

**Ivyland Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Chuck Bristow, Sal DiPaolo, Bill Linwood, Janhangir Nasir, Matt Piotrowski, Todd Savarese

ABSENT: Dr. Chris Finello, Mark Freed, Borough Solicitor

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

Establishment of Quorum:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Moment of Silence:

Minutes of 6/11/25:

Mr. Bristow made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Linwood seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-1. Mr. Nasir abstained due to absence at the last meeting.

- **Treasurer's Report:**

Mrs. Pacchioli read the July 9, 2025 Treasurer's report. The balances are as follows as of 7/9/2025:

General Fund:	
Balance on Hand:	\$291,495.97
Capital Reserve Fund:	\$583,972.74
Liquid Fuel Tax Fund:	\$63,360.54
Fire Company Account:	\$91,998.59
Total Funds June, 7/25:	\$1,030,827.84

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

- **Bills List:**

Prepaid Bills List Total:	\$61,211.05
Unpaid Bills List Total	\$11,074.69

Mr. Linwood made a motion to pay the bills, Mr. Bristow seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0-0.

1. Correspondence:

- a. Mrs. Pacchioli received a letter from the Office of the Attorney General regarding the fraud investigation and conviction of Bouchene and James and associates David Jones and Mark Issel. The case has concluded. The Borough is receiving a percentage of the restitution from Mr. Jones for a total of \$5,973.80. The Attorney General from the Commonwealth of PA processed restitution in the amount of \$10,236.18 from Bouchene and James. The total received restitution equals \$16,209.98.
- b. A street light at the corner of Wilson and Twinning was reported to not be operating. The Borough filed a claim, with the engineer's assistance, with PECO. PECO damaged the line to the box following work done previously. No updates on this claim to date.
- c. There was a car accident at Chase Avenue and Jacksonville Road in June 2025. The "No Truck" sign was damaged when a car hit it. Mrs. Pacchioli filed a claim with the owner of the violating vehicle's insurance company.

2. Public Comment:

- a. Mr. Charles Margiotta, 1215 Pennsylvania Ave. He offered gratitude to the Borough and the Fire Department for their wonderful response to the recent storm that occurred in June 2025.
- b. Mr. Joseph Eisenstein and Ms. Erin King Eisenstein from Jamison, Pa. The Eisenstein's are Interested in purchasing 1060 Greeley Avenue. They are present tonight to find out what the community wants to see for that property which they are interested in developing. Mayor Judice asked the Eisenstein's what they envision for the property. They commented that they would like to see condominiums or other living space, a few professional office buildings, and/or a food service. Mr. Margiotta stated that he would like to see the property developed but his concern is for parking. Mr. Bristow commented, as a private citizen, mentioned the concern for the train noise that occurs in the middle of the night. The tanker cars are often moved at night. Mrs. Eisenstein commented that she is an artist and shared that her husband has produced some

wonderful restorations to properties. Mr. DiPaolo commented that the Borough would like to see this building renovated and used for the betterment of the neighborhood. The Borough would support projects that would bring the 19th century building into the 20th century. Mayor Judice commented that the property is part of the Borough's historic registry. Mr. Eisenstein is aware of this designation and would honor the historic aspect. The Eisenstein's will put together a plan to present to the Zoning Board. Mr. DiPaolo extended an invitation to present the plan to Council before the Zoning Board. The Council can offer feedback.

- c. Mr. Chuck Bristow, 74 Gough Avenue. Mr. Bristow recognized Granieri and Co. for their work in managing the fallen trees in the aftermath of the storm. They were working all through the night, with the Fire Company's assistance, to clear the streets. Mayor Judice, Mr. DiPaolo, Mr. Bristow and the Fire Department engaged in exhausted efforts with PECO to get the power restored. All neighbors pitched in to help each other.
- d. One FB comment stated that the audio was "choppy." Mr. Bristow said they would do a speed test on the internet. Mayor Judice reminded everyone to speak into the microphone.

3. Code Enforcement/Zoning Report: Nothing to report.

4. Report of President:

- a. Mr. DiPaolo stated that after tonight's meeting, there will be an Executive Board meeting immediately following.
- b. Mr. DiPaolo thanked the Warminster Symphony, the Ivyland Heritage Association and the Fire Department for making the "Concert in the Park" a huge success even with half the town not having power.

5. Engineer:

Mr. Peterson presented his report:

- a. Ivyland Community Park - Phase 2:
- b. Greeley Avenue Storm Sewer: The engineers met with PECO and the Railroad Company. There is a need for easements. Both parties expressed strong non approval of the project. Therefore, the engineers have resorted to the original concept to run the storm sewer down Greeley Avenue and tie into the Phase One improvements which were done in 2021. A sketch was completed and an estimate was created. The project

can be done within the grant award amount which is approximately \$422,000. The sewer would be close to the bridge and Ivyland Run, up Greeley Avenue to Chase Avenue. There would be a series of inlets. The plan would be to add on future sections to build out the system in the future. This plan is advantageous as the Borough would not have to go to PECO or the Railroad for easements. In addition, you don't need to coordinate maintenance efforts with them. There are operational issues with the current conveyance that runs along the railway. It's a rock line swale. They are experiencing wash out issues too.

- c. Inlet Cleaning: Granieri completed the cleaning, the engineers reviewed the work, there were a few loose ends. This was addressed, completed and a bill was submitted for the invoice for \$2,900. Mr. DiPaolo made a motion to pay this invoice, Mr. Lindwood seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0.
- d. The DCE Multi modal grant application: This application has been completed on line and must be submitted before July 31, 2025. Once it is submitted, the Council will receive the grant package containing the information that was submitted.
- e. LSA Grant Program: This will open on September 1, 2025. Mr. Peterson's recommendation is to pursue future phases of the Greeley Avenue Storm Sewer Project through the LSA Grant program. Mr. Bristow asked what the estimate could be for the end of the road. Mr. Peterson said they have not developed a cost estimate at this time. Mr. DiPaolo asked the ball park to get all the way down to Wilson Avenue. Mr. Peterson commented on an estimate of \$400,000 to \$500,000. Mr. Peterson said this is not an inexpensive project. Mr. DiPaolo made a motion to give Carroll Engineering tacit approval to start cost estimates for the remainder of the project following tonight's Executive Session following the meeting. Mr. Linwood seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0-0. Mr. Savarese asked if there was a match on the LSA Grant. Mr. Peterson confirmed that there is no match.
- f. The Verizon boxes were supposed to be examined today by Verizon. As of tonight, there has been no word if the lines are live, if they could be repaired or removed.

6. Solicitor: Not present at the meeting.

7. Unfinished Business: No to report

8. Mayor:

- a. *Police Report:* The monthly police report for June 2025: The police force had 1 physical arrest for theft, 2 pending juvenile victim interviews; 37 traffic citations issued, 3 parking tickets, and 3 non reportable accidents were investigated. The Court check for the month of June was \$430.36.
- b. Thanks were offered for everyone's effort to have the Concert in the Park happen. The Rapp family was instrumental in providing a tent, chairs, chords and restroom facilities for the community. The mayor thanked the Fire Department for all their work. Mrs. Pacchioli thanked the Sponsors: Inspire Bank, Milton Roy, Carroll Engineer, Tony's Place, and Borough residents.

9. Committee Reports:

- a. *Park and Recreation:* Gears thanked everyone for the Concert in the Park.
 - a. Update on the light pole globes: FP 118 is the globe model we need. The cost is \$212.08 for the globe and topper. There is a globe needed for the Village and Gears asked if the grid needs any replacements. Mrs. Pacchioli suggested getting at least two extra globes for reserve. Mr. DiPaolo suggested five reserves. Spray paint will be needed for the pole topper. Mayor Judice suggested that Gears check with Geoff Rapp for possible paint supply.
 - b. A tree came down in the Fire Dam Park. Granieri will be contacted to assess the damage. Photos were sent to Granieri to get the tree removed and soil replenished to avoid erosion.
 - c. Mrs. Pacchioli received a call from a Warminster resident about leftover branches on Jacksonville Road. Fire Chief Hothman was called. The Fire Company cleared the branches from a fallen Borough tree. A good amount of debris was leftover and the homeowner was concerned about this. The suggestion was made to have Granieri clear this debris. Mr. DiPaolo made a motion to authorize Gears to contact Granieri. Mr. Linwood seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-0.
 - d. Mrs. DiPaolo made a comment about pole brackets (for flags) and replacing broken ones. Gears confirmed there are extra brackets but they are screw in brackets.
 - e. Mr. Nasir presented a possible solution to the traffic concerns in the grid, the Village and the townhouses. One of the traffic calming strategies that

we can consider is the Radar Signs. This is an active alert to drivers that they are traveling at a speed above the posted speed limit and drivers are more likely to slow down since they are actively seeing their speed displayed by the posted speed limit. (See Mr. Nasir's email to the Council with all the information). The Borough gets that data about how fast drivers are going after the speed limit. We can pass that data to the police department. This helps the police to be placed in the area when those violations are taking place. Radar Sign did a traffic study. They saw a reduction of 50% with the installment of the signs. That reduction was evident after two full years. The lead time to get a sign is three to four weeks. There are various sources of power (solar, AC, battery). \$4,200 for Solar. \$3,500 for the AC option with electrician installation (\$4,300). The gathered data is housed for 12 months and can be downloaded. There are no recurring fees. Mr. Bristow stated that Jacksonville is not a Borough Road, it belongs to PennDot. Mr. Bristow thinks these signs are a great idea. A public question asked if there is additional charge for calibrating the signs. Mr. Nasir will go back to the vendor and ask. Mr. DiPaolo asked if the data would be able to be shared with PennDot to show that the speed limit is being violated. Mrs. Pacchioli suggested she can call their contact at PennDot to review. Mr. Piotrowski asked that we contact PennDot about using these signs. Mr. Peterson will check with his transportation department about the use of the signs. Mr. DiPoalo asked Mr. Bristow to identify five locations for the sign on Jacksonville, Wilson, and Greely Avenues to be ready for next month's meeting.

- b. *Finance:* No report
- c. *Public Safety:* Mr. Linwood thanked the residents of town. He was contacted by neighbors and the public offering to help other neighbors affected by the storm. Mayor Judice added that a letter was sent from the Police Department's insurance company. They have cancelled coverage for officers' receiving cancer treatment. Mayor Judice called the insurance company to get clarification for the "Cancer Diagnosis Rider." This rider is not of any benefit and is extremely limited for a bigger price tag. As our force is part time, the Borough pays for their liability and not their overall health insurance.
- d. *Borough Property:* The attic has been cleaned out. There does not appear to be a leak. The gutters were cleaned. Mr. Bristow reported that the Borough's generator failed

during the storm. Pall Electric was called, arrived and fixed the generator. The repair was completed and the service was restored within an hour. That generator does not power the Borough Hall. Mr. Piotrowski stated that the Borough Office building's generator cannot service Borough Hall. Mr. Piotrowski will do some research about this.

- e. *Streets and Walks:* Mr. Savarese asked Mrs. Pacchioli about a downed line on Kirk Road from a fallen tree. The line is not PECO but is a Verizon line. She followed up with Chief Carey on Monday. As of today, the tree was removed. Mr. Savarese yielded his time regarding the traffic and speed issues in the Grid and the Village to Mr. Nasir. Mr. Savarese commented that speed humps do not work. Mr. Nasir researched some solutions for speed calming devices.
- f. *Planning Commission:* No report
- g. *Fire Company:* David Sharp, Fire Department, reported for the Ivyland Fire Company:
 - a. 15 fire staff were present during the storm from 4:00 PM until 4:00 AM. There were six calls for that event. The Department kept the station open for four days after the event to assist residents with powering devices, etc.
 - b. Emergency Services Updates:
 - 1. For 2025 the fire company YTD has 67 calls: 10-15 were fire, the rest were EMS.
 - 2. July 1, 2025 a transformer blew in the Borough
 - c. Fundraisers:
 - 1. Tony's Place - July 16, 2025. Flyers will be shared with Borough Council.
 - 2. 5K Runners Breakfast for 5K - August 16, 2025
 - 3. Annual Bonfire and Fire Prevention Night - October 2025 -
 - 4. Coin Toss - November 11, 2025
 - 5. December 14, 2025 - Santa Breakfast

10. Comments:

- a. A request was made to have Granieri trim the brush near the pole behind the Fire Station.
- b. Mr. Bristow asked if the Department has resources to handle electric vehicle fires. Mr. Sharp commented that they are working on being able to address these types of events. He offered some ideas that are available to fire departments.

10. Emergency Management: No report

11. New Business:

- a. Mr. DiPaolo thanked Chief Sharp for supporting the Annual Ivyland 5K. This is in the form of providing police support. Mr. Bristow made a motion to support the Ivyland 5K event on August 16, 2025 with Borough resources. Mr. DiPaolo seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-0.

12. Personnel: No report

13. Public comment:

- a. There was a good number of comments about the traffic signs.
- b. Chief Sharp shared that the company was invited to the Hatboro Car show Moonlight Memories (Fire Police and Fire Company) and a Muster at Warrington Fire Company. Both events are on July 26, 2025.
- c. Chuck Margiotta talked about the speed signs near our district court. He is in favor of using these signs. He recommended contacting the district court about their experience with the signs.

14. Adjournment:

- a. Mr. DiPaolo made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Krista DiPaolo, recorder

Minutes Approved by Borough Council August 13, 2025
As presented.