

**MEETING MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTH COATESVILLE
DECEMBER 18, 2025**

The South Coatesville Borough Council met on December 18, 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 was Manager Plaughter.

Call to Order

Council President Wright called the meeting to order at 7:14pm 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

Mayor-Elect Carey expressed concern about ending Borough police coverage and asked Council to delay action until he has had time to review the budget. President Wright stated that the newly elected Council can reopen the budget in January, should they wish to make any changes.

Mrs. Carey commented on disbanding procedures and Council should research options for continued policing.

Councilor-Elect Parker commented that any change in Borough engineers will require the new engineer to be brought up to speed on any existing projects.

Motion to amend the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda

There were no amendments. Motion to approve the agenda by Councilor Floyd, second by Councilor Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

November 25, 2025, Council meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Councilor Floyd, second by Vice President Watson, with the correction to Upper Gap Road as the street name listed. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills Update

President Wright explained that McGarrigle Bookkeeping and Consulting Service is now managing the Borough's bookkeeping and accounts payable. This improvement will permit a more efficient and accurate bills list for Council approval.

Old Business

Southview Homes - No update

New Business

Refuse and Recyclable Materials Collection Bid

J.P. Mascaro & Sons was the sole bidder. Councilor Floyd made a motion to approve Option #1 in the bid packet and awarding the bid to J. P. Mascaro & Sons. Second by Councilor Bond. Motion carried unanimously.

Option #1 is a three-year contract with the option of a one-year extension. 2026 (\$106,968.00), 2027 (\$108,120.00), 2028 (\$110,016.00), 2029 option year (\$112,092.00).

Municipal Engineer Appointment

Councilor Washington made a motion to appoint Carroll Engineering as the Borough Municipal Engineer effective January 1, 2026. Second by Councilor Floyd. Motion carried unanimously.

Resignation – Borough Hall Administrative Assistant

Vice President Watson made a motion to accept the resignation of Rebecca Durnall effective December 5, 2025. Second by Councilor Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

Authorized Check Signers for 2026

Effective January 1, 2026, approved check signers will be President Wright, Councilor Eveland, and Manager Plaughter. Councilor Floyd will be removed as a signer due to his term on Borough Council ending. Motion to approve Councilor Washington, second by Councilor Bond. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider approval of Ordinance 2025-02, Increase of Compensation Levels for Borough Council and Mayor

Act 131 of 2024 amended the Pennsylvania Borough Code and authorized increases to the maximum allowable compensation for the Mayor and Borough Council. Boroughs with a population of less than 5,000 may increase compensation for council members from the current \$1,875 annually to a maximum of \$3,145 annually. The compensation for the mayor may be increased from the current \$2,500 to a maximum of \$4,190 annually. Said increases only apply to council members and the mayor who were elected on November 4, 2025.

Following discussion, Councilor Washington made a motion to approve an increase of 25% of the maximum council member compensation allowable increase (\$3,145), and 25% of the maximum allowable increase permitted for the mayor (\$4,190). Second by Councilor Jones. Motion carried 4-3. Voting in favor were Councilor Bond, Councilor Washington, Councilor Jones, and President Wright. Voting opposed were Councilor Eveland, Councilor Floyd, and Vice President Watson.

Effective January 1, 2026, the newly elected council members will receive an increase in compensation of \$786.25, above the current annual compensation of \$1,875. The newly elected mayor will receive an increase in compensation of \$1,047.50, above the current annual compensation of \$2,500.

Consider Approval of Final 2026 Budget

The finance committee completed their revisions and presented the 2026 budget for approval. Motion to approve by Vice President Watson, second by Councilor Bond. Councilor Eveland had questions concerning fire company distributions. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider Applying for a TAN (Tax Anticipation Loan)

President Wright explained that a TAN would assure that the Borough is financially stable for the first few months of 2026, until real estate tax is received. Council deferred action.

Municipal Police Services

After long and thoughtful consideration of multiple factors, Councilor Jones made a motion to cease the Borough of South Coatesville's police services effective at midnight December 31, 2025, and to alert the Pennsylvania State Police to ensure police coverage. Second by Councilor Eveland. Councilor Floyd commented that he is a firm advocate of community policing, but due to budget constraints, this is the best option. Motion carried unanimously.

President Wright advised that Borough Council will study options including the disbandment of the Borough's police department which will be addressed at a future council meeting.

2026 Borough Meeting Schedule

- Borough Council Meetings
 - Reorganization Meeting – January 5, 2026
 - Second and fourth Tuesday of each month
- Planning Commission
 - Second Monday of each month
- Motion to advertise by Vice President Watson, second by Councilor Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Finance Committee

Included in meeting packet

Police Department

Included in meeting packet

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Public Works

Included in meeting packet

Parks and Recreation

Tina Floyd advised she and Bob are moving out of the Borough, and she is resigning her position on Parks and Recreation. Council thanked Tina for her service to the community.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Included in meeting packet

Modena Fire Company

Included in meeting packet

Planning Commission

Councilor Eveland suggested that Council consider reducing the number of commissioners in 2026, and the PC will begin working on an updated Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

Citizen Comments

Mayor-Elect Henry Carey stated that steps need to be taken, and notifications made before the disbandment of the police department, and that it may be difficult to restore police coverage after disbandment. Mayor-Elect Carey further commented that Borough Council is doing a good job, and he is looking forward to working with everyone. We can all work together collectively and take care of our community.

Council Closing Comments

Councilor Bond wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilor Washington commented concerning parking on Ash Street during snow conditions, solicitor costs in general and recovering legal and engineering expenses from development projects. Further, we should collect outstanding invoices.

Councilor Jones commented on one of the public works trucks down for repairs and the need to have snow plows up and running so that streets can be cleared in a timely manner. We can post the snowplow schedule on the website.

Vice President Watson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Councilor Eveland thanked Tina and Bob Floyd for their service to the community.

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President Wright complimented Council on their work at tonight's meeting, and that additional tough decisions are ahead. He thanked the Floyd's for their service to the community. President Wright presented a Certificate of Service to Councilor Floyd for his time on Borough Council.

Councilor Floyd commented that this recognition is not just for him. He thanked his wife Tina for her support and understanding for all the hours required to serve on council. He and Tina are moving to Malvern to be closer to their family. Councilor Floyd wished everyone the best in the new year and the years ahead.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jones, second by Vice President Watson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven J. Plaugher
Borough Manager