

**MEETING MINUTES  
BOROUGH OF SOUTH COATESVILLE  
September 9, 2025**

The South Coatesville Borough Council met on September 9, 2025, 7:00pm, at Borough Hall, 136 Modena Road, South Coatesville, PA. Members present: President Wright, Vice President Watson, Councilor Jones, Washington, Floyd, and Eveland. Councilor Bond and Mayor Long were not in attendance.

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

**Call to Order**

Council President Wright called the meeting to order at 7:09pm and announced that Council met in executive session this evening at 6:00pm to discuss personnel and legal matters.

President Wright spoke on tonight's meeting rules of order and reminded those in attendance that they may only comment at the appropriate times listed on the agenda for citizen comments.

**Citizens to be Heard – Agenda Items**

None

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes**

August 12, 2025, Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve by Councilor Washington, second by Vice President Watson. Motion carried unanimously.

August 26, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve by Councilor Washington, second by Councilor Floyd. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilor Floyd made a motion to amend tonight's agenda to include accepting the resignation of Public Works employee Shane Brennan. Second by Councilor Eveland. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Floyd made a motion to approve tonight's agenda. Second by Councilor Eveland. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Old Business**

### Woodward Road Project

Councilor Floyd updated on the Woodward Road project and options for cutting back tree branches, foliage, and debris, prior to the road being reopened.

Tom Wilkes from Carroll Engineering contacted Senator Comitta's office and received the Senator's support to include the tree clean-up as part of the grant. Mr. Wilkes will coordinate with DCED on steps needed for the clean-up to be included in the grant and report back to Council.

Council discussed using the balance of the DCED grant on other projects in the Borough. Councilor Floyd will ask Mr. Wilkes to check with DCED to determine if the balance or a portion of grant funds can be directed at another Borough project.

### Solar Energy for Public Works and Wastewater Treatment Plant

Councilor Eveland updated on possible solar energy options for the Public Works and Wastewater Treatment facilities, through a program with the Chester County Planning Commission. To proceed, a cost of \$250 for a feasibility study will be needed. Motion to approve Councilor Eveland, second by Councilor Floyd. Motion carried unanimously.

### Sink Hole – 1199 Youngsburg Road

Councilor's Floyd and Washington updated on the sink hole problem at the Taylor property at 1199 Youngsburg Road. Manager Plaughter reported that representatives from Cleveland Cliffs will meet with Borough representatives and the Taylor family at the property on Thursday.

### Garnet Terrace Public Housing

Manager Plaughter updated on a mold complaint from Kellie Gibbs. He visited the property and observed mold in multiple locations in the apartment. Manager Plaughter contacted the Chester County Housing Authority and notified them of the complaint and mold situation.

### Meeting with PENNDOT

Councilor Floyd updated Council on a meeting with PENNDOT representatives on August 29, 2025. Discussed were storm water inlets, road paving, tree trimming, and crosswalk lining on Youngsburg Road. Council discussed pothole locations and roads that need paving.

### **New Business**

#### Recycling Agreement – Chester County Solid Waste Authority

Manager Plaughter reported that the agreement with the Chester County Solid Waste Authority, if approved, would continue through September 2026. Motion to approve Councilor Floyd, second by Councilor Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Pennsylvania American Water

Manager Plaughter reported that Pennsylvania American Water will be canvassing their service area, including South Coatesville Borough to inspect interior water service lines. They will seek permission to inspect water service lines at properties with unknown “customer side “service line material.

#### 2026 Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO)

Manager Plaughter reported that South Coatesville’s MMO for 2026 are as follows - Police MMO: \$12,350, Non-Uniform MMO: \$12,700. The contributions will be included in the 2026 Budget. Motion to approve Vice President Watson, second by Councilor Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Monthly Council Meeting Schedule

President Wright suggested Council consider switching to one meeting per month, from the current two meetings. Discussion followed with an advantage to one meeting a month would allow Council committees to meet and address their task list.

Councilor Washington was concerned that meeting only once per month could be difficult to keep up with Council business. President Wright mentioned that the second meeting is often a repeat of the first meeting.

Councilor Eveland made a motion that beginning October 2025, Borough Council will meet once a month, on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Further, this will be a trial period for the remainder of 2025. Second by Councilor Jones. Motion carried 5-1 with Councilor Washington opposed.

#### Public Works Resignation

Councilor Floyd made a motion to accept the resignation of Public Works employee Shane Brennan effective August 29, 2025. Second by Vice President Watson. The motion carried unanimously.

**Pay Bills**

President Wright reported that the Finance Committee reviewed the bills list and recommends approval. Motion to pay the bills by Vice President Watson, second by Councilor Washington. Motion carries unanimously.

**Reports**

Police – Sergeant Gober advised Council that his reported had been submitted.

Public Works – Report to follow. President Wright commented on the excellent work by Public Works with the repair of the Frist Avenue storm drain, and that PENNDOT was very helpful with the project.

Wastewater Treatment Plant – Report sent to Council

Modena Fire Company – Report to follow

Planning Commission – Councilor Eveland reported that she is interested in attending a Planning Conference to be held in Harrisburg on October 12-14. She will obtain additional information and report back to Council at our next meeting.

Parks and Recreation – Tina Floyd updated on South Coatesville Community Day, set for September 13, 2025, and outlined the days activities. State and County elected officials have been invited to attend at 2pm to be recognized. Mayor Long will be issued a proclamation for his many years' service to the Borough.

**Citizen Comments**

Gilbert Parker, Youngsburg Road suggested that Public Works consider painting arrows on roadways where sharp curves are located in advance of winter driving weather.

**Council Closing Comments**

Councilor Washington reported that Mayor Long is in the hospital and asked for all our prayers. Councilor Washington also thanked Vice President Watson for her efforts on the Finance Committee.

Councilor Jones commented on the passing of Pastor Graddis Eggleston, Jr., and his upcoming funeral. Councilor Jones further commented that a program titled “Why Courts Matter” will be held on September 30<sup>th</sup> at Judah Ministries Church.

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Councilor Floyd reported that he attended the ZHB Hearing concerning the proposed 68 Townhome development on Overhill Road. The applicant did not show for the advertised hearing, and the Zoning Hearing Board closed the application. If the applicant wishes to proceed with the project, he will need to submit a new application.

Councilor Floyd also commented that Council should address the number of pending unpaid sewer bills. President Wright suggested we contact Diversified Technology for their recommendation on how to proceed.

President Wright commented that he is looking forward to Community Day and thanked Tina Floyd for her hard work planning the event.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jones, second by Councilor Floyd. Motion carried unanimously at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Plaugher', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven J. Plaugher  
Borough Manager