

MEETING MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTH COATESVILLE
February 10, 2026

The South Coatesville Borough Council met on February 10, 2026, at 7:00pm, at South Coatesville Borough Hall, 136 Modena Road, South Coatesville, PA. Members present: President Wright, Vice President Watson, Councilor Jones, Bond, Washington, and Mayor Carey. Councilor Eveland was not in attendance. Present were Solicitor Gerber and Manager Plaughter.

Call to Order

Council President Wright called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm 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

Motion to amend the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda

There were no amendments. Motion to approve the agenda by Vice President Watson, second by Councilor Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2026, Council Reorganization Meeting – Motion to approve by Councilor Washington with the following corrections: Judge Hines administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Carey, and Mayor Carey then administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected members of Council. And to add attendance of Council members at the meeting. Second by Counselor Bond. Motion carried unanimously.

January 13, 2026, Council Meeting – Motion to approve by Councilor Bond, second by Vice President Watson. Motion carried unanimously.

January 27, 2026, Council Meeting – Motion to approve by Vice President Watson, second by Councilor Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Pay the Bills

Motion by Vice President Watson to approve the bills list for payment, pending review by the Finance Committee. Second by Councilor Bond. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Southview Homes – No Update

Woodward Road Grant Project

Manager Plaughter reported we are waiting for an estimate from the paving contractor to make repairs to the upper end of Woodward Road, and for the tree trimming company to clean up some of the overgrowth along the length of Woodward Road.

New Business

McGarrigle Bookkeeping and Consulting Services – Motion by Vice President Watson to approve a Client Service Agreement for 2026 at a monthly fee of \$1,500.00. Second by Councilor Bond. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2026-02 – Emergency Operations Plan – Motion to approve Resolution 2026-02, Adopting the Emergency Operations Plan of the Borough of South Coatesville by Vice President Watson. Second by Councilor Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

Carroll Engineering – Wastewater Treatment Plant – Reporting Requirements – Motion to approve Annual Effluent Monitoring Report at a cost of \$1,500.00 and Chapter 94 reporting at a cost of \$5,000.00 by Vice President Watson, second by Councilor Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

Woodward Road Grant Project – Funds Release Request – Associated Paving Contractors applied for payment on work completed to date on Woodward Road in the amount of \$70,375.80. Motion to approve payment by Councilor Washington, second by Vice President Watson. Motion carried unanimously. Council also discussed using Highway Aid-Liquid Fuels money for the Youngsburg Road project.

Sale of Police Department Firearms – Councilor Bond made a motion to approve the sale of surplus Police Department firearms to Witmer Public Safety Group in the amount of \$2,850.00. The items included six handguns, five shotguns, two rifles, one dart rifle, and one case of ammunition. Second by Vice President Watson. The motion carried by a vote of 4–1. Councilor Jones voted in opposition, citing the need to obtain a second price from another vendor.

Borough Zoning Hearing Board Resignation – Mayor Henry Carey submitted a resignation letter from his position on the Zoning Hearing Board. The PA Municipal Planning Code prohibits members of the ZHB to hold any elected or appointed office in a municipality. Motion to accept the resignation by Vice President Watson, second by Councilor Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

Vacancy on Borough Council – Update – President Wright reminded those in attendance that Council will consider filling the vacant Council seat at the February 24, 2026, meeting, and Borough residents interested in serving should submit a letter of interest. Council Jones advised that Mr. Authur Phillips has submitted a letter.

Reports

Finance Committee - President Wright updated on McCarrigle Bookkeeping and Consulting Services who will be presenting at a future Council meeting.

Police Department – PA State Police report included.

Public Works – Report to Follow

Wastewater Treatment Plant – January and February reports included.

Modena Fire Company – Report to follow

Westwood Fire/EMS - Report included

Planning Commission – No Report.

Citizen Comments

Mr. Wes Taylor commented on the police vehicles and if they will be for sale.

Ms. Elizabeth Dermond commented on the vacant Council seat and communication needs to improve, including the website.

Mr. Larry London commented on the metal plate at the bottom of Overhill Road that needs attention, and that Youngsburg Road should be a priority over Woodward Road. Further, he felt that Public Works should do a better job with snow plowing and grass cutting. Mr. London is also concerned about the roadway dips on Modena Road.

Mr. Paul Barber commented that he was upset having to wait outside Borough Hall for 10 minutes for the door to be unlocked. In addition, he is concerned about streetlights being out, a sink hole in the public park at Parkway Avenue, and snowplow operations. Further, Borough Council needs to improve collections for sewer and trash.

Council and Mayor Closing Comments

Councilor Bond advised that he is looking forward to the Winery coming to Woodward Road and reminded residents to attend monthly meetings to keep Council consistent

Councilor Washington advised that the Finance Committee needs additional financial reports, so they are prepared for meetings. Further, the Borough needs to improve snowplow operations, and we should have better communication with our residents during snow emergencies.

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Councilor Jones thanked everyone for coming out and your comments are refreshing, legitimate and helpful. We will work on improving communication between the Borough and our residents. Councilor Jones advised that he had to call the state police for a deceased neighbor and there was a 40-minute response time. He was also concerned about streetlights being out.

Vice President Watson thanked everyone for coming out and we will work on your comments and concerns.

President Wright thanked everyone for coming out and we will address your comments and concerns. We are trying to be proactive, driving through neighborhood streets looking for needed improvements, and focusing on the whole Borough. Regarding snowplow operations, we can do better, but this was a big snow.

Mayor Carey thanked those attending for their comments. We had a big snow, but we need to improve communication with neighbors to get vehicles moved during snowplow operations. Neighbors can help by passing on information to each other.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Vice President Watson, second by Councilor Bond. Motion carried unanimously at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven J. Plaughner
Borough Manager