



Valencia Borough Pennsylvania

Council Meeting Minutes – May 12, 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 Shanon McKenna	x	Mayor Lori Trosky	x
Vice President Josh Zimmerman	x	Secretary and Assistant Treasurer Amy Brown	
Councilman Roger Grey	x	Treasurer and Assistant Secretary Bonnie Forsythe	

Monthly Standing Business

Changes to Agenda

- A. Motion to approve meeting minutes as amended from April 14, 2025
Motion: By Grey Seconded: by Zimmerman Carried by all
- B. Motion to approve April expenses in the amount of \$3,395.40
Motion by Grey Seconded by Zimmerman Carried by all
- C. Motion to approve April payroll in the amount of \$142.62
Motion by Grey Seconded by Zimmerman Carried by all

Visitors and Public Comment (Limited to 5 Minutes)

Judy Goertz – observing
Rich Trosky
Marjorie Little

Department Reports

1. Mayor Update – Lori has monitored the voicemails left on the Valencia main phone line daily. Many calls should go to other boroughs or townships to resolve the callers' questions. Lori agreed to update the voicemail answer message to help people realize they may be calling the wrong organization.
2. Parks and Recreation – Council thanked Rick Trosky for mowing the park. McKenna suggested Trosky might gain helpful insight if we contact Mars personnel and other municipalities to learn how they manage their park systems.
3. Shanon will email St. Barnabas to ask if they will repair the fallen park sign.
4. Planning Commission – Zimmerman said the Planning Commission has updated ordinances concerning the paving and excavating of borough streets and will present the changes for the council to review.

New Business

1. Shannon demonstrated how the new SharePoint website works, emphasizing how easy it is now to store information.
2. Shanon demonstrated the new Review and Discuss Priorities Spreadsheet. The spreadsheet is a "things to do" list with the most critical tasks at the top, a timeline for completion, the person responsible, whether mandatory or not, status, date added, and a place for notes.
3. Shannon explained the advantages of WordPress website hosting, going from GoDaddy to Bluehost, primarily that it is easier to update. He agreed to pay the first-year cost of \$35.
4. Grey motioned to move the Valencia website's hosting from GoDaddy to Bluehost. Zimmerman seconded the motion, which was carried by all.
5. Shanon notified the council that the LGA, DCED, and Grass Roots Solutions has requested a meeting with Valencia council representatives and our legal advisor at the Butler County Economic Development Office in downtown Butler. The meeting will discuss the financial health assessment and the borough's poor financial outlook. The date of the meeting has not been set.
6. It was decided that scheduling meetings with St. Barnabas and Emergency Services could wait until after the upcoming LGA meeting at the Butler County Economic Development Office.
7. We discussed PA One Call. We got a notification from PA One Call last week and had three days to respond. Since none of the council members have experience with PA One Call, we decided to handle such calls through MESA Engineering.
8. Grey motioned to forward PA One calls to MESA Engineering's attention, Scott Foreman, for handling, for \$115 per hour. Zimmerman seconded, and all were in favor.
9. Grey motioned to allow the Council President to call our lawyer if he felt it necessary to get legal assistance on a matter that couldn't wait until the next council meeting. Seconded by Zimmerman and carried by all.

Old Business

Grey gave an update on the Water Restoration MS4 Project, summarizing the results of a video call with Jacob Moore, Water Program Specialist, and Rich Craft of Olson and Craft Engineering.

The EPA may be changing the project's purpose. Currently, we are working on removing sediment from Breakneck Creek, and that's what the next five-year plan was based on. However, the EPA may be changing the specifications to require a total volume of water rather than sediment.

The contractors' bids for Phase Two came back too high. Rich anticipated a \$10 per cubic yard haulage fee, not the \$45-\$50 that was returned. Craft is currently working with the contractors to lower the price. Valencia has no action items at this time.

Logan Stover, Director of Policy & Legislative Affairs, PA State Association of Boroughs, informed Grey that the Local Government Committee of the PA House is scheduled to debate HB 985, the Tax-Exempt Property Assistance bill, on Wednesday, May 14, at 10:00 a.m. The debate will be live streamed from the PA state website.

Vinny Cannizzaro, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Economy League, informed Grey that the oversight that left Valencia off the list of eligible boroughs that would benefit from the passage of HB 985 has been rectified. Should the bill pass, Valencia would receive a grant of \$53,700.

Correspondence

None

Executive Session

n/a

Next Meeting

Adjourn meeting: April 12, 2025 7:57 PM.

Motion: Grey Seconded: Zimmerman, carried by all.

Next Agenda Meeting: Monday May 26, 6:30 PM.

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