

PENNDel BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 2026

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel 7:00 P.M.

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

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	John Stratz, President	Staff:
	Barbara Heffelfinger, VP	Solicitor, Barbara Kirk
	Robin Valentis-absent	Manager, Geoff Thompson
	Bud Murphy	Chief, Sean Perry
	Bob Winkler	Engineer, Carol Schuehler
	Gary Nickerson	Secretary, Marie Serota
	Ryan Sorensen	
	Tom Sodano, Mayor	

COUNCIL OR BOROUGH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Borough meetings are recorded for the purpose of preparing the minutes.
- The 250th Celebration will be on September 19, 2026. Volunteers are needed. Tri-County Brass Band, vendors, food, and activities for kids will be at the Redeemer Church property on Fairview Avenue around to Woodland Avenue
- Penndel-Hulmeville Memorial Day Parade will be held on 5/23/26, Borough Council and mayor will be participating riding on a float.
- On July 4th, in recognition of our 250th birthday, exterior lights should be lit from 7/3/26 midnight until 7/5/26.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Cimino, and another tenant that resides at 230 Centre Street, asked why they are not permitted to have chickens in the borough. They said they fall under the ADA because they are support animals.

Estella Kristiniak, said there have been people with their pets on the recreation field even with the signs that have been put up.

CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION BY BOB WINKLER TO APPROVE THE APRIL 6, 2026 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY BUD MURPHY. All ayes, motion carried.

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

General Fund	\$26,784.31
Refuse	\$ 67.39
Sewer Fund	\$40,526.91
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 2,341.12
Liquid Fuels' Fund	\$ 112.72
Escrow Fund	\$ 5,844.00
Payroll Fund	\$ 1,475.90

Payroll

General Fund	\$38,002.04
Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 4,224.00</u>

Total	\$42,226.04
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SECONDED BY BOB WINKLER. All ayes, motion carried.

REPORTS

President's Report:

The car show will be held on 5/10/26 at OLG School. He said we had trouble with a streetlight on Walker Avenue. Later in the meeting, Council will be voting on approval of a change order on the paving of Monroe Avenue.

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

The mayor said that you can't see if the light is lit on the school zone speed limit signal on Hulmeville Avenue heading south. Geoff said he will have Armour take a look at it.

Mike Smith said the borough shouldn't be responsible for replacing the HVAC system at the recreation field.

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:

There was an Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, no action was taken. We will discuss the group home ordinance later.

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

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO APPROVE AND SIGN CHANGE ORDER #1 DATED APRIL 15, 2026 ELIMINATING RESURFACING AND RELATED WORK ON MONROE AVENUE AND ADD QUANTITIES FOR WORK ON CRESCENT STREET BETWEEN HULMEVILLE AND FAIRVIEW AVENUES. SECONDED BY BOB WINKLER. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO TABLE THE MOTION TO SELECT AN ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN FIRM FOR THE NESHAMINY STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT UNTIL THE JUNE 1, 2026 MEETING. SECONDED BY RYAN SORENSEN. All ayes, motion carried. ,

The mayor complimented the borough engineer on the I & I reduction that has been reduced from 65% to 16%.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO RATIFY APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MID-CYCLE INVOICES:

Penndel Borough check dated 4/1/26, sewer payment for account #166 of \$110.00 that was deposited into the general fund erroneously.

Fred Beans Ford invoice #FU6154 dated 4/1/26 in the amount of \$72,269.19 for a new 2026 Ford Explorer and upfit.

Langhorne Postmaster invoice dated 4/7/26 in the amount of \$406.36 for quarterly sewer/refuse billing postage.

Comcast invoice dated 3/26/26 in the amount of \$562.22 for internet and voice services at borough hall and police department.

Gettysburg Benefits Administrators, Inc. invoice dated 3/31/26 in the amount of \$201.93 for dental insurance premium installment.

PA State Association of Boroughs invoice #R76764 dated 4/9/26 in the amount of \$125.00 for Zoning Officer 101 online training.

Comcast invoice dated 4/2/26 in the amount of \$372.85 for internet at 790 Neshaminy St.

Comcast invoice #267813937 dated 4/15/26 in the amount of \$424.66 for business voice edge service.

Independence Blue Cross invoice #582513905754 dated 4/15/26 in the amount of \$7,682.11 for medical insurance premium installment.

Associated Imaging Solutions, Inc. inv #INV562589 in the amount of \$52.28 for copies from 3/11/26 to 4/10/26

Verizon Wireless invoice #6139982761 dated 4/1/2026 in the amount of \$33.71 for M2M Account Share 1 GB

Business Card invoice dated 3/20/26 in the amount of \$736.93 for Lowes & Sam's Club purchases for ice melt, plywood, blades, screws, clock batteries, spring water, paper towels, and Sam's Club membership renewal.

PECO Payment Processing invoice dated 4/21/26 in the amount of \$1,647.90 for Streetlights' electricity.

District Court 07-1-07 invoice dated 4/30/26 in the amount of \$15.00 for filing of civil complaint for property owner of Account #555.

SECONDED BY BUD MURPHY. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY JOHN STRATZ TO ADVERTISE TWO POLICE VEHICLES ON MUNICIBID. SECONDED BY BOB WINKLER. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE #2026-4 AMENDING THE BOROUGH'S ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING REGULATION OF GROUP HOMES WITHIN CERTAIN ZONING DISTRICT AND ESTABLISHING OTHER REGULATIONS FOR SUCH USE. SECONDED BY BUD MURPHY. All ayes, motion carried.

COUNCIL MEMBERS TO BE HEARD

Mike Smith, asked how will this affect them if they come in without notifying the borough that it's a group home. Barbara Kirk said it is the property owners' responsibility to check the ordinance.

Pat Donahue, asked what the allowance is for visitors' parking. Barbara Kirk responded that there are no requirements.

Tom Sodano, said parking on Park Avenue has been prohibited since adoption of the ordinance a month ago, the police department will be enforcing the ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY RYAN SORENSEN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:27 P.M. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, motion carried.

Submitted by:



Marie Serota, Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Mayor's Report for May 4th, 2026

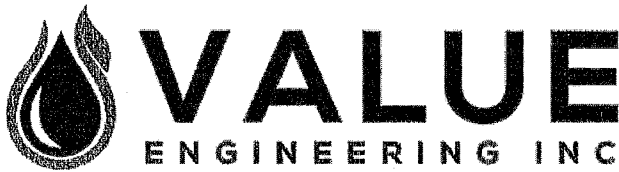
Good evening, everyone, May the 4th be with you.

In April I attended the Borough Council meetings.
I attended ZHB as well as 250th committee meetings.

I put out 2.75 cubic yards of mulch in my yard and cut my grass three times.

The annual Penndel Classic Car Show is Saturday, May 9th.
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.

Please note that with the scheduled infrastructure work, roadwork, pothole repairs etc. there may be street closures and/or detours in the Borough. Please exercise additional caution as there may be extra foot traffic on Borough streets in these areas. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Memorial Day Parade. In fact, I have cut my vacation short a day in order to participate. I consider it an honor and privilege, as well as a duty of an elected official, to represent you on the day our Great Nation recognizes our fallen. And remember, never leave your vehicle running and unattended!



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May 4, 2026 Engineers Report Penndel Borough, Bucks County

➤ Change Order

Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority (BCWSA) contacted me on May 7 and informed me they will work on the water main in Monroe Avenue this season. Once the water main work is complete, they will mill and pave the road surface as a consideration to the Borough.

This is good news for the Borough, as Borough funds will not be needed for resurfacing Monroe Avenue. However, BCWSA had previously advised no work was planned, and since then a contract was awarded and a notice to proceed issued.

A change order is necessary to revise the scope of work of the contract. The change order will remove the quantities of Monroe Avenue from the scope of work and add base repair and resurfacing work on the block of Crescent west of Hulmeville Avenue, where deterioration of the pavement surface has been addressed by patching year after year.

The change reduces the estimate contract value from \$45,405 to \$25,940. The contractor has already agreed to and signed the change order. Work was originally scheduled for next week. Following approval of the change order we will request confirmation or update of their schedule.

➤ 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.

C2P2 Grant for Memorial Park Walking Path and Ball Field Backstops

The C2P2 grant application was completed and submitted last week. Preliminary design plans were prepared for construction of the walking path, infiltration bed, and backstop replacements to support both this application and the previously awarded DCED Greenways Grant that funds trail construction.

CDBG Grant Award – Memorial Park Access Improvements

The Borough has received notice of intended award for CDBG funding improvements to the sidewalk and fence along the Pfc. John Dalola Avenue frontage of Memorial Park. CDBG would like the Borough to complete the work this calendar year. Survey was completed last week, and design work will be underway this month.



Daycare at 239 Highland Avenue

Two infiltration beds have been installed to accept and infiltrate runoff from the artificial turf play areas and from the building roof drains.

Neshaminy Collision

A pre-construction meeting was held this month and start of work is imminent.

Sewer Work

K.E. Seifert is scheduled to repair two leaks in the sanitary sewer system this month. This will be the final work under the small projects grant that funded I & I reduction work in the Borough.

K.E. Seifert is also scheduled to take measurements of a list of manholes in the Borough that no longer have lid inserts. Those measurements are needed to order replacement inserts properly sized for those manholes.

Sewer Reporting

At the last meeting, Mayor Sodano requested information on the sanitary sewer system performance. Below is an excerpt from the February Engineers report, and some tables and charts from the 2025 Chapter 94 report.

"The annual Chapter 94 reporting has been produced for the sanitary sewer collection system. This report is sent to DEP and to BCWSA. The data suggests the Borough I & I program is producing results in storm event flow reduction.

The number of times the Borough exceeded the 'allowable' peak daily flow under the Neshaminy interceptor agreement is down to 16 days in 2025, the lowest number of exceedances in the past 8 years."

Year	Total Flow (MG)	Average Flow (GPD)	Exceeds Allowance	Total Rainfall (in)
2018	100.11	274,282	65	53.17
2019	100.58	275,562	58	49.57
2020	90.92	248,403	30	38.64
2021	101.69	278,613	62	48.81
2022	86.28	236,384	22	43.82
2023	90.36	247,562	34	53.62
2024	85.82	234,481	52	37.89
2025	77.73	212,959	16	42.61

