

COUNCIL MEMBERS TO BE HEARD

Barbara Heffelfinger said history is important to preserve our towns. Jennifer did one heck of a job on the newsletter.

Mayor Sodano thanked the Civil Service Committee for their work through the process of our first full-time officer since the commission was formed. They were very helpful.

Chief Perry thanked Council, the Civil Service Committee, and four police chiefs for conducting the oral interviews: Chief John Kenney, Chief John Baran, Chief Kevin Burns and Chief William Golden.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:50 P.M. SECONDED BY GARY NICKERSON. All ayes, motion carried.

Submitted by:


Marie Serota, Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Mayor's Report for June 2026

In June I attended the Borough Council meeting .

I attended as many of the Penndel USA 250th Committee meetings as my schedule would allow, and attended the ZHB meeting and the Annual Penndel Community day. I assisted Chief Perry with the testing process for candidates for the Penndel borough Police full time patrol officer position.

Community Day was a huge success. I would especially like to thank our local businesses for their continued support and generosity. Without them, Community day could not happen. Looking ahead to next year, Penndel Community Day 2027 will be on Saturday June 5th.

National Night Out will be Tuesday August 4th at the Penndel Memorial fields from 5pm to 8:30pm.

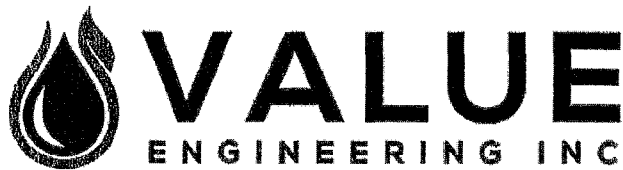
Penndel Borough's USA 250th Celebration will be Saturday, September 19th, 2026 from 10am to 6pm at the Redeemer field on Fairview Avenue.

I hope you all got your Penndel Borough newsletter. First, kudos to Jennifer Leah-Rosa for a job well done. The addition of color and graphics enhances the finished product and helps make it feel fresh, fun and user friendly.

This edition is chock full of great information from the First Responders, The Fire Marshall and the Chief of Police.

Please remember to check page 11 and take a moment to let us know if you wish to continue receiving future newsletters via US Mail or electronically.

And remember, never leave your vehicle running and unattended!



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July 6, 2026 Engineers Report Penndel Borough, Bucks County

➤ Neshaminy Collision

The Borough recently received a proposed amendment to the Land Development Plan for Neshaminy Collision. We have prepared a brief review of the amended plan relative to Borough Codes and conditions of the prior approval for your use in consideration of the revised plan.

➤ Growing Greener Stream Restoration – RFP for Design

LandStudies, the selected consultant for stream restoration design, has sent their contract to Penndel Borough for execution by Borough Officials.

ARLE Grant Traffic Signal Design

PennDOT approved the design drawings and issued a Traffic Signal Permit for the intersection of Lincoln Highway and Durham Road. Upon receipt of the valuation information from the appraiser, we will contact and meet with each property owner regarding necessary rights-of-way.

CDBG Grant Award – Memorial Park Access Improvements

Bid documents and specifications for accessibility improvements to the sidewalk and fence along the Pfc. John Dalola Avenue frontage of Memorial Park are on PennBID, with bid opening scheduled for July 23rd.

50 Hulmeville Avenue

Work detailed on the plan approved by Penndel Borough and the Bucks County Conservation District has started slowly. The contractor brush cut the area at the end of May, and a surveyor staked out some of the work in mid-June.

GIS mapping of Storm and Sanitary Sewers

We have been working to update and consolidate the storm and sanitary sewer system maps for the Borough to move beyond the paper maps of the 1960's. We already had much of the storm sewer inventoried on GIS for the MS4 program and other projects. The sanitary sewer map was imported into GIS and facility locations checked to align and adjust the mapping to meet actual conditions.

A static map has been generated that can be used by Borough staff to locate facilities for PA One Call markings, find identifying reference numbers for Borough manholes, and fulfill all other uses of utility mapping. The map background can be switched between plain background and satellite image. The layers for storm or sanitary sewer can be turned on or off for viewer convenience.

We provided a version of this map to the sewer system operator and to Borough staff last month. They can access the map with a PC, tablet, or smartphone. The map is a work in progress, as we are continually reviewing and updating. View the map at <https://value.engineering/pb/maps/sewer/>

