

RIEGELSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
Community Affairs/Utilities/Streets Properties/Finance
Municipal Building
APPROVED May 7, 2025

President Thomas Stinnett called the Riegelsville Borough Committee Meetings to order at 7:00 pm May 7, 2025. The Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call: PRESENT: Ed Bartosiewicz, Gary Chase, Mike Pulsinelli, Rodney Scott and Thomas Stinnett. Others Present: Sherry Masteller-Borough Secretary. 6- members of the Community were present.

Motion to approve April 16, 2025, Community Affairs and Utilities minutes, **E. Bartosiewicz motioned to approve, G. Chase Seconded. Unanimous.**

G. Chase asked R. Ryan, Borough resident, to move his tripod and camera to the back of the room as stated in the Borough meeting rules. He refused. T. Stinnett stated to move on with the meeting.

Guest Speaker: Matt Walters & Deanna Miller-BC Planning Commission introduced Christina Petagna with Environmental Policy Innovation Center (EPIC). She stated her organization provides technical assistance and funding for wastewater infrastructure. This process would start with the Borough Council approving a "Letter of Intent". T. Stinnett did report that the Borough previously looked for an alternative to help the R-3 downtown properties. D. Welker/multi-unit property owner would like to see this project move forward.

D. Brandes/resident and member of the Riegelsville Planning Commission would like to see the Borough Council move forward with this also.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

K. Knight/Borough resident was asked by G. Chase to identify a white blooming ground cover on the DCNR canal path. Someone thought it was "poison hemlock" but it is "Cow Parsley" and is somewhat toxic to pets and children. It is very invasive in our area.

M. Woerner/Borough resident asked if the link for the "Rville Happenings" can be added to the Website. She would also like a description of the guest to be added to the meeting agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Affairs: Ed Bartosiewicz-Council Chairperson.

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

1-Building Permit- Rooftop solar array. 3-Zoning Permits- 2-reroof, 1 Rooftop solar array.

Enforcement Activities: no updates.

Property Maintenance Violations:

821 Durham Rd: E. Bartosiewicz/property owner requested another 90-day extension. R. Scott asked what needs to be completed. Paving needs to be finished in the front, remove one trailer and put a new roof on the other trailer. The Council approved the 90-day extension. August 21, 2025.

ZHB (Zoning Hearing Board) meetings: None Scheduled.

Library News: Next meeting May 12, 2025.

PRFR (Palisades Regional Fire Rescue) News: The container at station 42 is empty and will be removed shortly. R. Scott will be meeting with an electrician to get quotes to separate the Borough garage power from Fire House. Riegelsville had 3 calls in March.

Riegelsville Enhancement Committee: Next meeting Thursday May 8, 2025, 6:00pm.

UBREMS (Upper Bucks Regional EMS): Starting 5/11/25- 2 stations will be running 24/7. They received a \$250,000.00 Grant from DCED. E. Bartosiewicz and R. Scott suggest giving them half (\$9,000.00) of the 2025 budgeted \$18,000.00. The Council agreed, this check will be added to May bills.

Rec Board News: The ball fields will be rolled tomorrow 5/8. Palisades Rec Softball has 3 girls' teams playing at the park and 1 men's Baseball team. R. Scott will fix the Well 3 broken window. R. Scott and members of the Enhancement Committee met with a DCNR representative at Borough Park to discuss the Wide Water's berm issue. DCNR would like a request letter from the Borough Council to move forward.

Riegelsville Emergency Management: F. Preedy thanked the Borough Council for purchasing 2 AEDs for the Borough Hall & Library plus the training session. He attended the Palisades school district safety meeting.

Riegelsville Planning Commission: The next regular meeting is June 2, 7pm.

Utilities: Gary Chase-Council Chairperson.

EPA/PADEP Service Line Inventory update: No update.

Easton Road Traffic Signal Replacement update: Pennoni is currently working on signal equipment layout. Public meetings will be in July or August, and information is ongoing.

Stormwater Drainage System update: G. Chase, M. Brady and R. Scott went and looked at three drains and will start with the one located at Cedar/Durham Road.

Riegelsville Borough Curb Stop Repair/Replacement Program: The pre-bid meeting was held May 6. Bids are due May 13 on Penn Bid.

Generator & Well Upgrade Grant: Grant submission was on 4/29/25.

Utilities/Streets & Properties Reimbursement Resolution: Draft resolution is being put together.

Rental Property Inspection Program: R. Scott has been attending webinar on this program and will report back to the Council when they are completed.

Streets & Properties: Rodney Scott -Council Chairperson.

Borough Building Safety Score & Cert. of Occupancy: R. Scott reported that the Borough will need to hire an architect for a formal evaluation.

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 the Borough will need to hire an architect to help with this project ideas.

Library ceiling repairs update: Completed.

Pedestrian Bridge board replacement: Completed.

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IT, Website updates: No update.

AED discussion for Borough Hall update: AED training was May 3.

The Borough Fee schedule: Current fee schedule was emailed to T. Myers and J. Kopchak for review.

The Borough Council looked over the May financials.

UBREMS 2025 Payment discussion: Discussed already.

NEW BUSINESS: G. Chase will discuss with Audrey-Borough Engineer the maintenance of the Borough Trail.

There is erosion and rocks falling onto the trail in certain areas. Maybe a grant is available for the project.

The meeting adjourned 8:27 PM. Next Council Committee meetings: June 4, 2025, at 7:00pm.

Sherry Masteller

Borough Secretary