

**MEETING MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTH COATESVILLE
OCTOBER 28, 2025**

The South Coatesville Borough Council met on October 28, 2025, 7:00pm, at Borough Hall, 136 Modena Road, South Coatesville, PA. Members present: President Wright, Vice President Watson, Councilor Jones, Washington, Floyd, Bond, and Eveland. Mayor Long was 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 7:12pm 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

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2025, Council Meeting. Motion to approve by Councilor Floyd, second by Councilor Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

October 21, 2025, Special Council Meeting. Motion to approve by Councilor Floyd, second by Councilor Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to amend the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda

Councilor Floyd made a motion to approve tonight's agenda, second by Councilor Washington. Motion carried unanimously. There were no amendments to the agenda.

Old Business

Woodward Road Project

Councilor Floyd updated that construction would begin on November 17th and should be completed by the first week of December. A sign has been erected on Woodward Road at Overhill Road identifying the project as provided through a state grant with assistance from Senator Comitta and her staff.

Sink Hole – 1199 Youngsburg Road

Manager Plaughter updated that the Borough is working with Cleveland Cliffs to schedule the repair.

Crosswalk – Bernardtown Baptist Church

Manager Plaughter reported that we are waiting on PENNDOT to approve the crosswalk design. Once we receive the approved design, our contractor will be able to provide pricing that will be provided to Council for their review and approval to proceed.

New Business

Summit Village – Amended Phase II Plan and Waiver Approval

The developer is requesting Conditional Final Approval of the Phase II Revised Plan and a waiver from the maximum of twenty dwelling units of a cul-de-sac street. Present on behalf of Summit Village were Bob Miller, Dan Wright, and Attorney Debra Shulski. Following discussions on the request, Councilor Floyd made a motion to approve Conditional Final Approval of the Phase II Revised Plan and approval of the waiver, second by Councilor Eveland. Motion failed 4-3. Voting yes – Councilor Bond, Eveland, and Floyd. Voting no – President Wright, Vice President Watson, Councilor Jones, and Washington.

Trash Collection Contract

The current trash collection contract expires on December 31st. Following discussion, Vice President Watson made a motion to determine if a contract amendment is possible and if not, proceed to bid, second by Councilor Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Salt Shed Repairs

President Wright updated on repairs needed to the exterior walls of the Salt Shed. The Borough received two quotes for the work: Mike Norman Custom Carpentry (\$8,406.00) and West Caln Construction (\$13,000). Motion by Councilor Jones to award the repair work to Mike Norman Custom Carpentry, second by Councilor Washington. The motion passed unanimously. President Wright further commented that work would be authorized to begin when funding is determined.

Grant Award – PA – LSA Award (\$57,345)

Manager Plaughter updated on the LSA state grant award for police equipment. No action is required at this time. Grant begins when signed by both parties and ends on June 30, 2027

Grant Award – PA – LSA Award (\$685,000)

Manager Plaughter updated on the LSA state grant for Borough Hall renovations. No action is required at this time. Grant begins when signed by both parties and ends on June 30, 2027.

Borough Council Compensation

Manager Plaughter reported that PA Borough Code, Title 8, has been amended to provide for an increase in compensation levels. In Boroughs with a population of less than 5,000, the amendment increases compensation levels from the current \$1,875 to \$3,145 annually.

Council compensation level increases are to be made by ordinance and would begin in January 2026 for those eligible (elected November 4, 2025). Motion to advertise an ordinance with intent to adopt the compensation increase by Councilor Eveland, second by Councilor Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Hire

Public Works employee Charles Lamont Rivers-Hamilton was hired part-time and began work on October 14, 2025. Motion to ratify the hiring by Councilor Floyd, second by Councilor Eveland. Motion carried unanimously.

Leaf Collection Schedule

Manager Plaughter reported that leaf collection will begin on November 3rd and continue once a week on Mondays with a carry-over to Tuesday if needed. Residents will be notified via email, fliers and the collection schedule will be posted on the website

Pay Bills

President Wright reported that the Finance Committee has reviewed the bills list for payment and recommends approval. Motion to approve payment by Vice President Watson, second by Councilor Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Finance Committee

President Wright reported that the finance committee has been hard at work in reviewing processes for handling bills to make it less people oriented, and more process based. They are also working on an auto pay policy, ACH transfers, and outstanding invoice collections.

Police Department

OIC Sgt. Gober reported that the Cody Computer System migration is moving forward and the monthly report has been filed.

Public Works

Public Works report will follow

Parks and Recreation

Tina Floyd reported that Parks and Recreation had a table display at Citadel's Fall Festival. The event was well attended, and they handed out candy with toothpaste, along with books that were donated by the Coatesville Library.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Report included. Vice President Watson and Councilor Jones asked about the status of the UV upgrade at the plant. President Wright advised that the upgrade needs to be discussed further at the Council level, before moving forward.

Modena Fire Company

Fire Company President Frank Dowlin updated Council on call volume and career staffing which will need to be increased next year. In 2026 they would like to create an EMS committee comprised of surrounding municipalities to address funding levels. President Dowlin also reported on the recent shooting incident at Lincoln University and EMS response. He also asked about 2025 State Aid for the Relief Association that is pending from the Borough.

Planning Commission

Councilor Eveland mentioned that Council should be looking to fill our vacant Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) position. President Wright advised that Council will discuss options moving forward.

Citizen Comments

Gilbert Parker commented on the storm drain at Summit Village and whether a pumping station is needed.

A resident of 32 Wood Street commented on being forced out of her Section 8 housing and having no heat.

Rev. Brunson, Bernardtown Baptist Church was concerned about the crosswalk installation delay, stormwater upgrades, and a truck that has been parked on church property.

Doreen Campbell thanked Councilor Floyd for the signs she requested and the need for the Borough to issue trash cans to residents.

Tom Roney, 48 Wood Street reported the people are sleeping at night in the park near the basketball court. He suggested that the park gate be locked at night. Mr. Roney also reported that construction traffic (trucks) are using Birch Street to enter Summit Village and installing "No Truck" signs may help.

Tina Floyd advised that with the federal government shutdown, citizens can obtain food assistance at food banks and pantries. The Salvation Army and churches also provide food assistance.

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Wesley Taylor reported that the “junk” trailer is still in the municipal parking lot next to the Bongo Club.

Council Closing Comments

Councilor Washington mentioned the need for a salt order at Public Works for the upcoming winter weather.

Vice President Watson mention that the Borough should obtain a list of streetlights that are out, and residents should be paying their trash bills.

Councilor Bond reminded everyone to come out and vote on election day.

Councilor Eveland reminded Council that we should be following our Strategic Management Plan, and that committees begin meeting between the regular monthly Council meeting.

Councilor Floyd thanked resident Rebecca Ward for her efforts in attending meetings and volunteering to help where needed. Rebecca is moving to California.

President Wright thanked everyone for coming out and remember to vote in the upcoming election.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Bond, second by Councilor Jones. Motion carried unanimously at 9:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven J. Plaughter
Borough Manager

