



February 2026 – Council Meeting
Wesleyville Borough, Erie County, Pennsylvania

Approved Meeting Minutes

Public Meeting Information

February 25th, 2026, at 6:00PM

In-Person – Borough Hall located at 3421 Buffalo Road, Erie, PA 16510.

Live Virtual Option – Link available at Wesleyville.gov/Council

Archive of Recordings – Videos at Wesleyville.gov/Council

- 1) **Call to Order** – By: Mr. Petrini
- 2) **Invocation** - By: Mr. Petrini
- 3) **Pledge of Allegiance** - By: Mr. Petrini
- 4) **Roll Call:** (Present) (Not Present)
 - a. Mayor, E Paul Johnson; Not Present
 - b. Council President; Regina Julius: Not Present
 - c. Council Vice President, Fred Petrini: Present
 - d. Council President Pro Tem, Paul Bills: Present

- e. Councilperson, Jerry Braden: Present
- f. Councilperson, Cassandra Kolesar: Present
- g. Councilperson, Jeremy Moreland: Present
- h. Councilperson, Sandy Morrow: Present
- i. Tax Collector, Lisa Huff: Not Present
- j. Solicitor, Ed Betza: Not Present
- k. Engineer, Mark Corey: Not Present
- l. Police Chief, Robert Buzanowski: Not Present
- m. Borough Manager/Secretary, Marcus Jacobs: Present
- n. Public Works Supervisor, Joseph Ball: Not Present
- o. Borough Clerk, Heidi Savage: Present

5) Citizens to address Council:

6) Approve Agenda:

- a. Motion to approve of the agenda for tonight's meeting, February 25th, 2026, made by Mr Bills, seconded by Mrs. Morrow, passed unanimously.

7) Approve Minutes:

- a. Motion to approve the minutes from the January 28th, 2026, Council Meeting, made by Mrs. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Braden, passed unanimously.
- b. Motion to approve the minutes from the February 11th, 2026, Council Meeting, made by Mr. Braden, seconded by Mr. Moreland, passed unanimously.

8) Top of Agenda – Reserved Time:

- a. (Tabled) Relaunching the Junior Councilmember Program! - Motion to appoint Sophia, freshman at Iroquois High School to the position of Junior Councilmember with a term of 1 year.
 - i. Swearing in of Jr. Councilmember

9) Borough Administration:

a. Borough Manager – Manager Jacobs

i. Zoning Hearing – Adjustments Made

1. *Adjusted the charts to include the “Single-Family Attached” category.*
2. *Adjusted setback to be no more restrictive than previously.*
3. *Memo about historical footprint – Nonconforming structure concept in State Law*
4. *Permit Resident Care Facilities – Public meeting for this.*
5. *Reduce minimum lot size*

ii. Masonry Bid Review – get more quotes, check with Mark Corey.

b. Police Department – Chief Buzanowski

- i. *Note – As the Police Dept is undergoing the flooring renovation. They were in need of a new detainee bench. The Chief requested to purchase a bench out of his “Equipment” budget.*

c. Fire Department – Chief Wiercinski

d. East Erie County EMS – Representative Steve Alfieri

e. Treasurer’s Report (*2nd Meeting of the Month*) - Manager Jacobs

- i. Motion to acknowledge receipt of the January 2026 Depository Log and the Transfer Log made by Mrs. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Bills, passed unanimously.
- ii. Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Year-to-Date Profit & Loss Reports for the General, Sewer, Garbage, and Liquid Fuels funds, made by Mrs. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Bills, passed unanimously.
- iii. Motion to acknowledge receipt of the January 2026 Check Details from the General, Sewer, and Garbage funds, made by Mr. Moreland, seconded by Mr. Bills, passed unanimously.
- iv. Motion to acknowledge receipt of the January 2026 Credit Card Purchases Report, made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mrs. Morrow, passed unanimously.

f. Engineer's Report (*Council Meetings Only*)

g. Solicitor's Report (*Council Meetings Only*)

10) Executive Session: None Anticipated

a. Recessed:

i. Borough Council recessed public session at _____ for an executive session regarding...

b. Reconvened:

i. Borough Council reconvened the public session at _____

c. Motions resulting from the Executive Session:

11) Old Business:

a. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-001 for the adjustment of the parking regulations in several Borough locations, made by Mrs. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Braden, passed unanimously.

i. *Hinkler Park exit ramp, eliminating parking entirely during winter months.*

ii. *Water Street, east side from Dollar Tree north to Municipal Boundary*

b. Motion to appoint Steve Briggs (to recuse himself if meeting concerns Code Enforcement), Jeremy Frantz, and Kevin Julius to the Municipal Appeals Board, tasked with the responsibilities of the Zoning Hearing Board, Rental Registration Appeals, Quality of Life Appeals, and other appeals of the Borough's regulations, made by Br. Bills, seconded by Mrs. Morrow, passed unanimously.

i. *Two additional positions to be filled, we want 5 total.*

c. Motion to approve the addition of a \$150 per hearing Municipal Appeals Board fee for non-zoning matters to the 2026 Fee Schedule, made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mrs. Kolesar, passed unanimously.

12) New Business:

a. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2026 - 002 - which forms a Blight Property Review Committee with a mission of formally identifying blight and enabling more County level support to remediate blight, made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mrs. Kolesar, passed unanimously.

i. *5 members:*

1. *One member of the Erie County Redevelopment Authority,*

2. *One member of the Wesleyville Borough Planning Commission,*

3. *One member of the Wesleyville Borough Council,*

4. *One Borough resident designated by the Borough Manager, and*

5. *One Wesleyville Borough resident member at large,*
- ii. *Motion to appoint Eric Stanton of the Wesleyville Planning Commission, Manager Jacobs, (A member of Council), Sandy Morrow, resident and to accept upon nomination the Erie County Redevelopment Authority's appointment made by Mrs. Kolesar, seconded by Mr. Bills, passed unanimously.*
- b. Motion to approve of going out to bid for the Sanitary Sewer Manhole Replacement Project on Buffalo Road with a work packet to be compiled by Engineer Corey. Bid opening to be discussed and potentially accepted at a future meeting made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mrs. Kolesar, passed unanimously.
- i. *6 stormwater manholes made of brick are along this corridor as well, at this time, since we don't have room in the budget and they are still functional and they do not show significant signs of structural issues we can likely afford to wait until the next resurfacing before we replace them.*
- c. (Tabled) Motion to submit the Green Lights Go application for the Traffic Signal Warrant Study and to authorize the submission of a grant with a 20% match for the removal and reconstruction of the Station/Fremont Intersection to include the possible removal of the traffic signal altogether, the ADA upgrades to be made and then a the addition of stop signs and crosswalk signs and lights.
- i. *PennDOT recommended a warrant study be conducted within their review of the Green Lights Go application for that intersection.*
 - ii. *In the opinions of Manager Jacobs, Police Chief Buzanowski, and PW Supervisor Ball, a traffic light may not be required here but at the very least a 4-way stop is needed here to ensure the cross flow. PennDOT is not buying it; traffic engineers believe that a 2-way stop is all that is warranted, and traffic data will likely show that.*
 - iii. *The nearest locations for pedestrians to cross Station Road are either 650 ft north at Buffalo Road or 630ft south at Skellie (which is more dangerous because of the bend in Station Road near the sight line of Skellie).*
 - iv. *The findings of this study are binding so there is a risk that PennDOT would find that only a 2 way stop can be warranted here and they require us to take down the signal, but they also do not allow us to put up a 4 way as local staff believe would be best.*
- d. Motion to approve of signing the Street Lighting Agreement with Penelec to allow for them to fully replace all the streetlights in the Borough with LEDs, which will significantly reduce our overall electric bill, made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mr. Braden, passed unanimously.
- i. *Chief Buzanowski and Supervisor Ball will be tasked with deciding on the exact wattage and warmth of each light.*

- e. Motion to adopt Resolution 01 - 2026 - A resolution requesting a cost share arrangement with PennDOT and to approve of signing and sending the letter agreeing to the terms with PennDOT for the adjustment of the manhole covers and lids along Buffalo Road as they are resurfacing Buffalo Road this summer, made by Mrs. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Bills, passed unanimously.
 - i. *PennDOT would cover 75% of the cost.*
 - ii. *Each manhole with adjustments and new riser is approximately \$1,000.*
- f. Motion to approve of the advertisement and public display of Ordinance 2026 - 003 - An ordinance adjusting the parking along Buffalo Road to be in accordance with the new traffic pattern design that PennDOT is set to implement upon conclusion of their resurfacing, made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mr. Moreland, passed unanimously.

13) Borough Boards & Commissions

- a. Planning Commission – Manager Jacobs
 - i. Next meeting March 18th, 2026, at 5pm at the Borough Hall.
- b. Safety Committee – Mrs. Morrow
 - i. Next meeting is on March 18th, 2026, at 1pm at the Borough Hall.

14) Council - Committee Reports:

- a. Community Engagement – Mr. Braden – Pie Day – March 14 – fundraiser for WCD
- b. Finance – Mr. Petrini
- c. Parks and Recreation – Mrs. Julius
- d. Public Works/Streets - Mr. Bills
- e. Public Safety – Mr. Moreland
- f. Refuse and Recycling – Mrs. Kolesar
- g. Sanitary and Storm Sewers – Mrs. Morrow
- h. Personnel Committee (as needed) - Mrs. Morrow, Mr. Petrini, Mr. Bills

15) Council – Members:

- a. Councilperson, Paul Bills;
- b. Councilperson, Jerry Braden;
- c. Councilperson, Cassandra Kolesar;
- d. Councilperson, Jeremy Moreland;
- e. Councilperson, Sandy Morrow;

16) Council - Officers:

- a. Mayor – Mr. Johnson
- b. Council Vice President – Mr. Petrini
- c. Council President – Mrs. Julius

17) Good of the Order:

- a. Council Meeting – March 11th, 2026, at 6pm at the Borough Hall.
- b. Council Meeting – March 25th, 2026, at 6pm at the Borough Hall.

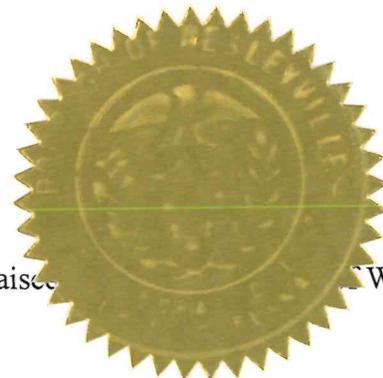
18) Meeting Adjournment:

- a. A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mr. Moreland, adjourned at 7:36pm.

Respectfully submitted to the public record of the Borough of Wesleyville after the meeting minutes were approved by the Borough Council at the public Council Meeting on the 11th day of March, 2026.

Heidi Savage

Heidi Savage, Secretary



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