



# Valencia Borough Pennsylvania

## Council Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance at the Valencia Borough building at 61 Almira Street, Valencia PA 16059.

In Attendance			
President Torey Verts	X	Mayor Lori Trosky	X
Vice President Josh Zimmerman	X	Secretary and Assistant Treasurer Amy Brown	X
Councilman Roger Grey	X	Treasurer and Assistant Secretary Bonnie Forsythe	

### Monthly Standing Business

A. Changes to Agenda: next meeting date is March 10. Added \$1.52 to expenses for PA UC. Added payroll expenses.

B. Motion to approve meeting minutes from January 13, 2025.

Motion: Councilman Grey

Seconded: Vice President Zimmerman

C. Reading of Financials and Treasurer's Report

D. Motion to approve February 2025 expenses in the amount of \$15,121.64.

Motion: Councilman Grey

Seconded: Vice President Zimmerman

E. Motion to pay Penn Power bill in full when it arrives.

Motion: Councilman Grey

Seconded: Vice President Zimmerman

F. Motion to approve December 2024 and January 2025 payroll in the amount of \$606.29.

Motion: Councilman Grey

Seconded: Vice President Zimmerman

### Visitors and Public Comment (Limited to 5 Minutes)

Judy Goertz – St. Barnabas removed dead tree on their property adjacent to hers.

Rich Trosky – Aikens misses Magee Avenue when plowing. Potholes reappearing on Magee due to freeze/thaw.

Shannon – in attendance to observe.

### Department Reports

1. Mayor Update: Mayor Trosky offered to plow/shovel during heavy snows. Two residents accepted her offer of help.
2. Parks and Recreation Update: Mr. Trosky has not heard back from Mars Baseball Association regarding use of field. President Verts suggested park usage as a project for 2026.

3. Planning Commission Update: Met for February. Decided to hold quarterly meetings for 2025. Vice President Zimmerman will hold position of Chair and Julie Himmelstein will hold position of Vice-Chair. Discussed paving ordinance.

### New Business

1. Treasurer's Bond: Bonds were previously set at \$300,000. Councilman Grey suggested lowering to \$100,000. President Verts would like to be at \$225,000.

Motion to set bond at \$200,000 for Treasurer and \$200,000 for Secretary.

Motion: Vice President Zimmerman                      Seconded: Councilman Grey

2. Fee Schedule Discussion: Vice President Zimmerman started investigating. Compared Zelienople and Mars. Will continue research and make suggestions.
3. LGA Update: President Verts has introductory meeting on 2/13. Will have more information after.
4. Audit:

Motion to authorize Torey Verts as signatory on Letter of Engagement for 2024 Audit from Hosack, Specht, Meutzel & Wood LLP.

Motion: Vice President Zimmerman                      Seconded: Councilman Grey

5. Emergency Management Coordinator: President Verts discussed with Butler County. County does not recommend Council member or Mayor. President Verts to speak with Adams Township's new EMC. Mayor Trosky suggested Doug Mellinger. Will ask if he is interested and investigate further.

### Old Business

1. Website and Email Discussion: Vice President Zimmerman pulled payment records off GoDaddy. Suggested several places to save on cost and presented other options. Vice President Zimmerman is currently the only one who has the knowledge to update the website. Changing website would be more work upfront but would save time and effort in the future. Recommended Google Workspace. Will verify that email history will transfer to new platform. Vice President Zimmerman will continue to investigate.

Motion to allow Vice President Zimmerman to make website changes to Google or Wordpress not to exceed the 2024 website spendings of \$833.27.

Motion: Councilman Grey                      Seconded: President Verts

2. Calendar Review: Treasurer Forysthe filed MS 965 with Cory Shaffer. Secretary Brown filed 2024 Survey of Financial Conditions and 2025 Elected and Appointed Officials.
3. Potential MS4 Waiver: Councilman Grey discussing with Scott Shoup. Rich Craft stated that waivers were not possible. Shoup will investigate with regional MS4 office. President Verts stated that because of contract with Adams Township, waiver may not be possible.
4. Armstrong Cable Franchise Discussion: Councilman Grey has been in touch with Armstrong district manager. Franchise agreement expired in 2004. Presented new franchise agreement. Suggested sending agreement and existing Borough ordinance to Sean Gallagher to review.

### **Correspondence**

BCBA Free Workshop & Round Table Discussion on March 8, 2025 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. All council members and mayors invited.

### **Executive Session**

### **Next Meeting**

March 10, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Adjourn Meeting 8:11 pm      Motion: Vice President Zimmerman    Seconded: Councilman Grey

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