

**MEETING MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTH COATESVILLE
JANUARY 27, 2026**

The South Coatesville Borough Council met on January 27, 2026, at 7:00pm, at South Coatesville Borough Hall, 136 Modena Road, South Coatesville, PA. Members present: President Wright, Vice President Watson, Councilor Jones, Eveland, Bond and Mayor Carey. Councilor Washington was not in attendance. Present were Solicitor Gerber and Manager Plaugher.

Call to Order

Council President Wright called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and announced that Council met in executive session this evening at 6:00pm to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Citizens to be Heard – Agenda Items

None

Motion to amend the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda

Motion to amend the agenda and remove agenda item Ordinance 2026-01 Disbanding the South Coatesville Police Department from tonight's agenda by Councilor Jones, second by Councilor Eveland. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the agenda by Councilor Jones, second by Councilor Eveland. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2026, Council Reorganization Meeting

January 13, 2026, Council Meeting

The approval of minutes were tabled to the next Council meeting

Pay the Bills

Motion by Vice President Watson to approve the bills list for payment, pending review by the Finance Committee. Second by Councilor Bond. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Southview Homes - Update

President Wright reported that the remaining escrow for Southview is being held while the Borough confers with our Solicitor to determine if those funds can be used for unfinished work in the development. More to follow.

Woodward Road Grant Project

Manager Plaughter reported on repairs needed on the upper end of Woodward Road before the roadway can be opened. He met with the Borough Engineer and contractor at the site recently and reviewed additional roadway shoulder work and foliage clean up still to be completed.

New Business

Vacancy on Borough Council

President Wright reported that Mr. Gilbert Parker has declined to take the Oath of Office for his duly elected seat on Borough Council, which creates a vacancy. Motion to declare a vacancy by Vice President Watson, second by Councilor Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2026-01 – Snow Emergency Declaration

Councilor Jones made a motion to ratify Mayor Henry Carey's Snow Emergency declaration that went into effect on January 22, 2026. Second by Vice President Watson. Motion carried unanimously. President Wright thanked Mayor Carey for his leadership during the Snow Emergency.

Temporary Public Works Employees – Snow Emergency

Motion to ratify the hiring of temporary public works employees brought in to help with snowplow operations by Councilor Eveland, second by Councilor Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Finance Committee - President Wright reported earlier in the meeting.

Police Department – Manager Plaughter updated on the police department closeout.

Public Works – Report to Follow

Wastewater Treatment Plant – Report to follow

Modena Fire Company – Report to follow

Planning Commission - Councilor Eveland reported that the Planning Commission is working on a Land Development Plan and Comprehensive Plan, along with establishing roles and responsibilities.

Citizen Comments

A Southview resident (name unknown) expressed concern that we have a sidewalk on Overhill Road that stops near the bottom of the roadway and does not connect to any other sidewalk. He asked if sidewalk grants were available. In addition, snow needs to be cleaned up at the bottom of Overhill Rd. at Modena Road.

Resident Arthur Phillips suggested that public works pre-treat roadways prior to a storm. He believes that plow drivers need training on how to lower the plow down properly on the roadway. Better communication with residents is needed during winter storms.

Council and Mayor Closing Comments

The Mayor and Councilors thanked those who came out to tonight's meeting. Councilor Bond agreed that public works should put down brine prior to a winter storm.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Vice President Watson, second by Councilor Bond. Motion carried unanimously at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SJP', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Steven J. Plaugher
Borough Manager