



Valencia Borough Pennsylvania

Council Meeting Minutes – March 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
- B. Motion to approve meeting minutes from February 10, 2025.

Motion: Councilman Grey

Seconded: Vice President Zimmerman

- C. Reading of Financials and Treasurer's Report: Grey would like to explore moving the CDs. Will have Forsythe look into it.
- D. Motion to approve March 2025 expenses in the amount of \$6,009.27.

Motion: Councilman Grey

Seconded: Vice President Zimmerman

- E. Motion to approve February 2025 payroll in the amount of \$338.32.

Motion: Councilman Grey

Seconded: Vice President Zimmerman

Visitors and Public Comment (Limited to 5 Minutes)

Dan Demarco – representing Mars Baseball Association. They are interested in renting the park. They are in need of more fields due to almost 700 kids signed up. Mars Baseball intends to renovate field at their own expense over several years. This year – regrading infield, installing bases, temporary center field fence. Next year – dugouts. Would like 7-year-olds to utilize field. Interested in using April through June. Potentially fall dates as well. Approximately 4-5 games per week and 10-11 teams. President Verts brought up concern that field is in flood plain and does not support renting the park. Mr. Demarco suggested Mars Baseball taking responsibility for repairs to the field. Councilman Grey would like Mars Baseball to take care of all year and is willing to be point person for Mars Baseball. No decision was made.

Judy Goertz – in attendance to observe.

Shannon McKenna – supports Mars Baseball using field as long as there is no liability to Borough and does not affect Borough's priorities. Also interested in finding out what the Borough is doing with St. Barnabas. President Verts stated there needs to be another meeting. St. Barnabas has not been helpful with the Borough's funding issues thus far. Councilman Grey stated he has seen some improvements

but it is still a work in progress. Mr. McKenna brought up the police contract and suggested communicating with St. Barnabas about emergency services. Councilman Grey would like to get second price from Mars Police. President Verts would like to speak with Adams Police first. Adams does not want to meet until June.

Margie – in attendance to observe.

Department Reports

1. Mayor Update – spoke with Doug Mellinger about becoming Valencia's Emergency Management Coordinator. He has not gotten back with an answer. Spoke with Boy Scouts who will be coming to Valencia to help residents clean up their yards.
2. Parks and Recreation Update – Rich Trosky would like to change oil filter in tractor now that grass is starting to grow in.
3. Planning Commission Update – did not meet due to new quarterly schedule.

New Business

1. Shoup Engineering – combined with MS4 waiver under Old Business.
2. Resolution 2025-14 – Councilman Grey spoke with state to make sure Valencia is included. Resolution is to send to state representatives. President Verts is in support as the bill could possibly bring in a large amount of revenue for the Borough. President Verts also suggested Councilman Grey write a letter in support to send in with the resolution. Would also like to encourage other local Boroughs to approve their own resolutions. Mr. McKenna asked percentage of tax-exempt properties – 82% tax-exempt (highest in Butler County), 17.54% taxable property.

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-14 supporting establishing the tax-exempt property municipal assistance program.

Motion: Councilman Grey

Seconded: Vice President Zimmerman

3. Priorities Planning List – Vice President Zimmerman has compiled list of projects and who has volunteered to take on what. Budget is highest priority, coupled with LGA financial assistance. Police contract needs to be discussed. St. Barnabas PRD will require a lot of time and effort. Treasurer Forsythe is handling audit. Still need to fill Planning Commission empty seat. President Verts added the Borough building will need some maintenance this year.
4. EMC Update – addressed in Mayor's update.
5. Resolution 2025-15 – extra layer of protection for Borough accounts. Treasurer Forsythe would also like to move to printing checks instead of handwriting

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-15 providing for the approval and use of Positive Pay at NexTier Bank.

Motion: Councilman Grey

Seconded: Vice President Zimmerman

Old Business

1. Calendar Review – AG385 is due on March 31st.
2. Potential MS4 Waiver – Councilman Grey spoke with Scott Shoup, who believes Valencia can ask for a waiver from MS4 when stream restoration has been completed. Shoup also gave

Councilman Grey his hourly rates, which are significantly lower than Olsen Craft. Councilman Grey suggested any engineering needs be addressed with Shoup Engineering.

3. Armstrong Cable Franchise – 5% fee for residents who subscribe to cable through Armstrong. Sean Gallagher reviewed. Armstrong will give customers 30-day notice and then begin billing. Will pay Borough quarterly. Councilman Grey is working on discount for internet service and will meet with Armstrong rep.

Motion to approve Armstrong agreement for franchise fees.

Motion: Councilman Grey

Seconded: Vice President Zimmerman

4. LGA Update – President Verts held meeting with LGA representatives and discussed Borough's current financial situation. Mr. McKenna inquired about next steps. President Verts stated it is too early to know and they have more meetings planned. President Verts suggested Valencia join Southwestern Butler County Stormwater Authority to be able to charge stormwater fees and will investigate further.

Correspondence

Butler County COG invitation to join. Council does not have the time to commit to meetings.

Executive Session

Next Meeting

April 14, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Adjourn Meeting 8:01 PM

Motion: Councilman Grey

Seconded: Vice President Zimmerman

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