

RIEGELSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
Community Affairs/Utilities/Streets Properties/Finance
Municipal Building
APPROVED July 1, 2026

President Thomas Stinnett called the Riegelsville Borough Committee Meetings to order at 7:00 pm July 1, 2026. The Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call: PRESENT: Ed Bartosiewicz, Gary Chase and Thomas Stinnett. Other Present: Sherry Masteller-Borough Secretary, Jim Kopchak-Zoning officer and Frank Preddy-EMC. 4- members of the Community.

Motion to approve June 3, 2026, Council Committee Minutes, G. Chase motioned to approve, E. Bartosiewicz Seconded. Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Robert Ryan, resident, had questions about the 2025 CCR report. ARRO/Borough's Water Utility Company is listed in the report and can be contacted with specific questions.

Mariola Pratt, resident, received the neighbor letter from the BC Board of Health about the Rodents/Rats in the Borough. Her opinion is that all the residents within a mile should have been told. The Borough council members and employees have been working with the BC BOH and also put an article on the Borough website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Affairs: Ed Bartosiewicz-Council Chairperson.

Zoning: J. Kopchak, Borough Zoning Officer, prepared his July 2026 report filed. **2-Building permits-** 1-indirect water heater, 1-Generator. **2-Zoning permits-** 1- sign permit, 1-Floodplain permit for generator.

Enforcement Activities:

Property Maintenance Violations:

140 Delaware Rd: Borough office received a complaint May 5, about the trash and debris on the property. They are concerned that the trash is attracting mice & rats in the neighborhood. J. Kopchak will reach out to the property owner. A new violation was issued June 9, 2026, July 21 is compliance date. June 6, M. Bason, BC health dept. issued a notice of violation.

428 Poplar Rd: The borough code department received a complaint on May 11, 2026, about rodent harborage, overgrown vegetation, and junk on the property. An enforcement letter was sent out on May 26, 2026.

The property owner has to clean up the vegetation, repair the garage door, and remediate the rodent infestation problem. The compliance date is June 30, 2026.

On 6/1/26, Melanie Bason, from the Bucks County Health Department issued a violation notice. Mr. Urich was ordered to take corrective action within 7 days. Property owner hired a contractor, and the vegetation has been cleaned up in a dumpster. The garage door was not fixed yet. There has been great progress on cleaning up the property.

808 Durham Road: Mini school bus, converted to RV, parked on the property. J. Kopchak called & left a message to return the call to discuss the vehicle. This may be a property maintenance violation if the converted bus is inoperable vehicle. An enforcement letter was sent out to inform the owners that they are in violation of several ordinances. As of June 16, 2026, the vehicle has been removed.

Nordic Realty, LLC (Alex Adams) 112 Delaware Road: Volunteers were weeding the planter Infront of the tenant/ "Sprit N Fitness" when one of the property owners told them to get off the property. Jim visited the property and observed the overgrown vegetation. Violation was written up, Compliance date is July 21, 2026.

556 Easton Road: Borough Code Department received multiple complaints regarding the silt socks and debris stored in the backyard of the property. Jim visited the property on June 11 and observed there was a pile near the property line of neighbor's property. A property maintenance letter was sent out June 11, and the compliance date is July 28, 2026, for removal.

118 Sycamore Road: Borough Code Department received a complaint regarding overgrown vegetation and yard waste on this property. Jim visited the property on June 24th and observed overgrown vegetation and yard waste. A property maintenance letter was sent out June 25, and the compliance date is July 30, 2026, for removal.

ZHB (Zoning Hearing Board) meetings: None scheduled.

Library News: June 2026 director's report received and filed in the office. No one was present from the Library Board of Trustees. September 8, 2026, will be the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Riegelsville Public Library. They are celebrating their anniversary on August 15. Adult program "Introduction to Basic Astrology"4-part course July August.

PRFR (Palisades Regional Fire Rescue) News: June 2026/31 calls for the company.

Riegelsville Enhancement Committee: No meeting in July. June minutes were received and filed.

SLETS (St Luke's Emergency and Transport Service): Stats-May 35 calls- 15-minute average time to call.

Rec Board News: Girls Softball will have teams for Fall Ball. Men's Baseball plays until end of August.

Riegelsville Emergency Management: F. Preddy reported that the "Cooling station" was open today and tomorrow July 2, 9:30-5pm. Gave out 13 waters today. No budget yet in Harrisburg.

Riegelsville Planning Commission: T. Stinnett reported next meeting is July 6.

Utilities: Gary Chase-Council Chairperson:

EPA/PADEP Service Line Inventory update: G. Chase reported that there are about 90 homes/service line that need to be checked and added to the list. The info needs to go to Cowan in September.

GLG Traffic Signal Replacement update: Pennoni Engineering will send Council the Armour & Son's certified paperwork by Friday July 3. Will be added to the Council meeting next week.

Stormwater Drainage System update: The Sycamore drain project is completed. PA DEP application was put together by Crystal/Cowan and information from Stephen/ S & M General Services.

Riegelsville Borough Four-Year Curb Stop Repair/Replacement Program update: There is a walk through at the 5 curb stop location on July 8th with Contractor, Cowan/Borough Engineer, M. Brady, and G. Chase.

ARRO & Riegelsville Borough Well updates: ARRO helped with the CCR report, and it was sent out to the water customers and added to the Borough Website by July 1.

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Generator & Well Upgrade Discussion: Continue to move forward with the upgrade project. The access road is an issue at this time, possible need to expand the Sunnyside entrance. This planning stage may be done by end of August. Possible to get bid out in November, February-spring start construction.

Fire house lease Discussion: Gary is working with Met-Ed to get the electric separated from Station 42 and also separate the Water from the station since they are subleasing part of the building.

Large Tree fell by the Borough garage update: K & R will finish the trees & stump removal by the end of July.

Job Posting for Part-time Public Works Laborer update: Received 8 resumes and have 3 interviews. P3Generator quote for service on Borough Building Generator-will be added to Council agenda on July 8.

Streets & Properties: Rodney Scott -Council Chairperson.

Borough Building Safety Score & Cert. of Occupancy: Rodney reported that he received email this evening from Architect and will bet copies made for Council.

Durham Road small parking lot/pocket park: No update.

Fire hydrant knocked over at 611 & Fern Road: This project is completed.

New Business:

The Salt Consortium bid will be going out in August. Borough of Doylestown takes care of the documentation every year.

Audrey/Cowan "Riegelsville Trail project" needed to submit the "Notice of Termination (NOT) application." Audrey will do a trail inspection to finalize the application.

Finance: Beth Baird- Council Chairperson was absent, Sherry reported.

IT, Website updates: Viana was absent.

Zoning FAQ for the Website update: Up & running on website.

Revisiting previous issues that have come up: -Chicken Ordinance- they are going over questions with Jim Kopchak, Zoning Officer.

BC Board of Health-Rodent issue: Beth has been in contact with the BOH and they have sent Liquid Fuels Audit was on June 25, 2026.

The Borough Council looked over finances, no interest was included since it was not added to the bank reports yet (6/30/26).

New Business: A community member asked if the Community Room could be used by a group to play Mahjong game (tile game) possible on Thursday evenings. The Council was okay with them using the room just need to contact the office to be added to the calendar.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Next meetings:

Council Business Meeting: July 8, 2026, 7pm.

Sherry Masteller

Borough Secretary