

RIEGELSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
Community Affairs/Utilities/Streets Properties/Finance
Municipal Building
APPROVED July 2, 2025

President Thomas Stinnett called the Riegelsville Borough Committee Meetings to order at 7:00 pm June 4, 2025. The Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call: PRESENT: Ed Bartosiewicz, Gary Chase, Mike Pulsinelli, Rodney Scott and Thomas Stinnett. Others Present: Mayor Boenzli, Sherry Masteller-Borough Secretary, Jim Kopchak-Zoning officer and Frank Preedy-EMC. 3- members of the Community were present.

Motion to approve June 4, 2025, COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES, M. Pulsinelli motioned to approve, G. Chase Seconded. Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Affairs: Ed Bartosiewicz-Council Chairperson.

Zoning: J. Kopchak, Borough Zoning Officer, reported to the Council his July 2025 report and report on file.

2-Zoning Permits- 2- Floodplain reviews. 1-Building permit- interior and clean out.

Enforcement Activities:

919 Easton Rd (Stop work order)

A Floodplain Development Permit application was submitted on May 21, 2025. The Floodplain review was completed by the Floodplain Administrator. The applicant needs to apply to the ZHB for a special exception to have the non-conforming use in the R-1 District.

Property Maintenance Violations:

821 Durham Rd: Compliance date is August 21, 2025.

132 Spruce Rd: A property maintenance letter was sent out on April 18, 2024. Certified letter receipt received on April 25th. The compliance date: July 24, 2024.

428 Poplar Rd: A property maintenance violation letter was sent out on June 12, 2025. Compliance date: July 16, 2025. The area around the fire hydrant was cut back and cleared. The Landscape Contractor called and will continue to clean up the property.

ZHB (Zoning Hearing Board) meetings: None Scheduled.

Other items: Todd Myers-Flood plain manager is working with Welbilt homes on the final grading review at 556 Easton Road.

Library News: June 2025 director's report received and filed in the office.

PRFR (Palisades Regional Fire Rescue) News: Since the Commissioner is moving out of state, The Chief and President will take over the duties of the Commissioner. PRFR has a possible renter for Station 42.

Riegelsville Enhancement Committee: Next meeting Thursday July 3, 2025, 6:00pm. They mulched the flower beds and added plants and handed out garden awards.

UBREMS (Upper Bucks Reginal EMS): Email was received from Anthony Mills, Board President-announcing UBREMS has signed a non-binding letter of intent for St Lukes Emergency and Transport Services (SLETS) to acquire UBREMS. There is a proposed timeline, and more information to follow.

Rec Board News: The men's Baseball team continues until August, Softball has ended. Rodney put a new American flag up by the Pavilion. August 2, 2025, St Peter's Lutheran Church has their 175th Anniversary Celebration at the Park- for the Community.

Riegelsville Emergency Management: F. Preedy thanked E. Bartosiewicz for getting ice for the cooling station at Borough Hall and J. Anderson helped during some cooling hours. The river gauges are maintained by USGS (United States Geological Survey).

Riegelsville Planning Commission: Next meeting is July 7, 2025. The Draft updated Comprehensive plan should be finished in September.

Utilities: Gary Chase-Council Chairperson.

EPA/PADEP Service Line Inventory update: Our service line survey website needs additional data storage. This was purchased.

Public sewer proposal discussion: Audrey/Cowan Associates looked over the EPIC (Environmental Policy Innovation Center) information and got back to G. Chase and R. Scott with opinions and concerns. Borough Solicitor also looked over the information too. TEAMS call meeting is set up with Christina/Mid-Atlantic Manager for EPIC. **G. Chase moved to have "Sewer System replacements" discussions sent back to the Riegelsville Planning Commission and have EPIC (Environmental Policy Innovation Center) suggest alternatives for property owners. Rodney seconded Unanimous.**

Easton Road Traffic Signal Replacement update: During the Council Business Meeting, 7/9/25 at 7pm Pennoni Engineering will do a public presentation.

Stormwater Drainage System update: Purchased the valve to do Cedar/Durham Road drain first.

Riegelsville Borough Curb Stop Repair/Replacement Program: G. Chase motioned "Approval to execute the agreement and "Notice to proceed" to Passerini & Sons, INC. for 2025 Water Curb Stop Replacement Project". R. Scott seconded Unanimous. Pre-Construction meeting 7/9/2025 9am.

Generator & Well Upgrade/Modify the Access Road Grant: Grant submission was on 4/29/25, the earliest we will hear will be 1/2026.

Utilities/Streets & Properties Reimbursement Resolution: No update.

Removal of unregistered, missing plate, uninsured and/or disabled cars from Borough streets: The Borough office has received complaints, a list will be made.

EIT Losses: Council is exploring an ordinance to tax second homeowners and Airbnb owners for EIT losses.

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Borough Building Safety Score & Cert. of Occupancy: no update.

Arborvitaes/fence on the Delaware Hill Update: This item is on Matt's list.

Durham Road small parking lot/pocket park: R. Scott reported that he and Ed met with a landscaper to go over what the base could be and a light similar to the ones at the pedestrian bridge.

Rental Property Inspection Program: R. Scott will send the last webinar recording on this program to Brough Council.

OEO- Ordinance Enforcement Officer: R. Scott met with A. Groller and F. Preedy to discuss working together on ordinance enforcement issues.

Finance: Michael Pulsinelli- Council Chairperson

IT, Website updates: The website is updated. Viana gave the Council the June 2025 google analytics.

The Borough Council looked over finances.

NEW BUSINESS: The Borough Council approved a letter of support to Senator Colman to support the Senate Bill 194. This Bill would provide local governments with a flexible menu of print and electronic for advertising public notices.

IMPORTANT MEETING 7/9/25– RIEGELSVILLE BOROUGH IS REPLACING ITS TRAFFIC SIGNAL. PENNONI, THE BOROUGH'S TRAFFIC ENGINEER, WILL BE AT THE WEDNESDAY JULY 9 BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING TO EXPLAIN THE SIGNAL'S DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION, ALONG WITH ITS FEATURES, AND THE CHANGE TO TRAFFIC PATTERNS THE NEW SIGNAL WILL BE BRINGING. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Council Committee's meeting: August 6, 2025, 7pm.

Borough Council Meeting: July 9, 2025, 7pm

Sherry Masteller

Borough Secretary