

MEETING MINUTES  
BOROUGH OF SOUTH COATESVILLE  
August 12, 2025

The South Coatesville Borough Council met on August 12, 2025, 7:00pm, at Borough Hall, 136 Modena Road, South Coatesville, PA. Members present: President Wright, Vice President Watson, Councilors Bond, Jones, and Washington. Councilor Floyd and Mayor Long participated via phone. Councilor Eveland was not in attendance.

Also in attendance were Police Sergeant Gober and Manager Plaugher. Solicitor Gerber was not in attendance.

**Call to Order**

Council President Wright called the meeting to order at 7:11pm

**Citizens to be Heard – Agenda Items**

None

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

Motion to amend the agenda by Councilor Washington to include Modena Road improvements, Street sign marker honoring Mr. Bryant, Purchase of shelves in the Borough Hall basement, stating for the record the hiring dates of Manager Plaugher and Treasurer Novak, and the 68 Townhouse development pending a ZHB hearing. Second, by Councilor Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the agenda by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 22, 2025, Council meeting. Motion Councilor Washington, second by President Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

Stormwater Grate - Modena Road and First Avenue. Councilor Washington updated on the collapsed stormwater grate at this location. Councilor Bond stated that since this is a state road, PENNDOT could assist with materials, if the Borough does the repairs. Public

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Works Foreman Woodward will review and report back to Council. Public Works will also cone off the grate until repairs can be made.

Basement Shelves. Councilor Washington motioned to install shelves in the basement for file storage and free up space in the Borough Office. Second by Councilor Jones. Under comments, Councilor Floyd stated that p of the papers stacked in the managers office are for the upcoming audit. Motion carried 5-1 with Councilor Bond abstaining.

Start Dates. Council confirmed that Manager Plaugher's start date was July 8, 2025 and Treasurer Novak's start date was July 21, 2025.

Zoning Hearing Board. Council discussed their continued opposition to the proposed 68 townhome development on Overhill Road, which is scheduled for a Zoning Board Hearing on August 27, 2025. Density and traffic were their main concerns. Motion Councilor Washington, second by Councilor Bond, to continue in opposition to the requested zoning relief sought by the applicant. Motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

Compost Yard – Shared Municipal Partnership. Open to the public on the second Saturday of each month, 8am to 2pm. Each municipality in the partnership takes turns staffing a Saturday. South Coatesville's days to cover for the remainder of this year are August 9<sup>th</sup> and November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Past due sewer Bills. Councilor Floyd discussed that an option for non-payment of past bills could be for the water company to discontinue service until paid. President Wright advised that the Finance Committee with follow-up and work with Diversified Technology, who collects payments on behalf of the Borough.

Proposal for 2025 MS4 Permit Activities. State DEP inspection of Borough facilities is set for August 13, 2025. Cedarville engineering costs to represent the Borough at the inspection and complete permit activities is \$11,167.00. Motion to approve Councilor Jones, second by Councilor Bond. Motioned carried 5-1 with Councilor Washington opposed.

Public Works Laborer Application. Manager Plaugher reported that interviews were held to fill an open laborer position and recommended Council consider hiring Shane Brennan. Motion to hire by Vice President Watson, second by Councilor Bond. Councilor Washington asked how many hours Mr. Brennan will work and cautioned that we need to monitor the budget. Motioned carried unanimously.

Pay Bills. President Wright reported that Treasurer Novak along with Administrative Assistant Lavender went through all the bills and have prepared a bills list to be approved. Motion to approve Vice President Watson, second by Councilor Jones. Councilor Washington asked when we will have a treasurers report. President Wright advised we should have it next month. Motioned carried unanimously.

### **Project Updates**

Woodward Road Project. Councilor Floyd advised that a pre-bid meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2:00pm at Borough Hall. Carroll Engineering will update Council following the opening of bids.

Southview Homes. President Wright advised that he participated in a Teams meeting with the developer, Cedarville Engineering, and our solicitor to formalize a “punch list” of construction items that need to be completed. Comments made by residents of Southview who were in attendance will be listed under citizen comments.

Youngsberg Road Project. Councilor Washington asked for an update on the Youngsberg Road project and is concerned about ongoing flooding problems. Councilor Floyd advised we are waiting until October for PENNDOT grant funding to re-open. Councilor Washington also mentioned that installing a crosswalk with flashing lights in front of the church on Youngsberg Road is also a priority.

### **Reports**

Police – Sergeant Gober updated on the damaged guardrail on Lower Gap Road. PSP investigated the hit and run accident. PSP determined that the vehicle displayed a registration plate not assigned that the vehicle. The driver was cited for driving an unregistered vehicle and not having insurance. If the Borough wishes to recover damages for the guardrail, we will have to do so civilly.

Public Works – Submitted report to Council

Parks and Recreation – Tina Floyd updated that planning continues for Community Day which is set for Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Planning Commission – President Wright reported that Councilor Eveland has been in contact with the Chester County Planning Commission on solar options for electricity at Borough owned property. The Borough could have options for the Public Works garage and sewer plant and save on energy costs. Mote to follow.

**Citizen Comments**

A resident who resides at 518 S. First Avenue complained about a blighted nearby property and what can the Borough do to address the issue.

Todd DiFonzo of 118 Lukens Mill Drive in Southview and other residents present at the meeting complained that construction problems with the development have been going on for 15 years and the developer has not been held accountable. Areas of concern include the walking trail with weeds coming up through the stones, driveways that are sinking, and the street still needs a topcoat of paving. President Wright advised Council is doing the best we can and will continue meeting with the developer, our engineer and solicitor to address the "punch list" of projects that need completed.

**Council Closing Comments**

Councilor Jones updated on the "Remembering Zachariah Walker" activities scheduled for tomorrow, August 13, 2025.

Council thanked all who attended tonight's meeting.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jones, second by Councilor Bond. Motion carried unanimously at 9:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven J. Plaughter  
Borough Manager