

BOROUGH OF PENNSBURY VILLAGE
MINUTES GENERAL MEETING
Pennsbury Village Community Room
February 11, 2025

GENERAL MEETING - 6:31 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

President Steven Stecko convened the General Meeting at 6:30 pm. A quorum was reached with the following members of Council present: Vic Carelle, Barb Cinpinski, Brenda George, Nicholas Honchar and Carolyn Waldner. Chris DeMatty was unable to attend. Also present were Mayor Lucy Harper, Borough Manager Bob Wable, Solicitor Chris Voltz, Engineer Clint Reilly, and Carnegie Police Officer Gittings.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kim Cooke of 314 Pennsview Court questioned when Baldwin Road repairs will be finalized, as the current condition of Baldwin Road is deplorable. Steve Stecko explained Baldwin Road is the responsibility of Allegheny County and we have no information as to when it will be fixed, but probably sometime this summer. In addition, a potential closure of Campbells Run Road was discussed.

III. MINUTES AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Minutes of the January 14, 2025 General Meeting were unanimously adopted on a motion by Carolyn Waldner and seconded by Barb Cinpinski. The Minutes of the January 28, 2025 Caucus meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Vic Carelle and seconded by Brenda George. Upon a motion by Carolyn Waldner and seconded by Brenda George, the board voted unanimously to approve the Accounts Payable ending January 31, 2025 in the amount of \$35,816.20.

IV. OFFICIALS' REPORTS

MAYOR - Lucy Harper

Mayor Lucy Harper reported 316 police calls for the month of January 2025 with the following of note:

Description	Number of Occurrences
THEFT - UNDER \$50	1
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	1
HARASSMENT	1
DOMESTIC	1
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	1
WATER LEAK	1
SUICIDE	1
BARKING DOG	1
TRAFFIC CRASH - NON REPORTABLE	1
HAZARD	1
PATROL ACTION - PATROL ACTIVITY CARDS	1
PATROL ACTION - VACATION CHECK	1
PATROL ACTION - PENNSBURY PATROL	284
PATROL ACTION	2
PATROL ACTION - FOOT PATROL	1

PATROL ACTION - WELFARE CHECK	1
PUBLIC WORKS REQUEST	4
TRAFFIC STOP	1
TRAFFIC TARGET	11
TOTAL`	316

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT - Steven Stecko/Brenda George

Steven Stecko - No Report

Brenda George - No Report

MANAGER - Bob Wable

Bob Wable reported the following:

- The current amount available for the Pennsbury Park/Sports Court COVID 19 Grant is \$175,598.00. To date, we have not received any large bills for the playground/sports court equipment.
- There have been 102 pet registrations.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR - Bob Wable

Bob Wable reported December 2024 Real Estate tax payments received in the amount of \$0.

ACT 511 TAX COLLECTIONS -Bob Wable

Bob Wable reported \$9,982.25 in Earned Income Taxes for the month of December, 2024.

REFUSE FEE COLLECTOR: Bob Wable

Bob Wable reported December 2024 Refuse payments received in the amount of \$212.50.

ENGINEER - Clint Reilly

Clint Reilly indicated the Borough was not approved to receive funds from the Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund (GEDTF) Grant. However, he is in the process of applying for the Pa Small Water and Sewer Grant Program and plans to reach out to local key politicians for assistance. The application is due at the end of April, with a decision sometime in November, 2025. Our deadline to complete the enhancements to the STP is the Spring of 2027.

SOLICITOR – Chris Voltz

Chris Voltz - No Report

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS - Steven Stecko

Steven Stecko indicated a potential water line break on Colony Court is being watched closely. In addition, the leak at the STP from the main pipe that comes from the compressor room will be fixed on Friday, February 14, 2025. Plans at this point are to repair the pipe with a clamp, at an estimated cost of \$1,500.00.

PARKS AND RECREATION - Vic Carelle

Vic Carelle reported the enhancements at the playground are almost completed and on schedule for a Spring Opening. Although the Sports Court enhancements has some minor issues that need discussed, it should begin soon.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - Barbara Cinpinski

Barb Cinpinski - No Report.

CONDO REPORT - Various Board Members

Next Condominium Meeting is schedule for February 26, 2025, with Chris DeMatty scheduled to attend.

PUBLIC SAFETY - Lucy Harper

Mayor Harper - No Report

FINANCE - Nicholas Honchar

Nick Honchar indicated the required 1099s have been sent to 5 vendors, and the year end financials have been sent to Auditor Fabian O'Connor. His review of the current financial disclosed no major variances from 2024.

SAFETY INSPECTION/ADMINISTRATIVE - Rhonda Mack

Rhonda Mack indicated that 38 units still owe License/Inspection fees for 2025, with second notices going out within the next few days. So far, 36 units have been scheduled for inspection, with 15 completed with a "pass" rating and 3 with a "failed" rating. Finally, she reported \$4,300.00 has been collected thus far in License/Inspection fees.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - Brenda George

Brenda George - No Report.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

STP NPDES Permit/Project Update

Clint Reilly - No Report

2024 Park and Sports Court Project/Grant

Already discussed under Parks and Recreation.

Local Share Account (LSA Statewide Program Grant- 225,999) Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation

Steve Stecko indicated Logan Matter is the new contact for this approved grant and informed Clint Reilly to proceed with the enhancements.

Revision of Pet Ordinance

Steve Stecko indicated this project continues to evolve, and more updates will be provided in future meetings.

Pennsbury Sewage Treatment Plant Operation Contract/Letter Approval

On a motion from Vic Carelle, and seconded by Steve Stecko, the board unanimously approved sending a letter to Metiri Group (i.e., CWM Environmental) informing them of our intention to end their current STP Operations/Testing contract as of June 1, 2025, and receive proposals/bids from other qualified candidates, including Metiri Group.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new Business conducted

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION WITH COUNCIL

Mayor Harper and Vic Carelle discussed the potential of having a Park/Sports Court dedication ceremony during Memorial Day weekend whereby the local politicians that were instrumental in us obtaining the grant money could be in attendance. The Board will discuss this topic at the February Caucus meeting.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

The following items were discussed:

- Bill Hootman of 558 Carriage Circle questioned whether the Board has considered collecting Pet DNA during the Pet Registration process. This would allow a DNA analysis be performed if feces is found on Pennsbury grounds to determine whose dog it belonged to. Steve Stecko explained that the processes of collecting and analyzing DNA is very costly, and even though the Board has not previously considered it, since a new Pet Ordinance is being created, it will be discussed.
- Janet Wislowsky of 1282 Pennsbury Blvd inquired whether installing charging stations for electric vehicles is an option for Pennsbury Village. Steve Stecko explained that, for the following reasons, the Board is not considering the installation of charging stations for electric vehicles:
 1. The Borough has many higher priority items, some of which are required by the Government, and will be very expensive to complete,
 2. The cost to install electric charging stations is very costly, estimated between \$60,000 and \$80,000,
 3. There is a lack of land in Pennsbury Village to install a charging station, as eliminating parking spaces is not an option,
 4. Installation of a charging port within carports is not allowed due to it being a wooden structure and a potential fire hazard,
 5. How could Pennsbury prevent non residents from using the charging ports.

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:02 pm, on a motion by Carolyn Waldner and seconded by Nick Honchar, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Wable