

## PENNDel BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 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-via telephone  
Bud Murphy  
Bob Winkler  
Gary Nickerson  
Ryan Sorensen  
Tom Sodano, Mayor

Staff:  
Solicitor, Dave Truelove  
Manager, Geoff Thompson  
Chief, Sean Perry-excused  
Engineer, Carol Schuehler  
Secretary, Marie Serota

### 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

Mike Smith, provided some history on the concession stand and the HVAC system. Commented on the portion of Crescent Street that was just repaved but did not require new sidewalks and curbs to be installed.

Pat Donahue, said that he was forced to repair his sidewalks and curbs when Bellevue Avenue was repaved.

Karen Kondrk, said she had to get a permit for a new roof in the past, but the borough no longer requires a permit for residential roof replacement. Policies change.

Jackie Reese, the Heritage Society is selling coupon books for \$2.00. When the coupons are used, they will stamp the book. At the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration they can be exchanged for raffle tickets. You can contact Jackie on Facebook to purchase or for more information. Also available at borough hall.

### CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION BY RYAN SORENSEN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2026 MEETING. SECONDED BY GARY NICKERSON. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BOB WINKLER TO PAY THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2026:

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>General Fund</b>         | <b>\$26,218.08</b> |
| <b>Refuse</b>               | <b>\$ 121.07</b>   |
| <b>Sewer Fund</b>           | <b>\$ 6,227.85</b> |
| <b>Capital Reserve Fund</b> | <b>\$ 844.50</b>   |
| <b>Liquid Fuels' Fund</b>   | <b>\$ 576.06</b>   |
| <b>Escrow Fund</b>          | <b>\$ 2,142.00</b> |
| <b>Payroll Fund</b>         | <b>\$ 1,847.35</b> |

### Payroll

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|--------------|--------------------|
| General Fund | \$49,829.55        |
| Sewer Fund   | <u>\$ 5,267.50</u> |

**Total                    \$55,097.05**

SECONDED BY GARY NICKERSON. All ayes, motion carried.

## REPORTS

### ***President's Report:***

John Stratz said he has just returned from the four-day conference of the PA State Borough's Association. It was a peaceful and wonderful experience. There was no 6 o'clock news on the TV, no problems on a nightly basis, just mutual respect and cooperation from all the delegates in attendance no matter where they're from. There are 954 boroughs in Pennsylvania and close to three quarters sent a representative. It's always interesting to hear the problems other boroughs are having, pretty much universally, about the same problems we go through ourselves, and it's helpful to hear how others try to fix these problems. I will have much more to give you at our next meeting. Penndel will do it's best to move forward and continue to improve for all our citizens.

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

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

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

### ***Solicitor's Report:***

Dave Truelove, explained that Barbara Kirk revised the group home Ordinance 2026-4 and provided it to Council for their review. The revised ordinance was done after Bucks County Planning Commission's comments were received.

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

MOTION BY RYAN SORENSEN TO HIRE LAND STUDIES TO DO THE ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN FOR THE NESHAMINY STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT. SECONDED BY GARY NICKERSON. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO PAY ONE FULL AND FINAL PAYMENT TO RICHARD T. BARRETT PAVING COMPANY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,628.16 FOR PAVING CRESCENT STREET. SECONDED BY BOB WINKLER. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO DESIGNATE VALUE ENGINEERING AND BOROUGH MANAGER TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CONTACTS FOR THE PROPERTY OWNERS AT THE INTERSECTION OF DURHAM ROAD AND LINCOLN HWY. SECONDED BY BUD MURPHY. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO DESIGNATE APPRAISAL REVIEW SPECIALISTS TO CONDUCT THE APPRAISALS FOR THE FOUR EASEMENTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF DURHAM ROAD AND LINCOLN HWY. AS NECESSARY FOR THE ARLE GRANT. SECONDED BY RYAN SORENSEN. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BUD MURPHY TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE MEMORIAL PARK ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. SECONDED BY BOB WINKLER. All ayes, motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

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

**Leck Waste Services** invoice #543021 dated 5/1/26 in the amount of \$25,193.28 for May trash service

**State Workers' Insurance Fund** invoice dated 5/2/26 in the amount of \$5,735.00 for fire department workers' compensation insurance premium installment

**Bucks County Law Library** invoice dated 5/11/26 in the amount of \$10.00 for Ordinance #2026-4 registration.

**Comcast** invoice #270335978 in the amount of \$424.66 for business voice edge Service.

**Gettysburg Benefit Administration** invoice dated 4/30/26 in the amount of \$201.93 for dental insurance premium installment.

**Associated Imaging Solutions, Inc.** invoice #565210 in the amount of \$37.35 for copies from 4/11/26 to 5/10/26.

**Comcast** invoice dated 5/02/26 in the amount of \$372.85 for internet at 790 Neshaminy Street.

**Independence Blue Cross** invoice #582513495707 in the amount of \$7,682.11 for medical insurance premium installment.

**PECO Payment Processing** invoice dated 5/3/26 in the amount of \$54.96 for electricity at 790 Neshaminy Street.

**BCBA** invoice dated 5/13/26 in the amount of \$60.00 for the 5/21/26 dinner meeting.

**Comcast** invoice dated 4/26/26 in the amount of \$284.14 for internet and voice service at 37 W. Woodland Avenue.

**Leck Waste Services** invoice dated 5/16/26 in the amount of \$441.00 for emptying dumpster at 790 Neshaminy St.

**Verizon Wireless** Invoice #6142497158 in the amount of \$25.02 for M2M Account Share 1GB.

**PECO - Payment Processing** invoice dated 5/20/26 in the amount of \$1,647.90 for streetlight's electricity.

SECONDED BY BUD MURPHY. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #2026-4 AMENDING THE BOROUGH'S ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING REGULATION OF GROUP HOMES WITHIN CERTAIN ZONING DISTRICTS, ESTABLISHING OTHER REGULATIONS FOR SUCH USE, REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES. SECONDED BY RYAN SORENSON. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO REPLACE THE HVAC SYSTEM AT THE RECREATION FIELD CONCESSION STAND BUILDING. SECONDED BY BUD MURPHY.

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

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS TO BE HEARD

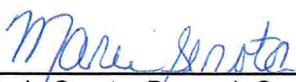
John Stratz trimmed the bushes at the recreation field for the parade. It looks nice down there.

Barbara Heffelfinger announced that Community Day will be on June 6<sup>th</sup> in the back lot of Redeemer Lutheran Church and along Woodland Avenue. There will be activities for children. OLG is having a car wash, and the church will have a flea market and food. The weather is supposed to be nice. Jackie Reese said that a lot of people didn't know about it and more advertisement would be helpful.

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:35 P.M. SECONDED BY RYAN SORENSEN. All ayes, motion carried.

Submitted by:

  
Marie Serota, Borough Secretary/Treasurer

## Mayor's Report for June 3, 2026

Good evening everyone.

In May I attended the Borough Council meeting.

For most of the rest of the month I was out of country.

I hope, despite the weather, you enjoyed your Memorial Day, and took time to remember those who served and honor those who made the supreme sacrifice for the freedoms we all are blessed to enjoy. I grew up in an automotive family. Memorial Day meant parades, picnics, and the Indianapolis 500. I didn't understand.

On Thursday, May 21st, I spent the day in Normandy, France. I walked on bloodstained beaches with names like Omaha, Utah and Pointe du Hoc.

And I visited the American Cemetery at Normandy. I had the honor of walking among heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice for us.

I cried. And finally, I understood.

Back home we still have parades, picnics, and we had the 110th Indianapolis 500. But Memorial Day is about much more. It's about those heroes. And walking among them, for me, was The. Best.

Memorial. Day. Ever.

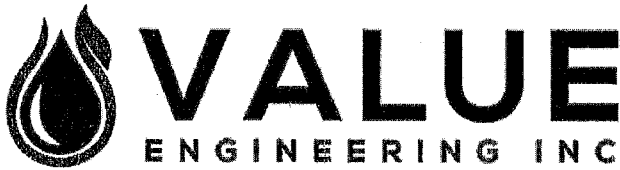
This Saturday is Penndel Community Day and Borough Wide Yard Sale. Woodland Avenue will be closed to traffic from Hulmeville Avenue to Fairview Avenue. This fairway will include vendors, elected representatives, EMS, local and County businesses and services, free bounce house, facepainting, treats and water ice for the kids, and food will be for sale by both Redeemer Lutheran Church as well as Boy Scout Troop 82. Troop 82 will also be holding a car wash in the OLG parking lot.

Set up starts at 9am, and the fairway will be open from 10am to 2pm.

This event is wholly funded by donations from our local business community.

The weather reports look great, so come out and enjoy our town.

And remember, never leave your vehicle running and unattended.



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## June 3, 2026 Engineers Report

Penndel Borough, Bucks County

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

Penndel Borough has received proposals from three environmental design firms for design of stream restoration . Borough Council must select a consultant to proceed with the grant funded design project. Council has been provided with the three proposal packages, and a letter from Value Engineering summarizing our review of the proposals. Once a selection is made, we will work with the selected consultant to ensure grant program required attachments are included with their contract, notify DEP of the selection, and forward the contract to the Solicitor's office for review prior to execution by the Borough.

### ➤ Crescent Street Resurfacing - Payment

Pavement repairs and resurfacing are complete on Crescent Street between Bellevue and Monroe Avenues, and in marked locations on Crescent Street between Fairview and Hulmeville Avenues. We recommend consideration of one full and final payment to Richard T Barrett Paving Company, Inc in the amount of \$24,628.16.

### ➤ ARLE Grant Traffic Signal Design

To acquire the easements necessary for traffic signal improvements at Lincoln Highway and Durham Road, it will be necessary to obtain appraisals of each area. The Borough committed to acquiring these easements as part of the ARLE grant application.

Borough Council should delegate an individual to contact the property owners and discuss the project, and authorize engagement of a qualified, PennDOT approved appraiser to prepare an appraisal of each of the 4 proposed easements.

### ➤ CDBG Grant Award – Memorial Park Access Improvements

Design work and preparation of bid documents and specifications is almost complete for accessibility improvements to the sidewalk and fence along the Pfc. John Dalola Avenue frontage of Memorial Park. The construction is to be funded by a CDBG grant, and CDBG requests construction this fall. The County must complete their review of the documents before it is advertised. If Council will authorize advertising of the bid package tonight, the project can be out for bid later this month, and the project could be awarded in August for September/October construction.

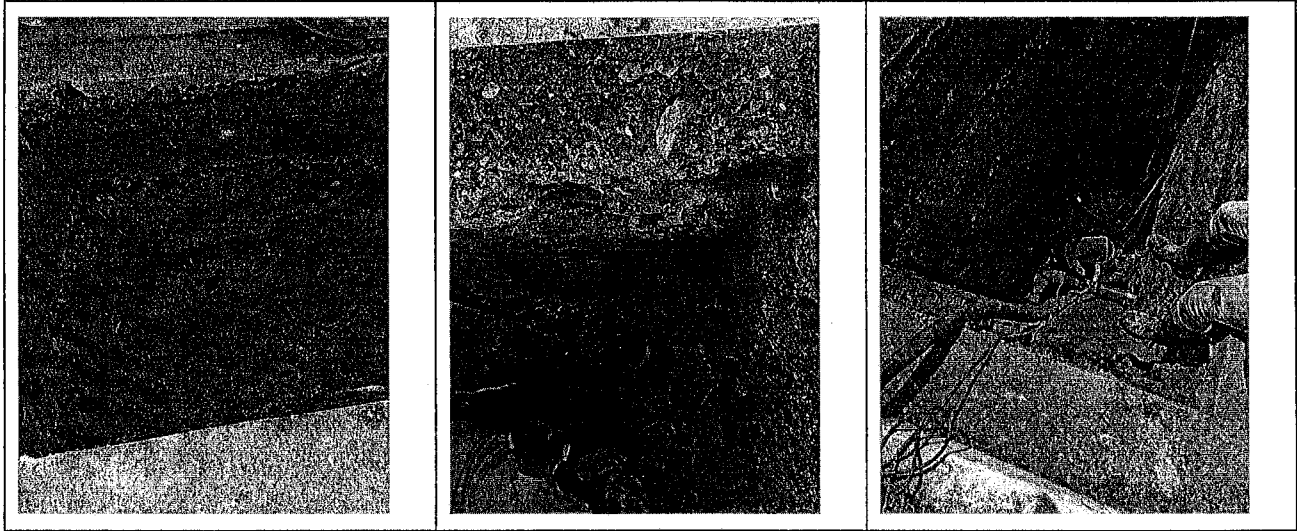
### Neshaminy Collision

A pre-construction meeting was held April 23<sup>rd</sup> and we are awaiting start of work.



## Sewer Work

K.E. Seifert repaired two leaks in the sanitary sewer system this month. The excavations were both around 13 feet deep. The first repair was located near the dumpster of the property that houses Sunoco / Prime Gyro. As excavation progressed, it was apparent that a hole had been drilled in the soil that went directly through the sewer pipe! There was a hole in the top and the bottom of that pipe. The section of pipe and the wye for a lateral were both replaced.



The second repair was under the parking lot of the Mill Creek Apartments. A lateral connection had been made incorrectly many decades ago by breaking a hole in the main, inserting a lateral pipe, and pouring concrete around the outside. Groundwater was encountered during excavation, and soil conditions inform us this area is commonly saturated. A section of the main was replaced and a wye connection installed for the lateral.



Both excavations were backfilled and temporarily topped. The contractor will return to pave the trench surfaces.