

**Ivyland Borough Council
Meeting Minutes - Reorganization Meeting
January 5, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Scott Alden, Chuck Bristow (virtual), Todd Coulson, Sal DiPaolo, Bill Linwood, Matt Piotrowski, Todd Savarese

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Krista DiPaolo, Recorder, The Honorable Daniel J. Finello, Jr., Senior Magisterial District Judge, Mark Freed, Borough Solicitor, Mayor Tony Judice, Janet Pacchioli, Treasurer, Chris Peterson, Borough Engineer

- A. The meeting began with the swearing in of Linda Fanelli, Tax Collector; Anthony Judice, Mayor; Todd Savarese, Councilperson; Scott Alden, Councilperson; and Todd Coulson, Councilperson.
- B. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Anthony Judice at 6:25 PM. This meeting is held on the first Monday in January to reorganize the Ivyland Borough Council. This meeting will also serve as the regular monthly meeting.

Establishment of Quorum: A total quorum is present with our two new elected members.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Moment of Silence: A moment of silence was offered for the late Jane Schrader Lynch, Centennial School Board Director who passed away on January 3, 2026.

- **Nomination and Election of Council President:** Motion made by Mr. Linwood to elect Mr. DiPaolo, seconded by Mr. Savarese. The motion passed 6-0-0

The mayor turned the gavel over to the President.

- **Nomination and Election of Council Vice President:** Motion made by Mr. DiPaolo to nominate Mr. Chuck Bristow, the motion was seconded by Mr. Linwood, the motion passed 5-0-1 (Mr. Alden abstained)
- **Appointment of Chairperson Pro Tem:** Mr. DiPaolo nominated Mr. Savarese, all were in favor, nomination passed 6-0-0.
- **Appointment of Vacancy Board Chair:** Mr. Savarese nominated Mr. Piotrowski, the nomination passed 5-0-1 (Mr. Piotrowski abstained).

- **Reappointment of Borough Employees and Services Secretary/Treasurer:** Mr. DiPaolo appointed Janet Pacchioli.
- **The Solicitor appointed** Mark Freed
- **The Engineer appointed** Chris Peterson
- **The Zoning and Code Enforcement vendor appointed** Barry Isett & Associates

Committee Assignments:

- **Streets and Walks** - Mr. Savarese
- **Planning Commission** - Mr. Bristow
- **Borough Property** - Mr. Piotrowski
- **Public Safety** - Mr. Linwood

Appointments to Board Vacancies:

- **Zoning Hearing Board** - Geoff Rapp 2026-2028; Nominated by Mr. DiPaolo, all in favor 6-0-0.
- **Parks and Recreation Board** - Two Openings
 - Coulson appointed for the 2026-2030 term (five years), all in favor, 6-0-0.
 - Tabled the other vacancy for the February 2026 Meeting.

Vacancy Board Chair: Mr. DiPaolo appointed Dr. Christina Finello as the Vacancy Board Chair, all in favor 5-0-1 (Mr. Coulson abstained due to being married to Dr. Finello).

Minutes of 11/12/2025

Mr. Linwood made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Bristow seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-3.

- **Treasurer's Report:**
Mrs. Pacchioli read the December 2025 Treasurer's report. The balances were as follows as of 12/10/2025:

General Fund:	
Balance on Hand:	\$306,449.07
Capital Reserve Fund:	\$568,509.31
Liquid Fuel Tax Fund:	\$59,645.48
Fire Company Account:	\$78,472.42

Total Funds November 2025:	\$1,013,078.28
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Mr. Linwood made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Piotrowski seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0-0.

- **Bills List:**

Prepaid Bills List Total:	\$29,841.26
Unpaid Bills List Total	\$0

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

Mrs. Pacchioli read the January 2026 Treasurer's report. The balances were as follows as of 1/5/26:

General Fund:	
Balance on Hand:	\$289,813.65
Capital Reserve Fund:	\$568,509.31
Liquid Fuel Tax Fund:	\$58,880.45
Fire Company Account:	\$77,736.54
Total Funds January 2026:	\$994,939.98

Mr. Linwood made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Piotrowski seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0-0.

- **Bills List:**

Prepaid Bills List Total:	\$16,635.42
Unpaid Bills List Total	\$0

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

Mr. Savarese asked Mrs. Pacchioli to clarify the line item 480 in the budget totalling, \$122,000. Mrs. Pacchioli confirmed that this was for the Park Grant. Discussion ensued about clarification of the miscellaneous accounts.

1. **Correspondence:**

- a. Mrs. Pacchioli notified Council that we received the LSA Grant money for the next phase of the park.
- b. Rates for banking have moved from 4.5% to 3.5%.

2. Public Comment:

- a. Mr. Bristow wished the Council a Happy New Year.
- b. Nothing was shared from the in person or virtual attendees.

3. Code Enforcement/Zoning Report:

- a. Nothing to report

4. Report of President:

- a. Nothing to report

5. Engineer:

Mr. Peterson presented his report:

- a. The Council voted on the name Edwin Oldroyd Memorial Park for the old Navy housing park. This project is now in Phase 3. The Local Share Account (LSA) Grant Application for the Ed Oldroyd Memorial Park received positive news over the holiday break. The Local Share Account (LSA) grant application, as prepared and submitted by CEC to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development on November 26, 2024, was approved for the full requested amount of \$246,759.00. The funds will be used for Phase III improvements at the newly renamed Ed Oldroyd Memorial Park (formerly Ivyland Community Park). The grant liaison assigned to this project is Ethan Sniderman. CEC responded to Mr. Sniderman with the appropriate contact information required for document execution. CEC is awaiting the final grant documentation for Borough signature. The original grant application is attached for reference regarding the proposed Phase III scope of work.
 - i. Mr. Savarese stated that the homeowners whose homes that back up to the park are very concerned with the unintended consequence of increased noise due to traffic on Jacksonville Road. Mr. Savarese is asking for the Council to advise on a landscape buffer. Mr. Peterson stated that this buffer is part of the project. Mr. DiPaolo asked if this can be done separately from the other work. Mr. Peterson said the landscape improvements can be prioritized and two different contracts can be used to complete these improvements. Mr. Piotrowski mentioned concern with

safety in the park. Mr. Peterson stated that there are lights that can be updated. The structures are already in place. Mr. Piotrowski stated the solid buffer between the park and the homeowners on Valentine. The recommendation is to not have a solid buffer between the park and Jacksonville Road to keep the line of sight open. Mr. Savarese asked how to decide on the landscape buffer plants and other materials. This can be addressed as part of the project. Mr. Peterson recommended another public meeting so that residents can be heard. Mr. DiPaolo tasked Mr. Coulson with putting this together and plan for a March 2026 meeting. Mr. Piotrowski asked if the buffer is the Borough's responsibility. Mr. Savarese feels we should do this.

a. Speed Limit Signage Installation Proposal:

i. The Borough will use the company Weigand for the speed limit signage. As directed by Council at the last meeting, CEC has authorized Weigand Signs to fabricate and install the speed limit signage within the grid. The schedule places the installation timeframe in early February 2026.

6. Solicitor:

- a. Mr. Freed shared that a variance was approved on December 18, 2025 for 1061 Greeley Avenue.
- b. Mr. Freed mentioned matters related to litigation and legal matters which will be discussed in an executive session following this meeting.

7. Unfinished Business:

- a. Nothing to report.

8. Mayor:

- a. Police Report: There is no report yet this month. The Court checks for the months of November and December have not yet been received.
- b. The Trax computers are not yet set up in the patrol cars.
- c. The Bus Patrol project is still in process. The Borough has not heard anything regarding the start of this program from Centennial School District.

9. Committee Reports:

a. Park and Recreation:

- a. Mr. DiPaolo mentioned a public ceremony for the Park to name it. Mr. Oldroyd's daughter, Jamie is now the Ivyland Country store owner. Details to be determined.
- b. Council will be honoring Brian Munroe for his help in attaining grant funding for the Borough

b. Finance:

- a. Nothing to report.

c. Public Safety:

- a. No meeting last month but the committee is in search of one new officer.

d. Borough Property:

- a. Nothing to report.

e. Planning Commission:

- a. Nothing to report.

f. Streets and Walks:

- a. The borough has had a few snow events. Sean Kirkpatrick (Granieri) contacts Mr. Savarese before addressing the weather work that is needed. On the Village side, Mr. Savarese asks that residents get their cars off of the street so the plowing contractor can plow the snow.

g. Fire Company: Mr. David Sharp, Chief of the Ivyland Fire Department, reported for the Ivyland Fire Company for December 2025:

This is a summary of actions and activities at the last monthly meeting:

a. Emergency Services Updates:

- i. In 2025 we ended the year with 120 calls year to date
- ii. In 2026 we have 1 EMS call total year to date.
- iii. We welcomed 2 new members Mike Tsiginos and Jason Mahlon

- iv. We have 2 new officers for 2026 Shawn Norton as Treasurer and Robert Prato as Safety Officer, Dave, Ed, James and Ian remained as Chief, Deputy and Assistant Chief and Lieutenant
- b. Training:
 - i. In 2025 we completed over 1000 hours of training and we have planned out our 2026 training schedule to include the same
- c. Specialized Topics: Hazmat Operations, CPR, SCBA, EVOC, Water Rescue, Auto Extrication, Communications, and Active Shooter/MCI response.
- d. Certification Opportunities: Bucks County classes hosted at 62 Wilson Avenue or 991 Pennsylvania Avenue supplement in-house training with formal credentials.
- e. Program Highlights:
 - i. Hands-On Skill Development: Topics such as ropes and knots, hose line advancement, forcible entry, and apparatus operations ensure tactical proficiency.
 - ii. Scenario-Based Drills: Rescue operations, water supply/relay pumping, and apartment pack deployment simulate real-world challenges.
 - iii. Seasonal Relevance: Training adapts to seasonal risks, including brush fires in summer and water rescue in early summer.
- a. Closing Remarks:
 - i. 2025 has been a year of service, growth, and community connection. Each call answered, each drill completed, and each event supported reflects the commitment of our members to Ivyland and its residents.
 - ii. As Chief, I am proud of what we have accomplished together. Let's carry this momentum into 2026 with the same dedication, teamwork, and spirit that make Ivyland Fire Company a cornerstone of our community.

10. Emergency Management:

- a. Nothing to report

11. New Business:

- a. Mr. Savarese suggested rearranging the meeting room to better accommodate the virtual attendees. This would enhance the live stream experience. Mr. Piotrowski suggested moving the camera. This would still not capture the audience comments. Mr. Mangiotti commented that the live stream view captures a lot of the ceiling. Mr. Bristow said the camera can be repositioned. He can work with Mayor Judice to rearrange the furniture. Mr. DiPaolo recommended this as a first step. Mr. Bristow commented that the Council may consider if funds need to be allocated to this type of project.

12. Personnel:

- a. Nothing to report

13. Public comment:

- a. Chuck Margiotti - 1215 Pennsylvania Avenue: Mr. Margiotti thanked the Council for all the efforts to live stream the meetings. Second, as the new electric lines and poles are being updated in the Borough, there will be no power on Thursday, January 8, 2026 from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Alternative date is January 9, 2026. Mr. DiPaolo asked Mrs. Pacchioli to follow up with Mr. Duran at PECO. A tree was cut down that was interfering with the power lines. Mrs. Margiotti asked if the resident is responsible for planting a new tree. Mayor Judice stated that it is the homeowners responsibility to plant a new tree.

14. Adjournment:

Mr. DiPaolo made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Krista DiPaolo, Recorder

Minutes Approved by Borough Council

February 11, 2026
As presented