



Council Meeting minutes – August 10, 2026

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

In Attendance			
President Shanon McKenna	X	Mayor Lori Trosky	
Vice President Josh Zimmerman	X	Secretary and Treasurer Shannon McCall	X
Councilman Roger Grey	X	Maintenance Contractor Rich Trosky	X

Visitors and Public Comment (Limited to 5 Minutes)

- Larry Kaughman – Long time resident reported concerns on the lower side of railroad tracks with trees and brush growing out – makes it hard to stay in lane while driving. He also noted that the bracing on the hillside behind the brush and across from St. Barnabas’ office building appears to have problems. Council discussed possible resolutions.
- Judy Goertz – observation

Monthly Standing Business

- A. Motion to approve meeting minutes from 7/13/26 called to a vote unanimous in favor
Motion: Grey Seconded: Zimmerman
- B. Motion to approve and ratify expenses in the amount of \$4,522.01 called to a vote unanimous in favor
Motion: Grey Seconded: Zimmerman
- C. Motion to approve and ratify payroll in the amount of \$612.50 called to a vote unanimous in favor
Motion: Grey Seconded: Zimmerman

Department Reports

1. Borough Maintenance
 - a. Speed sign update – Electronic speed sign that has no display, Rich reports he has keys and will either gain access or drill out lock.
 - b. Repairing cracks, grates, and storm drain update – See Old Business #4

New Business

1. 2027 Tax increase discussion was had regarding an increase in real estate taxes and the effect on the borough's budgeted income. An increase of 2.5 millage would provide an additional \$8,000 in revenue. Review of neighboring municipality tax rates was had and the impact on residents was discussed. Long term goals and municipal road projects and their

2. Code of Conduct Policy review was had and Secretary will continue to work on drafts to be reviewed by the Solicitor prior to Council adoption.
3. Nuisance Order discussion was had in which Council discussed two ongoing reports of overgrown grass. One compliant is a residential structure and the other a vacant lot . President McKenna informed of the Solicitor's review of the nuisance ordinance and legal options for resolution. A certified mailing was sent to the resident with no delivery receipt from the Post Office, and the compliant has not been resolved. The vacant lot was cut by a neighboring resident. Council decided that an update to the property maintenance and nuisance abatement ordinance and associated resolution is necessary prior to taking action regarding any current or future complaints. The secretary will phone the resident and inform of the nuisance complaint to discuss resolution.

Motion: Grey Seconded: Zimmerman

- ## Old Business

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6. Discussion with St. Barnabas on sharing costs for emergency services update – A meeting is scheduled for later this month to move forward with a potential Private Public Partnership for emergency services costs within the Borough.
7. Bookkeeper and Auditor update – 2025 annual audit submission – Updates to the audit documentation were requested and provided by the secretary who will follow up on submission.
8. DCED help with administrative and secretarial training update – An extension request was submitted and is still pending. The secretary will continue to follow up.

Correspondence

Resident report of concern regarding Railroad Street was discussed.

Executive Session

To discuss legal contracts not held.

Next Meeting

Motion to move regularly scheduled Council meeting from September 14th to September 21st

Motion: Grey

Seconded: Zimmerman

Scheduled public council meeting on September 21 at 6:30PM at the Valencia Borough

Municipal Building at 61 Almira Street, Valencia, PA 16059

Adjourn Meeting: 8:07PM

Motion: Grey

Seconded: Zimmerman

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