

MEETING MINUTES  
BOROUGH OF SOUTH COATESVILLE  
July 22, 2025

The South Coatesville Borough Council met on July 22, 2025, 7:00pm, at Borough Hall, 136 Modena Road, South Coatesville, PA. Members present: President Wright, Vice President Watson, Councilors Bond, Jones, Floyd, and Washington. Also in attendance were Police Sergeant Gober, Solicitor Gerber and Manager Plaucher. Councilor Eveland and Mayor Long were not in attendance.

**Companies to address Council**

Representatives of Cedarville Engineering were present and updated on the Summit Village Townhome development, Southview Townhomes, Youngsburg Road project, and the pending MS4 audit due on September 30, 2025.

Summit Village infrastructure is almost complete. Roads are in with the final paving still pending. New flow to the sewer plant. The developer is responsible for completing landscaping and erosion controls. Concerns with playground equipment are being addressed. Cedarville will coordinate a meeting with the developer and Borough. Phase II plans are still under review.

Cedarville has been working with the Southview Townhomes developer on a revised punch list. Sidewalks are a concern, along with the walking trail which has the wrong stone. Cedarville expressed concerns that the developer was not being responsive. The Council asked why stop-work orders were not issued if the developer is not following the approved plans.

Cedarville also updated on the sewer plant and projected minor repairs to major upgrades. A meeting will be needed to discuss allocations and cost sharing with Modena Borough. Further study is needed for the sewer collection system to determine infiltration and age of the sewer lines.

**Citizens to be Heard**

Keisha Daniel and Todd DiFonzo of 118 Lukens Mill Drive told Cedarville and Council that they are frustrated with the developer's inferior quality of work and not being held accountable.

South Coatesville's new Public Works Foreman, Lawrence Woodward thanked Council for the opportunity, and stated he is working quickly to get things organized.

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**Motion to amend the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda**

Motion to amend the agenda to include approving the resignation of Rebecca Durnall, Borough Hall staff, by Vice President Watson, seconded by Councilor Floyd. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the agenda by Councilor Floyd, seconded by Vice President Watson. Motioned carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

Councilor Jones updated on placement of a memorial cap on the Gibbons Avenue Street sign in honor of Mr. James Bryant.

Updates on application for the STMP phase II award. Vice President Watson advised there were no updates at this time.

Update on tree removal on Borough property adjacent to private property at 18 Penn Street. Councilor Floyd advised he is still working with the property owner and will obtain a copy of the arborist report.

Sewer Plant review update. Addressed by Cedarville Engineering earlier in the meeting.

Youngsburg Road Stormwater Project. Councilor Washington expressed her concern about the continued flooding on Youngsburg Road.

2022 Audit. A letter was received on July 21, 2025, from the auditor for action items needed from the Borough, and that they have completed their part and have found no violations of law. Manager Plaughter to follow-up.

**New Business**

Resolution for the Zachariah Walker Remembrance Event to be held on August 13, 2025. Councilor Jones, who serves on the event committee, provided the background of the Remembrance and day's activities. Motion to approve the resolution by Councilor Jones, second by Vice President Watson. Motion carried unanimously.

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### **Reports**

Police – Sergeant Gober updated on the damaged guardrail on Lower Gap Road. PSP investigated the hit and run accident. The driver was identified, and we have submitted a claim to the driver’s insurance company. Discussion followed about the bad curve leading up to the accident scene and if we can do anything about signage. Sergeant Gober advised that the section of roadway is in Modena Borough.

Public Works – Councilor Washington brought to Council’s attention that the Public Works garage needs a phone and computer. Manager Plaughter will follow-up. Sergeant Gober advised that we may be able to obtain a phone through Co-Stars.

Parks and Recreation – Tina Floyd updated on Community Day that is set for Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. \$1,500 in donations has been received, with additional donations expected. Those planning to attend from Council and staff, please let Tina know your tee shirt size. In addition, we have tickets for the Lancaster Barnstormers Minor League Baseball Team. They will be available at Borough Hall.

### **Citizen Comments**

Keisha Daniel of 118 Lukens Mill Drive advised her trash is still not being picked up. Manager Plaughter will follow-up.

Mike Norman advised that stop-work orders should be placed on developers who are not in compliance with the approved plans.

### **Council Closing Comments**

Councilor Floyd thanked the police department for tracking down the guardrail accident report, and Mike Norman for his help at Public Works.

President Wright and Vice President Watson thanked everyone for attending tonight’s meeting.

Councilor Jones thanked everyone for coming out and he is looking forward to moving projects forward. Further, this is Minority Mental Health Awareness Month.

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Councilor Washington thanked everyone for attending and expressed her concern that Summit Village does not end up like Southview. She asked that Cedarville keeps on it.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jones, second by Councilor Floyd. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven J. Plaugher  
Borough Manager