October 2026 – Council Meeting

Wesleyville Borough, Erie County, Pennsylvania

Approved Meeting Minutes

Public Meeting Information

October 14, 2026, at 6:00PM

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

Archive of Recordings – Videos at Wesleyville.gov/Council

1. **Call to Order** – By: Mrs. Julius
2. **Invocation -** By: Mrs. Julius
3. **Pledge of Allegiance -** By: Mrs. Julius
4. **Roll Call:** (Present) (Not Present)
    a. Mayor, E Paul Johnson; Present at 6:20pm
    b. Council President; Regina Julius; Present
    c. Council Vice President, Fred Petrini; Not Present
    d. Council President Pro Tem, Paul Bills; Present
    e. Councilperson, Jerry Braden; Present

f. Councilperson, Cassandra Kolesar; Present

g. Councilperson, Jeremy Moreland; Present but left at 7:02pm

h. Councilperson, Sandy Morrow; Not Present

i. Junior Council Member, Sophia Brookhouser; Present but left at 7:15pm

j. Tax Collector, Lisa Huff; Not Present

k. Solicitor, Ed Betza; Present

l. Engineer, Mark Corey; Not Present

m. Police Chief, Robert Buzanowski; Present

n. Borough Manager/Secretary, Marcus Jacobs; Present

o. Public Works Supervisor, Joseph Ball; Not Present

p. Borough Clerk, Heidi Savage; Present

5. **Citizens to address Council:**

6. **Approve Agenda:**

   a. Motion to approve of the agenda for tonight's meeting, October 14th, 2026, made by Mr. Braden, seconded by Mr. Bills, passes unanimously.

7. **Approve Minutes:**

   a. Motion to approve the September 23rd, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes, made by Mr. Moreland, seconded by Mr. Bills, passed unanimously.

8. **Top of Agenda – Reserved Time:**

   a. **Volunteer Fire Tax Credit Public Hearing 10/9/26** - (Motion to be made at 11/18/26 Meeting) Motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-005 Establishing Fire Tax Credits for Volunteer Service for the Wesleyville Hose Company.

i. *Drafted by Solicitor Betza, reviewed by the Planning Commission who requested edits and then redrafted by Solicitor Betza, Planning Commission reviewed again and asked it to be sent to Council for review.*

ii. *This would provide an option between EIT and Property Taxes. A full rebate would be available for a first responder volunteer that earns 150 points throughout the year. That will be certified by the Chief and then the Borough will review/approve, and then the individuals will apply to the Borough showing tax receipts and then we will issue a refund.*

9. Borough Administration:

a. Borough Manager – Manager Jacobs

i. Quick Budget Discussion

1. *Historical Tax Rate Table – tax rate has not changed from 2010 to 2022, Borough was not thriving – had the lowest paid Public Works and Police Depts, not able to do enough road reconstructions, update parks etc.*

2. *Audit Update – close to being completed*

ii. Water St – LAMAR Billboard Lease Update – has 8 years left on the lease. Lamar will write up a provision that they will not post anything inappropriate and do a little landscaping.

iii. An Engineering Request for Proposal has been issued to Urban Engineers for the USDA Borough-Wide Sewer Project

iv. Dump Truck Purchase/Loan Update

b. Police Department – Chief Buzanowski

i. Police Cruiser Update – cruiser will be here Friday, outfitted on Monday and Tuesday and in service by Oct. 21 or 22. No Shave November with Wesleyville, Lawrence Park and North East will participate with funds raised going to the Shriner's Club

c. Fire Department – Chief Moreland

d. East Erie County EMS *(2nd Meeting of the Month)* – Borough Representative Steve Alfieri

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

f. Engineer's Report *(1st Meeting of the Month)*

g. Solicitor's Report *(1st Meeting of the Month)*

10. Executive Session:

a. Recessed:

i. Borough Council recessed public session at 6:20pm for an executive session regarding negotiations with Harborcreek Twp about a potential Police Services Agreement with them.

b. Reconvened:

i. Borough Council reconvened the public session at 7pm.

c. Motions resulting from the Executive Session:

i. Motion to Direct the Mayor, Chief Buuzanowski. Mr. Betza and Mr. Jacobs to work on a full proposal for a potential Harborcreek Police Services Agreement, made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mrs. Kolesar, passed unanimously.

11. Old Business:

a. Motion to approve transferring ownership of the remaining 2019 grant-purchased recycling bins to Lawrence Park for use by their residents in curbside pickup, except for 50-100 bins which will be kept in the Public Works storage, made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mrs. Kolesar, passed unanimously.
   i. The final campaign is in progress where people can request a bin, or a second!
   ii. Manager Cadden confirmed that as of 2026, Waste Management is completing curbside recycling pickup and these bins would be compatible.
b. (Tabled) Motion to approve of ceding to the YMCA, the Borough's share of the 3 parcels that front on Nagle Road, and that are being used as the YMCA's driveway.... on condition of a deed restriction that would.... limit the YMCA's ability to transfer the parcel for profit in the future.
   i. That is deeded to the now defunct Tri-County Organization that has now reverted shared ownership to Lawrence Park, Harborcreek, and the Borough.
   ii. An appraisal was produced that showed a value of $70,000 total for the 3 parcels.
c. (Tabled) Motion to appoint _____ (1 more person needed after this) 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.
d. (Tabled) Motion to approve advertising Ordinance 2026 - 007 - Regulating Micromobility Vehicles (E-bikes & Scooters) for Youth and clarifying and defining existing Borough Ordinances
   i. Awaiting Updated Draft from Solicitor

12. New Business:

a. Motion to approve of the quote from Dahlkemper Concrete Services for the Concrete Salt Barn Loading Pad installation at the Recycling Center in the total amount of $3,250 to come from the newly created line-item 432600 Salt Barn – Capital Improvement, made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mrs. Kolesar, passed unanimously, made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mrs. Kolesar, passed unanimously.

   i. *Another quote was received for a similar sized asphalt pad from McCormick Construction and that pad was quoted at $10,000.*

   ii. *This pad will make it easier for the public works crew to cleanly load the dump trucks and recover any dropped salt*

b. Motion to approve of advertising Ordinance 2026 - 009 - Borough-wide On-Street Parking 72 Hour Time Limit and Trailer/Oversized Vehicle Restrictions, made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mrs. Kolesar, passed unanimously.

   i. *Notes accumulated by the Planning Commission, drafted by Solicitor Betza.*

c. (Tabled) Motion to Approve of an ADA Parking Space being added in front of 2914 Buffalo Road to be painted next spring.

   i. *Requested by Terry Etzel*

   ii. *Makes sense for the Borough, there is no nearby disability parking space on the North Side of the Buffalo Rd between Eastern Ave and Wesley Ave and with the parking lane widening that has just been done in that section and with the Borough Public Works painting some parking lines next spring, it may be worthwhile for Council to consider the addition of a spot there.*

d. Motion to approve of sending the Borough-owned 2012 Chevy Tahoe to the Greater Erie Auto Auction, made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mrs. Kolesar, passed unanimously.

   i. *Former Police Cruiser, now utilized as a multipurpose Borough vehicle between Public Works, Code Enforcement, Office*

e. Motion to approve of renewing the Borough's hospitalization coverage for employees with UPMC with an estimated monthly premium of $13,637.76, an increase of 13.8%, made by Mrs. Kolesar, seconded by Mr. Braden, passed unanimously.

   i. *Current premium is $11,986.98/month.*

   ii. *We explored other pricing and options last year and a change wasn't advised at that time.*

   iii. *Dental and Vision plans were renewed last year for a two-year term, so no further insurance renewals on the horizon.*

f. Motion to approve of increasing the insurance opt-out stipends for those employees who choose to opt-out according to their updated rates, paying a stipend worth 75% of the employee's monthly

premium, made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mrs. Kolesar, passed unanimously., made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mrs. Kolesar, passed unanimously.

13. Future Business: Things on the Horizon

a. **Code Enforcement - IPMC Correction** - Motion to adopt Ordinance 2026 - 008 - Amending the 2024 IPMC Adoption Ordinance to Correct several sections that were not numbered correctly on the 2025 Ordinance.

   i. *Administrative corrections for inconsistent sections of the 2024 IPMC with the Borough's adopting ordinance.*

   ii. *Advertised on 10/08/26*

b. **STMP Grant Phase 3** - Motion to approve of Resolution 10-2026 – to approve of submitting a STMP Phase 3 grant to the DCED program for the Comprehensive Plan, Recodification, and other misc. STMP recommendations and approving of a 10% match.

c. **Equipment Rental Agreement with Lawrence Park** – Working with Township Manager Cadden to figure out the insurance requirements, training requirements, and equipment rates.

d. Establishment of Legion Ave – Motion to approve of renaming Eastern Ave between Buffalo Road and North Street to Legion Ave in honor of the American Legion and in order to allow for a street sign to be posted with "Legion Ave" at the newly reconstructed intersection.

e. Even/Odd Parking in College Heights

14. Borough Boards & Commissions

a. Planning Commission – Manager Jacobs

   i. Next meeting October 21st, 2026, at 5:00pm at the Borough Hall.

b. Safety Committee – Mrs. Morrow

   i. Next meeting is on October 21st, 2026, at 1pm at the Borough Hall.

15. **Council - Committee Reports:**

a. Community Engagement – Mr. Braden – chili/soup cook-off was a great success - volunteer appreciation dinner will be Oct. 24 at 4pm

b. Finance – Mr. Petrini

   i. *Budget season is starting, please coordinate your concerns and budget priorities in writing to Manager Jacobs ASAP.*

ii. *September, Treasurer Bolte, Manager Jacobs, and Councilmember Petrini will start looking at the budget materials. Budget meetings start in October.*

c. Parks and Recreation – Mrs. Julius

i. *Received official award notice for Erie County Greenways Program for the Morrison Park Reconstruction Project. $60k!*

ii. *Received official award notice from PA DCNR for Hinkler Park Multipurpose Court for $60k!*

iii. *Some trees planted with memorial plaques did not survive so more trees will be planted in the Spring.*

d. Public Works/Streets - Mr. Bills

i. *Secured a $47,500 CDBG Grant awarded by the Erie County Planning Commission for the construction of ~15 ADA curb ramps within the area of the Borough north of Buffalo Road!*

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

16. Council – Members:

a. Open time for Council Members to speak about topics on their minds.

17. Council - Officers:

a. Mayor – Mr. Johnson – gave Lawrence Park a Proclamation celebrating their 100th anniversary.

b. Council Vice President – Mr. Petrini

c. Council President – Mrs. Julius

18. Good of the Order

a. Budget Meeting – October 21st, 2026, at 6pm at the Borough Hall

b. Council Meeting – October 28th, 2026, at 6pm at the Borough Hall

c. Budget Meeting – November 4th, 2026, at 6pm at the Borough Hall

d. Council Meeting – November 18th, 2026, at 6pm at the Borough Hall

   i. *NOTE – This is the 3rd Wednesday of the month and not the 2nd due to Veterans Day on the 11th.*

   ii. *Please make your best efforts to attend, Manager Jacobs will be presenting the State of the Borough address!*

19. Meeting Adjournment:

a. A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Mr. Braden, seconded by Mrs. Kolesar, adjourned at 7:24pm.

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 28th day of October, 2026.

Heidi Savage

Heidi Savage, Secretary

Official Raised Seal of the Borough of Wesleyville

