

**Ivyland Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Chuck Bristow, Sal DiPaol, Bill Linwood, Matt Piotrowski, Todd Savarese

ABSENT: Dr. Chris Finello, Jahangir Nasir

OTHERS PRESENT: Krista DiPaolo, Recorder, Mark Freed, Borough Solicitor, Mayor Tony Judice, Janet Pacchioli, Treasurer, Chris Peterson, Borough Engineer

Establishment of Quorum:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Moment of Silence:

Minutes of 5/14/25:

Mr. Savarese made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Mr. DiPaolo made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Linwood seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-1.

• **Treasurer's Report:**

Mrs. DiPaolo read the June 11, 2025 Treasurer's report. The balances are as follows as of 12/31/24:

General Fund:	
Balance on Hand:	\$309,452.45
Capital Reserve Fund:	\$593,595.74
Liquid Fuel Tax Fund:	\$63,131.71
Fire Company Account:	\$94,384.12
Total Funds June, 11/24:	\$1,060,564.14

The Treasurer's report was accepted, subject to audit.

- **Bills List:**

Prepaid Bills List Total:	\$169,608.76
Unpaid Bills List Total	\$13,557.10

Mr. Linwood made a motion to pay the bills, Mr. Bristow seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.

1. Correspondence:

- i. Mrs. Pacchioli received all the required paperwork from Carroll Engineering regarding the outstanding amount to fulfill the Greenways grant on June 5, 2025 in the amount of \$122,188.00.
- ii. There was an accident at Chase and Jacksonville on Friday, June 10, 2025. 6/10/2025. A new pole is needed and will be installed by Granieri.
- iii. Zoning Hearing application for 1061 Greeley Avenue. The hearing will take place on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall. The zoning officer will handle all posting of the documentation. All documentation is being handled by Scott McNair
- iv. A Thank you to Carroll Engineering for an armor bill for repair of street lights. One light repair cost was over \$3,000 to repair. When reading the explanation of cost, it appears that when PECO got a permit to install a gas line at 63 Wilson (and DuBois), there was a light at this location and they could not find a control for the light. It is assumed that light was controlled by the light at 71 Wilson (Bristow) which it is now connected to. Armor noted in the bill that they saw a disturbance when they dug up the light. They had been out twice to resolve this. Mrs. Pacchioli submitted the bill to Carroll Engineering to submit a claim to PECO to reclaim the money for the light post.

- **Public Comment:**

- a. No public comments via Facebook or in person

- **Code Enforcement/Zoning Report:**

- a. No report

- **Report of President:**

- a. Mr. DiPaolo announced an Executive Session at the end of tonight's meeting with the solicitor to discuss legal matters.
 - b. Update from Park and Rec:
 - i. Concert in Park is June 21, 2025 at 7:00 PM. The Borough will have food and snacks available early starting at 6:00 PM. The Fire Company will be selling beverages and snacks
 - ii. The People, Parks and Community Foundation grant has been applied for. Winners will be announced at the end of this summer. The monies from this grant will be used to repair the Village gazebo roof and the Borough fire dam clean up and lamp posts in the village.
 - iii. The Memorial Day parade and program was well attended. Mr. DiPaolo thanked the Council members who attended and marched.
 - iv. A vendor for lamp post repair quotes. Measurements are needed and the estimated cost is \$100 to \$150 per globe.
 - v. Mrs. Pacchioli shared that it is nice to see the Gazebo used for Log College's middle school's dance this past weekend.

- **Engineer:**

Mr. Peterson presented his report (information taken from Mr. Peterson's report:

- a. Ivyland Community Park - Phase 2: JNS Paving and Excavating, contractor, has completed the work and punch list items related to this contract. Carroll Engineering issued a letter to the Council on June 9, 2025, recommending approval of Application No. 2 in the amount of \$8,194.30 to close this contract. The payment requires a resolution to pass. Resolution - 2025-03: Carroll Engineering to vote on this resolution. Mr. DiPaolo made a motion to pass resolution 2025-03. Mr. Lindwood seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0. M

- b. Mr. Savarese asked about the abandoned utilities at the Ivyland Park. Mr. Peterson inquired with Mrs. Pachioli but they found nothing. Mr. Peterson will have to continue investigating this to find out who is responsible. Mr. Savarese would like to have this resolved.
- c. Carroll Engineering provided all required paperwork to Mrs. Pacchioli to send to the grant liaison, Heather Brosius, for the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Grant reimbursement in the amount of \$122,188.00.
- d. Greeley Avenue Storm Sewer: since last meeting, they have met with representatives from PECO and the Ivyland-New Hope Railroad to discuss the proposed replacement of the existing stormwater outfalls. These discussions were met with notable resistance. As you may know, the railroad corridor is the lowest point within the Borough and currently receives a substantial volume of stormwater runoff from Greeley Avenue. A swale located along the railroad facilitates the downstream conveyance of this flow to the northeast. While both PECO and the railroad representatives acknowledge that the Greeley Avenue storm sewer replacement project does not propose any changes to impervious surfaces—and thus will not increase the volume of runoff into the PECO right-of-way—there remains concern that the existing flooding conditions could be exacerbated by the project. To address these concerns, we have proposed a joint site walkthrough with PECO and railroad personnel to assess the affected areas and explore opportunities to incorporate stormwater detention features into the design, aimed at reducing current flow rates. Our goal is to identify a mutually acceptable solution that will support the Borough in securing the necessary easements to reconstruct the stormwater outfalls located within the PECO easement area. At present, there are no known easements for these existing outfalls.
- e. Inlet Cleaning: Attached are two proposals from Mike Granieri Lawn Care Inc. & Snow Plowing and Buxmont Asphalt Sealing to complete the Borough's periodic inlet cleaning. The proposal totals are as follows:
 - a. Granieri - \$2,900.00 (Proposal dated 5-29-2025)
 - b. Buxmont - \$8,200.00. The price differential can be attributed to the method of debris removal. Buxmont noted a decent amount of accumulation in the inlets (i.e., grit and leaves), so they proposed using a vacuum truck. Graneiri did not specify the use of a vacuum truck. Multiple attempts were made to find additional competing pricing, but we did not receive any other responses to date. If the Council chooses, we will continue to reach out to landscapers for competing

pricing. Otherwise, if adequate funding is available, we recommend that the Council authorize the work with Mike Granieri Lawn Care Inc. & Snow Plowing in the amount of \$2,900.00. Council asked about the disparity in the two pricing quotes. Mr. Peterson replied that Bux Mont needed a vacuum truck whereas Granieri will do it by hand. The difference is the cost of a vacuum truck. The recommendation is to move forward with Granieri. Mr. Savarese makes a motion to authorize Granieri to complete the inlet drain cleaning in accordance with their proposal. Mr. Linwood seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

- c. Greeley Avenue Inlet Settlement: Met with PECO and Ivyland New Hope Railroad. The railroad has concerns with water going to railroad. After the meeting, they understood the issue better. Carroll Engineering recommends stormwater detention remediations. To get the easement, we need to look at the concerns and figure out course of action for PECO and the New Hope Ivyland Railroad. Mr. Peterson hopes to have an update at next month's meeting. The meeting will be on site. Mr. DiPaolo asked to keep him and Mr. Bristow in the loop about the meeting so a councilperson can possibly attend.
- d. 63 Wilson: Armour & Sons Electric, Inc. was contacted by the Borough to repair a malfunctioning streetlight, where it was determined that the electrical conduit was broken in the same area where PECO had recently installed a new gas service at 63 Wilson. A Roadway Occupancy Permit was issued by the Borough for this work on January 1, 2024. As such, we assisted Janet in contacting PECO to request reimbursement for the services rendered by Amour & Sons to reestablish the electrical line in the amount of \$3,617.32. A claim registration form was provided along with the aforementioned Roadway Occupancy Permit and repair invoice.
- e. Mr. DiPaolo asked about repaving. There was an estimate presented last year but is not available on hand right now. Mr. Peterson will get information together.

Solicitor:

- a. The Solicitor
 - i. Chicken Ordinance: The ordinance was discussed and considered by the Borough Planning Commission. Mr. Freed initiated the hearing. Hearing opened 7:20 PM with the List of Exhibits: The Borough Exhibit 1: Proposed Ordinance, The Borough Exhibit 2: Certificate of Posting dated June 10, 2025, The Borough

Exhibit 3: Public Notice, The Borough Exhibit 4: Proof of Advertising May 23, 2025 and May 30, 2025, The Borough Exhibit 5: Bucks County Commission Planning Review letter date May 7, 2025. The Ordinance amends Chapter 27, section 506 for the keeping of domestic chickens with the stipulation that roosters are not allowed. Mr. Bristow made a motion to approve, Mr. DiPaolo seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0. Hearing closed at 7:22 PM. Mrs. Pacchioli distributed the Ordinance for signatures.

- **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Mr. Linwood asked about renewing the Zoom account. Mr. Bristow stated that it renews once a year. Our annual date is April renewal. Mr. Bristow would be happy to have the charge not be billed to his credit card now that the Borough has a credit card. He will also submit for reimbursement from previous renewals. Mr. DiPaolo made a motion to change the renewal to the Borough credit card. Mr. Linwood seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0. Mr. Savarese asked for clarification of just what is included with the Zoom account.

- **Mayor:**

- a. Police Report: The monthly police report for May 2025: The police had 43 service calls, 21 traffic citations issued, one written warning and a parking ticket. They investigated one non reportable accident. The Court check for the month of May is \$408.83.
- b. Greeley Avenue between Chase and Lincoln has grown out into the street again and needs to be trimmed. Mayor Judice was asked to contact Granieri.
- c. Mayor Judice is working with a local politician regarding a historic project. He recently met with a representative of this person. Mayor Judice invited this representative to meet and talk with the owner of the country store. While doing so, they met the project manager for the Ivyland Hotel rehab project. They got a four story tour of the Ivyland Hotel and current explanation of the project plans. The plans are very encouraging if they come to fruition.

- **Committee Reports:**

- a. *Park and Recreation*: See President's report
- b. *Finance*: Nothing to report
- c. *Public Safety*: Nothing to report

- d. *Borough Property:* Nothing to report
- e. *Streets and Walks:* Mr. Savarese discussed correspondence with David Walsh. He lives next to the basin. Recently, five evergreen trees have died and Granieri was contacted to replace them. The Borough has to pay for labor but there is no cost for the trees. Mr. Savarese asked Mr. Walsh to water the trees if the need arises. Mr. Walsh agreed. Mr. DiPaolo asked Mr. Peterson about repaving in the Borough and if there are any available estimates. Mr. Peterson replied that they don't have numbers but could get those together.
- f. *Planning Commission:* Nothing to report
- g. *Fire Company:* Deborah Hoffman, Fire Department President, reported for the Ivyland Fire Company:

- a. Emergency Services Updates:

- a. For 2025 the fire company YTD has 50 calls: 17 calls in the last 30 days of which two were fire, 15 were medical or other.
- b. The company participated in Memorial Day Parade in Ivyland and Warminster.
- c. The company has been invited to the July 4, 2025 parade in Southampton.
- d. A lot of inhouse and county training.
- e. Two high school seniors graduated: Abby Givens and Adam Benton.

- 2. Fundraiser:

- a. May 8, 2025 was the last fundraiser
- b. The coin toss at the beginning of June was rained out. As a result, June 28, 2025 is the rescheduled coin toss date.
- c. The company will participate in the Concert in the Park on June 21, 2025.
- d. Tony's Place - July 16, 2025. Flyers will be shared with Borough Council.

- **Emergency Management:**

- a. Nothing to report

New Business:

a. Nothing to report

- **Personnel:**

a. Nothing to report

- **Public comment:**

a. There were no comments via Facebook or in person.

- **Adjournment:**

a. Mr. DiPaolo made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Linwood seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Krista DiPaolo, recorder

Minutes Approved by Borough Council July 9, 2025
As presented