

RIEGELSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
Community Affairs/Utilities/Streets Properties/Finance
Municipal Building
APPROVED May 6, 2026

President Thomas Stinnett called the Riegelsville Borough Committee Meetings to order at 7:00 pm May 6, 2026. The Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call: PRESENT: Ed Bartosiewicz, Gary Chase, Rodney Scott and Thomas Stinnett. Other Present: Mayor Boenzli, Sherry Masteller-Borough Secretary, Jim Kopchak-Zoning officer and Frank Preddy-EMC. 2- members of the Community.

Motion to approve April 8, 2026, Council Committee Minutes, R. Scott 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, prepared his April 2026 report and report on file. **2-Building permits-** 1-Renovations & new wet saw, 1-repair concrete & fit out. **3-Zoning permits-** 1- Floodplain Development, 2- change of use.

Enforcement Activities:

Property Maintenance Violations:

140 Delaware Rd: Borough Code officer issued a non-traffic citation, it was filed on November 13, 2025, at the district judge. Property owner pleaded guilty to the citations and was fined; payments are being received. Borough office received a complaint 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.

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.

ZHB (Zoning Hearing Board) meetings:

333 Delaware Road, The ZHB was held on Thursday, April 9, 7pm. The variance to make the Blinis (Russian cakes) was granted. The variance for flexible hours was granted. The variance for up to 4 employees was denied. The ZHB will allow up to 3 workers.

Other Zoning items: Zoning officer hours will be changed to the 1st **Wednesday** of the month 5-8pm. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th **Tuesday** of the month 9am-noon. PRFR's tenant will need to get fit out permit and possible repair or new Ancil system. 546 Easton Road needs to remove the silt socks and discard them properly.

Library News: April 2026 director's report received and filed in the office. Jean Anthony- Library Board of Trustees reported to Council that the open treasurer position is still available. The library hosts the Election drop box for the primary election on May 18. September 8, 2026, will be the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Riegelsville Public Library. They are celebrating their anniversary on August 15. Summer reading theme is "Unearth a Story".

PRFR (Palisades Regional Fire Rescue) News: The Fire truck that sits outside of the Firehouse is for sale.

Riegelsville Enhancement Committee: April 2 minutes are filed, the next meeting is tomorrow May 7, at 6pm. Viana reported that they will be voting on the mural, discussing Art show, Memorial Day/July 4.

SLETS (St Luke's Emergency and Transport Service): Dan Albee/Operations Manager reported that the trucks are being rebranded from UBREMS to St Lukes and also the sign at the Revere Station. They are getting new power load stretchers. Station 141 & 142 have 30 members.

Rec Board News: R. Scott reported that the fields are very busy with 2 teams from Lehigh Valley Baseball League 25U plus Greg Stokes Red's team and 3 girls softball teams.

Riegelsville Emergency Management: F. Preddy reported he will be setting a meeting with representatives from Red Cross and St Peters Lutheran Church soon. Looking into a smoke detector program with Red Cross. Bucks County will be setting up the cooling stations again.

Riegelsville Planning Commission: T. Stinnett reported that during the May 4 meeting they discussed how to implement the new Comprehensive Plan. For example, crosswalks, walking trail benches.

Utilities: Gary Chase-Council Chairperson:

EPA/PADEP Service Line Inventory update: M. Brady reported that we are down to 96 properties to identify the inside service lines. They are all due by Fall 2027.

GLG Traffic Signal Replacement update: Pennoni is ready to advertise the project on Penn BID. Council should have the recommendation by June 4 and then vote during the June 10 Council Business meeting. Mayor Viana asked if there can be some Commercial district signs during the traffic signal project. G. Chase will discuss that with Pennoni.

Stormwater Drainage System update: The Sycamore drain project will start May 26, 2026.

Riegelsville Borough Four Year Curb Stop Repair/Replacement Program update: Execute the "Notice to proceed". G. Chase motioned to approve the "Notice to proceed". R. Scott seconded. Unanimous.

ARRO & Riegelsville Borough Well updates: ARRO has been very responsive with working with Cowan and the Generator & Well upgrade project- the auto con (wells talking to each other) and security.

Generator & Well Upgrade Discussion: Crystal/Cowan associates moving forward with the upgrade project.

First Energy/Met Ed Streetlight agreement: Borough Council and Borough Solicitor have received the draft agreement, and it will be added to the May 13, Borough Council Business meeting agenda.

Streets & Properties: Rodney Scott -Council Chairperson.

Borough Building Safety Score & Cert. of Occupancy: Rodney met with the Architect, and they are compiling the information.

Durham Road small parking lot/pocket park: Rodney is finalizing ground material due to impervious surface then they can continue.

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250-year anniversary event update: Rodney reported unfortunately they had to cancel the July 11 parade due to not having enough organizations to join the parade. The suggestion was to maybe have something during the Fall roll out in November.

Speeding and traffic concerns: Borough resident emailed the Borough office in reference to the speeding and accident on Spring hill road. They also discussed speeding on 611. Mayor Boenzli left a message with Sgt Pennington about this accident and continued speeding. Rodney stated we did a traffic study on Spring Hill Road.

Park Sign: Mayor Boenzli asked if we could put up a better sign for Borough Park, it is currently at 328 Easton Road/Ash Lane. It is small & on a post. Mayor will work on specs for a new one like our other signs on each end of the Borough.

Finance: Mayor Boenzli & S. Masteller/Secretary reported in Beth's absence.

IT, Website updates: Viana went over Google analytic report.

PRFR Firehouse electric/Borough Garage Update: Received 2 quotes, M. Brady is reaching out to the original contractor for an updated quote.

Zoning FAQ for the Website: Beth met with J. Kopchak to finalize the questions. The documents are uploaded to the website, just not live yet.

Outreach with Senator Coleman's office: Beth attended BC Navigating hoarding seminar. Beth also attended Blighted properties remediation meeting.

Revisiting previous issues that have come up: Mayor Boenzli & Beth are revisiting the previous Chicken Ordinance in an effort to finalize these efforts.

The Borough Council looked over finances.

New Business: None to report.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Next meetings:

Council Business Meeting: May 13, 2026, 7pm.

Sherry Masteller

Borough Secretary