October 2026 – Council Meeting

Wesleyville Borough, Erie County, Pennsylvania

Approved Meeting Minutes

Public Meeting Information

October 28, 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; Not Present
    b. Council President; Regina Julius; 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. Junior Council Member, Sophia Brookhouser; Not Present

j. Tax Collector, Lisa Huff; Not Present

k. Solicitor, Ed Betza; Not Present

l. Engineer, Mark Corey; Present

m. Police Chief, Robert Buzanowski; Not 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:

a) None except those speaking at the Public Hearing.

6. Approve Agenda:

a. Motion to approve of the agenda for tonight's meeting, October 28th, 2026, made by Mrs. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Braden, passed unanimously.

7. Approve Minutes:

a. Motion to approve the October 14th, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes, made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mr. Moreland, passed unanimously.

8. Top of Agenda – Reserved Time:

a. Motion to adopt Resolution 15 - 2026 Gospel Hill Garden Club Appreciation, Mady by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mr. Petrini, passed unanimously.

b. Public Hearings 10/26/2026

i. **Volunteer Fire Tax Credit Ordinance -** (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.

1. *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.*
2. *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.*

Resident Speaker:

Dan Knapp of 2920 Euclid Blvd – Questioned the $500 Credit and asked to verify it and also asked for an estimate of how people might be eligible as his concern is how this might affect the budget if the fire company volunteers go up quite high. Mr. Jacobs stated that is for either the income tax or the property tax and if you are a first responder, you can get up to $500 and a supporting member of the department you can get up to $250. Mr. Jacobs stated that the Borough would re-evaluate the program every one or two years and that changes could be made to the Ordinance. Mr. Napp also questioned if this program is for both the Hose Company and EMS. Mr. Jacobs stated that our EMS provider is East County EMS and they are paid, not volunteers. Mr. Jacobs will talk to our solicitor about specifying this.

ii. **Borough-wide 72-Hour On-street Parking Limit and Trailer/Oversized Vehicle Restriction Ordinance -** (Motion to be made at 11/18/26 Meeting) of adopting Ordinance 2026 - 009 - Borough-wide On-Street Parking 72 Hour Time Limit and Trailer/Oversized Vehicle Restrictions

1. *Notes accumulated by the Planning Commission, drafted by Solicitor Betza.*
2. *Note that it was brought up to possibly model the Ordinance along the way the Dumpster Ordinance is.*
3. *Vehicles parked like this are an encumbrance to emergency vehicles, street cleaning, snow removal.*

Council discussed a proposed ordinance establishing a time limit for vehicles parked on Borough streets, with a proposed maximum parking period of 72 consecutive hours.

Concerns were raised regarding how the 72-hour restriction would be monitored and enforced. Questions were asked about whether police officers would be required to mark or chalk tires and how enforcement would be handled if a vehicle were moved only a short distance and then parked again.

A resident expressed concerns that the proposed ordinance could unfairly affect residents who occasionally park utility trailers, boat trailers, or other vehicles on the street. It was noted that some trailers are not left in one location continuously and are periodically moved or placed in driveways.

Additional concerns were raised about consistency in enforcing parking regulations throughout the Borough. Examples included vehicles, motorcycles, ATVs, and trailers parked on sidewalks, as well as visibility issues at intersections and on narrow or winding streets. It was suggested that the Borough consider addressing these issues more broadly rather than focusing on one particular type of parking concern or location.

The discussion also addressed concerns that complaints involving individual properties or situations could result in regulations affecting residents throughout the Borough. It was clarified that the proposed ordinance was not intended to address only Euclid Boulevard but was being considered for parking concerns in multiple areas of the Borough.

It was explained that other parking-related concerns, including sidewalk parking, could be referred to the Planning Commission for further discussion and possible ordinance recommendations at a later date.

Council also discussed whether 72 hours was an appropriate time restriction or whether a longer period, such as seven or fourteen days, should be considered. It was noted that other municipalities have adopted different time limits, and Council members were open to considering alternative timeframes.

The importance of residents taking responsibility for their parked vehicles was also discussed. It was noted that residents who anticipate being away for extended periods are responsible for making arrangements to ensure their vehicles do not violate Borough parking regulations, rather than placing that responsibility on neighbors or other residents.

No final decision regarding the proposed 72-hour time restriction. Further discussion and possible change in the ordinance will be made at a later day=te.

9. Borough Administration:

a. Borough Manager – Manager Jacobs

i. Quick Budget Discussion

1. Copy of Budget as of today's date in Packet

ii. Dump Truck Purchase/Loan Update

iii. Dental Insurance Dropped Coverage

b. Police Department – Chief Buzanowski

i. 2026 Police Cruiser placed into service

ii. Motion to approve of purchase of (1 or 2) Ballistic Shield(s) for the Police Department from (Uniform Outfitters or Global Industrial) in the amount of (up to $2,000/each) to be placed under the 410191 – Uniform/Equipment with budgeted funds covering the purchase from line item 1481162 – Payroll Tax – PD, made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mr. Braden, passed unanimously.

iii. (Tabled) Motion to approve of authorizing Chief Buzz to purchase for Ofc. Disanti a seat in a Level 1 and Level 2 Use of Force training, ***$2,500 total for 2 courses****. They would be $3,000 but discounted by $500 for 2 classes enrolled at the same time.*

1. Funding is to come from:

a. 1410460 – Police Training - $1650

b. 1419000 – Other Public Safety Exp - $500

c. 1481162 – Payroll Tax – PD - $350

iv. Request to purchase and maintain Gem City Gun Club Memberships for all officers.

It is already in the police department budget for next year.

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

i. *Motion to acknowledge receipt of the September 2026 Depository Log and the Transfer Log,* made by Mrs. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Petrini, 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 Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mr. Bills, passed unanimously.*

iii. *Motion to acknowledge receipt of the September 2026 Check Details from the General, Sewer, and Garbage funds, made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mr. Bills, passed unanimously.*

iv. *Motion to acknowledge receipt of the September 2026 Credit Card Purchases Report, made by Mr. Bills, seconded Mrs. Kolesar, passed unanimously.*

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 _____ for an executive session regarding personnel payroll correction.

b. Reconvened:

i. Borough Council reconvened the public session at _____

c. Motions resulting from the Executive Session:

i. *None Anticipated*

11. Old Business:

a. (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.*

b. (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.

c. (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*

d. (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.*

12. New Business:

a. Motion to approve of Exhibit C – Match Funds Commitment for the Edison Ave Reconstruction and Pedestrian Improvement Project and to commit funds as outlined, made by Mrs. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Bills, passed unanimously.

b. Motion to approve of selling the 2010 Ford F550 PW Dump Truck once the new truck is delivered and placed into service, made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mr. Braden, passed unanimously.

   i. *Inspection expires at the end of October 2026*

c. 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, made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mr. Petrini, passed unanimously.

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

   ii. *Advertised on 10/08/26*

d. Motion to approve of advertisement and public display of Ordinance 2026 – 10 formally removing parking on the north side of Euclid Blvd between Station Rd and Willow Street, made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mrs. Morrow, passed unanimously.

e. Motion to approve of signing the contract with the City of Erie for use of their Municipal Garage, made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mrs. Morrow, passed unanimously.

   i. *Note – the City is providing their mechanic services for $110/hr. This likely covers fixed/variable costs and they aren't selling to a neighbor at a loss.*

f. Motion to approve of Resolution 16 - 2026 Approving of a grant application being submitted to the DCED Local Share Account Program for the purchase of a 2027 Ford F550 Public Works Dump Truck and to authorize President Julius and Manager Jacobs to be the authorized to be signers, made by Mr. Bills, seconded by Mr. Petrini, passed unanimously.

13. Future Business: Things on the Horizon

a. **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.

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

c. 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.

d. Even/Odd Parking in College Heights

e. Harborcreek Police Services Agreement

14. Borough Boards & Commissions

a. Planning Commission – Manager Jacobs

   i. Next meeting November 18th, 2026, at 5:00pm at the Borough Hall.

b. Safety Committee – Mrs. Morrow

   i. Next meeting is on November 18th, 2026, at 12pm at the Borough Hall – dead tree branches have been removed, guardian lights ordered for the Police Department, next month the Safety Committee does the safety inspection on the Police Department. Also, currently the security pad to disarm the building's alarms is in the Police Department, so we need to also have a way to disarm it in another part of the building.

15. **Council - Committee Reports:**

a. Community Engagement – Mr. Braden

b. Finance – Mr. Petrini

c. Parks and Recreation – Mrs. Julius – playground equipment is setup at Morrison Park. Looking for more money in hopes of putting in another piece of playground equipment along with small

shrubbery, sidewalk, pavilion and parking spaces. Grant money is in for the All Purpose Court at Hinkler.

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

16. Council – Members:

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

It was brought up that we need to start enforcing our businesses on Buffalo Road to start taking care of their properties.

Also brought up that the Baptist Church after this year will no longer be the place to go for election voting. To have it take place at the Borough Hall, it must first be discussed with Voter Registration.

17. Council - Officers:

a. Mayor – Mr. Johnson

b. Council Vice President – Mr. Petrini

c. Council President – Mrs. Julius

18. Good of the Order

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

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

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

c. Budget Meeting – November 23, 2026, at 6pm at the Borough Hall

19. Meeting Adjournment:

a. A motion to adjourn the meeting made Mr. Bills, seconded by Mr. Braden, adjourned at 7:38pm.

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 18th day of November, 2026.

Heidi Savage

Heidi Savage, Secretary

Official Raised Seal of the Borough of Wesleyville

