Valencia Borough Pennsylvania

Council Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM with the pledge of allegiance at the Valencia Borough Municipal Building on 61 Almira St. Valencia, PA 16059.

In Attendance			
President Shanon McKenna	X	Mayor Lori Trosky	X
Vice President Josh Zimmerman	X	Secretary and Treasurer Shannon McCall	X
Councilman Roger Grey	X	Maintenance Contractor Rich Trosky	Arrival 7:00pm

Visitors and Public Comment (Limited to 5 Minutes)

- Varad Raijaonkar – of Butler Eagle for observation and questions for Mayor Trosky
- Judie Goertz – observation

Monthly Standing Business

A. Motion to approve meeting minutes from 9/21/26 called to a vote unanimous in favor.
Motion: Grey Seconded: Zimmerman

B. Motion to approve and ratify expenses in the amount of $5,532.69 called to a vote unanimous in favor.
Motion: Grey Seconded: Zimmerman

C. Motion to approve and ratify payroll in the amount of $820.83 called to a vote unanimous in favor.
Motion: Grey Seconded: Zimmerman

Department Reports

1. Borough Maintenance
   a. Speed sign update – Secretary reported one of the electronic speed monitor machines on Three Degree Road was removed and will follow up with Adams Township.
   b. Overgrown foliage update – Rich reported being in communication with residents regarding a need to remove overgrowth obscuring street signs on the right-of-way.

New Business

1. Mayor resignation discussion was had regarding the procedure and timeframe for Council's appointment of Mayor since receiving a resignation from Trosky in September. Mayor Trosky stated her resignation was due to relocation plans outside the Valencia Borough municipality. Council discussed potential Mayoral appointments.

Motion to accept resignation of Mayor Lori Trosky effective 10/28/26 called to a vote unanimous in favor.

Motion: Grey Seconded: Zimmerman

2. Vacancy Board discussion was had regarding the need for a Vacancy Chair and the role of the Vacancy Board. Council discussed possible appointments and discussed the role with a long-time resident at the meeting who agreed to the unpaid position.
   Motion to appoint Judie Goertz as Valencia Borough's Vacancy Chair called to a vote with 2 Yay: McKenna and Zimmerman and 1 Nay: Grey. Motion passes.
   Motion: McKenna Seconded: Zimmerman
3. Maintenance Contractor discussion was had regarding ongoing maintenance work within the borough related to overgrown foliage and roadway conditions. At this time, Rich Trosky tendered a verbal resignation due to relocation plans outside the Valencia Borough municipality. Rich will continue to assist with maintenance activities in October. Secretary will follow up on posting the position of maintenance contractor within the borough.
   Motion to accept resignation of Rich Trosky effective 10/28/26 called to a vote unanimous in favor.
   Motion: Grey Seconded: Zimmerman
4. Donation discussion was had regarding a delivery scheduled for 10/16/26 of indoor flooring/paint supplies and outdoor garden supplies. Mayor Trosky applied for a donation on behalf of Valencia Borough. Mayor Trosky plans to update the memorial garden and flooring will be installed by Josh Zimmerman and Rich Trosky. Roger Grey discussed current flooring and desire to make no changes.
   Motion to replace the flooring of the Borough Building at 61 Almira St. Valencia, PA 16059 called to a vote with 2 Yay: McKenna and Zimmerman and 1 Nay: Grey. Motion passes.
   Motion: McKenna Seconded: Zimmerman
5. CD Rollover discussion was had regarding Council's desire to remain with Nextier. Secretary will follow up with Nextier Bank.
   Motion to rollover 3 CD's to obtain higher interest rate effective 11/4/26 called to a vote unanimous
   Motion: Grey Seconded: Zimmerman

Old Business

1. PA DEP MS4 CEI audit update – Secretary reported ongoing updates to audit requirements and discussions on possible funding for grant writing and MS4 related stormwater repairs within the borough.
2. 2027 Budget Draft update – Council reviewed updates to the 2027 budget draft and decided to schedule the budget and tax rate adoption meeting for November 23, 2026.
   Motion to schedule and advertise public council meeting for 2027 Budget and Tax Rate Adoption November 23 at 6:30PM at the Valencia Borough Municipal Building at 61 Almira Street, Valencia, PA 16059 called to a vote unanimous in favor.
   Motion: Grey Seconded: Zimmerman
3. PADEP Growing Greener grant update – Documents submitted by engineer, Rich Craft, for extension of project with Adams Township.
4. 2027 Tax increase update – Council reviewed the budget draft and discussed the impact of a tax increase for 2027. Council decided a tax increase is not necessary for 2027 due to ongoing conversations regarding a Public Private Partnership that would assist the borough with emergency service expenses.

5. Code of Conduct Policy update – no update
6. Railroad Street report update – Secretary spoke with Solicitor regarding ticket #145736S and will submit photographs of resident concerns along the railway with a complaint to the PUC. Motion to approve Solicitor filing a complaint to Buffalo & Pittsburgh with the Public Utility Commission (PUC) related to ticket #145736S created on 8/19/26 called to a vote unanimous in favor.
   Motion: Zimmerman Seconded: Grey
7. HMP & MEMC update – Council was provided the draft of the Butler County new Hazard Mitigation Plan for review. There is no update on a MEMC for Valencia Borough.
8. Road projects update – Josh Zimmerman reported ongoing conversations and plans for evaluation and quotes regarding roadway repairs within the borough. Rich Trosky reported an intent to fill small potholes in the meantime.
9. Community functions / memorial garden update – Mayor Trosky reported two more benches have been donated by residents of Valencia Borough and she will continue to construct a small memorial garden with supplies donated by Lowe's. The possibility of a Boy Scouts project to include MS4 permit audit recommendations.
10. Discussion with St. Barnabas on sharing costs for emergency services update – Shanon McKenna reported a positive meeting with St. Barnabas in which a draft of a Public Private Partnership for assistance with emergency and other essential services is to be contracted with plans to sign in November, allowing for an $80,200 contribution in 2027.
11. Bookkeeper and Auditor update – Secretary reports the 2025 financial audit has not yet been submitted by auditor. McKenna will follow up.

Correspondence

- Resignation from Mayor Lori Trosky on 9/21/26 with effective date 10/28/26.
- Notice of rate increase for 2027 Solicitor rates.
- Received draft of Butler Co. Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Received email RTK request responded via RTK policy.
- Urban County Cooperation Agreement FY 2027-2029 final document received.

Executive Session

To discuss legal contracts called to order at 8:13PM and adjourned at 8:28PM

Next Meeting

Public Council Meeting scheduled on November 9 at 6:30PM at the Valencia Borough Municipal Building at 61 Almira Street, Valencia, PA 16059

Adjourn Meeting: 7:45 PM Motion: Grey Seconded: Zimmerman

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