PENNDEL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2026

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel Matters 6:45 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

PRESENTATION BY CHIEF PERRY (postponed)

Kyle Wojciechowski – Celebrating 25 years of distinguished service.
Alan Sigafoos - Celebrating 20 years of distinguished service.

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.**
- Mrs. Heffelfinger said a good time was had by all that attended the 250th Celebration. The Heritage Society came out to help. They would like to do it again next year. Donations are helpful.

PUBLIC COMMENT – On Agenda Items and Non-Agenda Items (3-minute time limit)
Chris Bell commented on trash that is in the streets. He would like to organize a community clean-up day.
John Cimino asked about the chickens' ordinance and would like to be able to bring his home.

CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 WORKSHOP MEETING. SECONDED BY BOB WINKLER. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY RYAN SORENSEN TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2026:

General Fund	**$63,789.21**
Refuse	**$ 165.47**
Sewer Fund	**$41,642.89**
Capital Reserve Fund	**$17,983.00**
Sewer Capital Fund	**$ 373.50**
Liquid Fuels' Fund	**$ 1,077.74**
Escrow Fund	**$ 3,188.77**
Payroll Fund	**$ 1,538.25**

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General Fund	$32,558.16
Sewer Fund	$ 4,240.31
Total	**$36,798.47**

SECONDED BY GARY NICKERSON. All ayes, carried.

REPORTS

President's Report:

Attended Council meetings, attended Heritage Society meetings, coordinated the music for our borough's 250th Celebration. Attended the Bucks County Borough's Association quarterly meeting in New Britain Borough, attended a ceremony for Captain Walter Sigafoos out of respect for his brother Penndel Officer Alan Sigafoos. The Captain's story was written into our record at the last meeting, Memorial Park Project-Turf placement is working well. Improvement of sidewalk and fencing in front made sure work was proceeding and on track.

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

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

Solicitor's Report

Council met in executive session tonight from 6:45 to 7:25 p.m. to discuss personnel. No decisions were made.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO APPROVE AND SIGN EASEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOROUGH AND CED FAMILY PARTNERSHIP WITH PAYMENT OF $1,400 FOR ACQUISITION OF THE EASEMENT NEEDED FOR THE TRAFFIC INSTALLATION PROJECT AT LINCOLN HIGHWAY AND DURHAM ROAD. SECONDED BY BOB WINKLER. All ayes, motion carried.

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

MOTION BY JOHN STRATZ TO AUTHORIZE BOROUGH ENGINEER TO PREPARE A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECT ON LINCOLN HWY. SECONDED BY GARY NICKERSON. All ayes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION BY BUD MURPHY TO APPROVE THE SNOW REMOVAL QUOTE FROM MUNZ LANDSCAPING FOR THE 2026-2027 WINTER SEASON. SECONDED BY RYAN SORENSEN. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Langhorne Postmaster invoice dated 9/8/26 in the amount of $290.81 for 250th Celebration notice postage.
BCWSA invoice #400471 dated 8/28/26 in the amount of $26.69 for water at 790 Neshaminy Street
BCWSA invoice #409988 dated 8/28/26 in the amount of $26.69 for water at Pumping Station #2
BCWSA invoice #409988 dated 8/28/26 in the amount of $26.69 for water at 640 Hulmeville Avenue
BCWSA invoice #409662 dated 8/28/26 in the amount of $26.69 for water at Pumping Station #1
BCWSA invoice #2070150 dated 8/28/26 in the amount of $26.69 for water at 37 W. Woodland Avenue
BCWSA invoice #409664 dated 8/28/26 in the amount of $26.69 for water at 300 Bellevue Avenue
Comcast invoice dated 8/26/26 in the amount of $292.37 for internet and voice services at 37 W. Woodland Avenue
Comcast invoice dated 8/26/26 in the amount of $278.34 for internet and voice services at 300 Bellevue Avenue
Comcast invoice dated 9/2/26 in the amount of $372.85 for internet service at 790 Neshaminy St.
Comcast invoice #281651208 dated 9/14/26 in the amount of $356.14 for business voice edge service.
Encova Insurance invoice #37388497 dated 9/1/26 in the amount of $4,093.00 for workers' compensation.

Gettysburg Premium Account dated 8/31/26 in the amount of $201.93 for dental insurance installment.
State Workers' Insurance Fund invoice dated 9/1/26 in the amount of $1,720.00 for fire departments' workers' compensation installment.
Republic Services invoice #0248-000145664 dated 8/31/26 in the amount of $25,193.28 for September service.
Bucks County Boroughs Association invoice dated 9/16/26 in the amount of $60.00 for 9/30/26 dinner meeting.
Tri-County Brass Band invoice dated 9/17/26 in the amount of $600.00 for the 250th Celebration concert.
Kyle Wojciechowski invoice dated 9/17/26 in the amount of $4,900.68 for workers' compensation payment.
Associated Imaging invoice #INV577106 dated 9/14/26 in the amount of $56.29 for copies (8/11/26 to 9/10/26)
Verizon Wireless invoice #6152416961 dated 9/1/26 in the amount of $25.02 for M2M Account Share 1GB.
Independence Blue Cross invoice #582511892267 dated 9/8/26 in the amount of $7,682.11 for medical insurance installment.
PECO invoice dated 9/21/26 in the amount of $1,652.70 for Streetlights' electric

COUNCIL MEMBERS TO BE HEARD

Barbara Heffelfinger said she will be looking into making the celebration into an annual event and thanked the borough for their contribution. They were within their budget. The Tri-County Band performed and there was a military flyover at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY RYAN SORENSEN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:58 P.M. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

Submitted by: _____
Marie Serota, Borough Secretary/Treasurer

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Ball Field Runoff

Sod work and swale regrading was completed on September 15. Since that installation, there is little evidence of infield mix draining from field 1 across the pavement toward the restrooms building, and no flooding of the building. Grass is growing in the swale area, and the sod has been protected and watered to support establishment.

Neshaminy Collision

Curb and sidewalk installation continued along the Lincoln Avenue frontage

50 Hulmeville Avenue

The construction stake-out was performed and the contractor has resumed work to implement the approved plan.

CDBG Grant Award – Memorial Park Access Improvements

Work is underway to construct accessibility improvements to Memorial Park.

ARLE Grant Traffic Signal Design

The Borough Manager and Borough Engineer met with owners of all four properties in August. Final agreements were mailed for the required right-of-way acquisitions, and one has been returned.