

BOROUGH OF SOUTH COATESVILLE
Borough Council Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2026

Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. President Wright called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and announced that Council met in Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters. The meeting was held at Borough Hall, 136 Modena Road, South Coatesville, PA.

Present: President Wright, Vice President Watson, Councilor Washington, Councilor Eveland, Councilor Bond, Councilor Phillips, and Councilor Jones. Note that Councilor Jones arrived at 7:18 pm.

Absent: Mayor Carey

Staff Present: Borough Manager Steven J. Plaugher

Public Comment – Agenda Items Only

Agenda

Councilor Eveland moved to approve tonight's meeting agenda as presented. Second, ++by Councilor Phillips. Motion carried unanimously. There were no amendments.

Minutes

Councilor Bond moved to approve the May 12, 2026, Borough Council meeting minutes as presented. Second, by Councilor Phillips. Motion carried unanimously.

Payment of Bills

Vice President Watson moved to approve the May 26, 2026, bills list as presented, Second by Councilor Eveland. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Southview Homes – Manager Plaughter reported that the Borough is working with our land development solicitor and engineer regarding outstanding work that needs to be completed by the developer.

Youngsburg Road Stormwater Project – Manager Plaughter reported on the meeting with PennDOT and Borough Engineer, regarding and the next steps to secure PennDOT approval.

Crosswalk – 1200 Block of Youngsburg Road – Manager Plaughter reported that JMR Engineering has submitted a request for a mid-block crossing study, as required to PennDOT, and they have agreed to do the study at their cost.

Streetlights – Manager Plaughter reported that all previously reported streetlight outings have been repaired, with one additional light out on Woodward Road that was just reported.

New Business

Recycling Containers – Replacement Parts – Manager Plaughter reported that additional axles and wheel parts are needed for the recycling containers at Public Works. Additional information will follow on cost.

United States – 250 Anniversary Resolution 2026-05 – Councilor Eveland moved to approve Resolution 2026-05, in recognition of the Nation's 250th Anniversary. Second by Vice President Watson. Motion called unanimously.

The Women's League for Minority Education Awards – President Wright reported that Councilor Kenneth Bond is being presented the 2026 Community Service Impact Award at the organization's 45th Annual Awards and Scholarship Recognition Banquet on June 28th at the Downingtown Country Club. Congratulations Councilor Bond.

Reports

Finance – Reported earlier in the meeting

Engineer Report – June Meeting

PA State Police – June Meeting

Public Works – June Meeting

Wastewater Treatment Plant – June Meeting

Modena Fire Company – June Meeting

Westwood EMS – June Meeting

Planning Commission – Councilor Eveland reported that Council is reviewing the advantages of reducing the size of the Commission. Addition details to follow.

Citizen Comments

Reverend Brunson commented that he was pleased with what he heard tonight regarding the Youngsburg Road Stormwater Project but is concerned that a follow-up meeting with PennDOT is not scheduled. Further, there should be a chart with dates and who is responsible for tasks.

Regarding the Crosswalk Study, Reverend Brunson recommended should PennDOT deny the crosswalk, the Borough should push back since PennDOT has recently installed crosswalk signs at that location.

Reverend Brunson reported that the storm drains on Youngsburg Road in front of his church are clogged with debris.

Mr. Charles Johnson, President of the Modena Fire Company advised Council that the fire company will be holding a meeting on June 10th, 7pm at the fire house. Borough Council representatives are invited to join with other municipal leaders as they provide an update on operations and planning for the future.

Council and Mayor Comments

Councilor Washington recommended that we seek approval for a stop sign on Youngsburg Road at Lower Gap Road. Further, she thanked residents for coming out to tonight's meeting.

Councilor Jones suggested that we have our engineer attend the next meeting to update on the Youngsburg Road Stormwater Project. Further, June 21st is our celebration for Juneteenth and asked that fliers be placed on the Borough website. He also thanked those who worked the election polls.

Council Jones commented on a letter that was being sent to Borough Council from the Coatesville branch of the NAACP in support of Reverend Brunson and his church, concerning the flooding problems.

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Councilor Eveland thanked residents for attending tonight's meeting, and those who worked the election polls. Outside the polls, she surveyed residents on Borough improvements they would like to see. Anyone who wishes to help with America 250, let her know.

Councilor Phillips reported that although he is new to his position, he takes serving on Council seriously. Further, we must provide services at a high level and provide for a safe community.

Councilor Bond thanked Council and those attending tonight's meeting for recognizing his award. Regarding Juneteenth, Councilor Bond commented that for the past 68 years of his life he has been supporting civil rights including his time with John Lewis and Reverend Martin Luther King.

President Wright commented on Juneteenth and spoke about Declaration Day in South Carolina when thousands of newly freed slaves gathered to honor fallen union soldiers. Regarding the Borough we continue to make improvements and move forward. Congratulations to Councilor Bond on his award, which is a well-deserved honor.

Adjournment

Councilor Bond moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilor Eveland. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven J. Plaugher
Borough Manager