

PENNDel BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 3, 2025

Council President John Stratz called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Councilman Ryan Sorensen was sworn in by Judge Baranoski.

Present at the meeting

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

Also present at the meeting

- Barbara Kirk, Hill Wallack
- Geoff Thompson, Manager
- Chief Sean Perry
- Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer

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.
- Help stacking the chairs for the election tomorrow would be appreciated.

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

- Mike Smith, has decided to vote for Dave Cahill
- Jeff Jones, status of sign missing at 7-Eleven.
- Nick Foufas, Penndel-Middletown Emergency Squad, thanked Council for supporting their RDA Grant application and tax millage increase for the fire department.

CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2025 WORKSHOP MEETING. SECONDED BY GARY NICKERSON. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY ROBIN VALENTIS TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2025:

General Fund	\$27,329.64
Fire Tax Fund	\$ 753.98
Refuse Fund	\$ 622.52
Sewer Fund	\$ 4,319.61
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 2,735.50
Sewer Capital Fund	\$ 180.00
Liquid Fuels' Fund	\$ 2,234.36
Escrow Fund	\$ 477.00
Payroll Fund	\$ 1,716.03

Payroll

General Fund	\$46,849.23
Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 4,052.90</u>
Total	\$50,902.13

SECONDED BY BUD MURPHY. All aye, carried.

REPORTS:**President's Report**

Election Day is tomorrow. Please come out and vote.

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

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

Gary Nickerson asked the mayor how long the demolition of 51 Centre Street will take. He responded they will be taking it down in sections, about a month.

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

Solicitor's Report

One of the property owners on Noeland Avenue reimbursed the borough for the concrete work completed.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Langhorne Postmaster invoice dated 10/3/25 in the amount of \$269.10 for sewer/refuse billing quarterly postage.

Comcast invoice dated 9/26/25 in the amount of \$283.38 for internet and voice services at 37 W. Woodland Ave.

Comcast invoice dated 9/26/25 in the amount of \$273.73 for internet and voice services at 300 Bellevue Avenue

Gettysburg Benefits Administrators invoice dated 9/30/25 in the amount of \$201.93 for dental insurance premium.

Lower Makefield Police invoice dated 7/29/25 in the amount of \$423.75 for Axon body cameras & five licenses (borough's portion of SERT Team purchases)

Langhorne Postmaster invoice dated 10/17/25 in the amount of \$256.41 for fall newsletter postage.

PA UC Fund invoice dated 10/11/25 in the amount of \$117.90 for 1st quarter PA UC tax.

Comcast invoice dated 10/2/25 in the amount of \$364.85 for internet at 790 Neshaminy Street

Comcast Invoice #252885576 in the amount of \$409.15 for business voice edge service

State Workers' Insurance Fund invoice dated 10/1/25 in the amount of \$1,643.00 for fire department workers' compensation insurance.

Wisler Pearlstine LLC invoice dated 10/22/25 in the amount of \$3,500.00 for court approved settlement escrow for the Darnley fence case.

SECONDED BY GARY NICKERSON. All ayes, motion carried.

There were a few questions regarding the motion to approve two handicapped parking spaces for Reach Out Foundation at 152 Monroe Avenue.

MOTION BY ROBIN VALENTIS TO TABLE APPROVAL OF TWO HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES FOR REACH OUT FOUNDATION AT 152 MONROE AVENUE. SECONDED BY BUD MURPHY. All ayes, carried.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO APPROVE K. E. SEIFERT, INC. FOR SNOW REMOVAL FOR THE 2025-2026 WINTER SEASON. SECONDED BY BOB WINKLER. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BOB WINKLER TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF ORDINANCE #2025-6, FOR THE RECOVERY AND REIMBURSEMENT TO THE BOROUGH OF COSTS AND EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE BOROUGH'S FIRE DEPARTMENT, POLICE DEPARTMENT AND/OR TOXIC MATERIALS. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO ADOPT AND ADVERTISE THE 2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET. SECONDED BY GARY NICKERSON. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF TAX ORDINANCE #2025-7 SUPPORTING THE 2026 BUDGET. SECONDED BY GARY NICKERSON. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO APPOINT CHRIS BELL TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FILLING THE VACANCY LEFT BY HUGH CAMPBELL WITH TERM EXPIRATION 12/31/26. SECONDED BY ROBIN VALENTIS. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:55 P.M. SECONDED BY ROBIN VALENTIS. All ayes, motion carried.

Submitted by:

Marie Serota
Marie Serota, Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Mayor's Report for October, 2025

In October I attended the Borough Council meetings and attended the Executive session.

I attended the RDA presentation meeting with Geoff Thompson.

I attended the Penndel Borough Zoning Board hearing and the Penndel Planning Commission meeting.

I attended the OLG Blocktoberfest, the Penndel Fire Company open house, and the Halloween Parade and Trunk or Treat.

Thank you to both OLG and the Penndel Fire Company for these great events.

Thank you to the Penndel Police for their participation and service in all of these festivities, and kudos for a job well done on Halloween. Fortunately, it was another safe Halloween for the children and parents.

The demolition of 51 Center Street is scheduled to begin next week, the week of November 10th. Be advised there will be temporary parking restrictions on Park Avenue from Lincoln Avenue to Center Street, and all PA Motor vehicle code parking laws on Center Street will be strictly enforced.

Working with the Fire Marshal and the Chief of Police we have initiated plans to maximize public safety and minimize any inconvenience.

The clocks have changed, the trees have changed, the leaves and the temperatures are falling and Thanksgiving is approaching. This is a good time of the year to reflect on the enjoyment of life, and to give back in any way you can.

As a member of the Langhorne Lions Club, I seek no accolades, but I want to acknowledge my fellow Lions for their dedication to their mission of service, and especially their generosity to our local food pantries in these trying times.

Tomorrow is Election Day. Vote like the future of Penndel depends on it. Because it does.

And remember, never leave your vehicle running, and unattended!

