

**Ivyland Borough Council  
Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 PM

**ATTENDANCE:** Scott Alden, Todd Coulson, Sal DiPaolo, Matt Piotrowski, Todd Savarese

**ABSENT:** Chuck Bristow, Bill Linwood

**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 1/5/2026:***

Mr. Savarese made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Piotrowski seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-0

- **Treasurer's Report:**

Mrs. Pacchioli read the February 2026 Treasurer's report. The balances were as follows as of 2/11/2026:

General Fund:	
Balance on Hand:	\$316,082.22
Capital Reserve Fund:	\$565,484.81
Liquid Fuel Tax Fund:	\$27,245.31
Fire Company Account:	\$77,332.81
<b>Total Funds November 2025:</b>	<b>\$986,145.15</b>

Mr. made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mr. seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.

- **Bills List:**

Prepaid Bills List Total:	\$58,238.23
Unpaid Bills List Total	\$10,012.45

The Treasurer’s report was accepted, subject to audit. Mr. Piotrowski, seconded by Mr. Coulson. Motion passed 5-0-0.

**1. Correspondence:**

- a. Mrs. Pacchioli received an email regarding the Bucks County Department of Health Mosquito Program. Mrs. Pacchioli will complete the form. Mr. DiPaolo made a motion to continue the Mosquito Program. Mr. Coulson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0. A spring clean up checklist shared via email to the Council.
- b. The Borough received a letter from the Ivyland Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Pacchioli read the letter out loud. The Pastor, Amy Na, was requesting an alternative measure for the Fire Department recommended Knox Box because it is a financial strain on the church budget at this time. Pastor Na also submitted a letter to summarize dealings with the Borough Fire Marshall and the current Fire Code Inspector. Mr. Savarese asked about the cost and Mrs. Pacchioli stated an approximate cost of \$300 to \$400. Mr. Savarese is not in favor of waiving the fee. In addition, The Fire Code Inspector shared an unpleasant interaction with a church member regarding complying with the Knox Box. Mr. Freed mentioned that in the event of a false alarm, if there are no keys, the fire department may be required to break a door down to gain entry. This would be a costly option. Mayor Judice cited an exception that was made for a business in the Ivy Meadows. Mr. Fred DiChiara, Jr. is the property chair of the IPC. He communicated with the Mayor about attending tonight’s meeting. The Council agreed to wait for Mr. DiChiara to arrive.
- c. After the recent cold weather, there were frozen pipes in the Borough Hall and the meeting room. Thankfully these pipes did not burst. Mr. Piotrowski and Mrs. Pacchioli discussed some options to keep the pipes safe.

**2. Public Comment:**

- a. Nothing was shared via online messaging at this time of the meeting

**3. Code Enforcement/Zoning Report:**

- a. Nothing to report

**4. Report of President:**

- a. Mr. DiPaolo stated that there is an Agreement with WMA which dates back to 1969 for a 30 year term. Mr. Bristow and Mr. DiPaolo will work to get a Representative on the Warminster Board for the Borough.

**5. Engineer:**

Mr. Peterson presented his report:

- a. The Authorization to advertise for Greeley Avenue Stormwater Project bids:
  - i. Greeley Avenue Storm Sewer Improvements – Phase II: Construction plans were emailed to Council by Sean Daniels on January 26, 2026, for review and comment. No comments have been received to date. Accordingly, we request authorization for CEC to advertise the project and solicit public bids. A proposed bidding and construction schedule is attached for reference, with bids scheduled to be opened on March 17, 2026. We anticipate presenting a recommendation for award to Council at the April 8, 2026, meeting. Mr. Savarese made a motion to put out the bid for the Storm Sewer water project based on the plans distributed by Carroll Engineering. Mr. Coulson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.
- b. Mr. Peterson stated that they were waiting for the grant agreement from the state for Local Share Account Application for funds for Memorial Park: The Local Share Account (LSA) Grant Application – Ed Oldroyd Memorial Park Improvements Phase III : We are awaiting receipt of the final grant agreement for execution by the Borough. Upon completion of the agreement, we will coordinate with the Borough to schedule a public meeting to present the proposed park improvements and solicit public input.
- c. Speed Limit Signage Installation Proposal: The Weigand signs project has been authorized to fabricate and install the speed limit signage within the grid. This work is currently on hold until the snow cover dissipates and we're able to complete the required electrical conduit mark outs prior to the post installations. We will continue to monitor the conditions and schedule the work when

appropriate. Update: Due to snow cover, the signs have not been installed yet. These are for the speed limit signs. Mr. Peterson will update when he has any new information. Mr. Savarese stated that he received an email from the state on 1/21 that he is an authorized signer and that an information packet would be arriving within the next few weeks.

- d. Mr. Piotrowski made a comment about a broken speed bump. There is a large chunk of material missing from the hump. He cannot recall which speed hump is affected. Mr. Peterson said that the asphalt work for the Greeley Avenue project may be able to patch that hump. There will be a waiting period. Mr. Alden shared that there are a series of pot holes and affected speed humps on Greeley Avenue from Chase to Bristol Avenues. He expressed concern for the status of these holes especially with the weather.

**6. Solicitor:**

- a. Mr. Freed stated that most of his work has been to respond to RTK requests and appeals. Mr. Freed is working with Mrs. Pacchioli to get these RTKs fulfilled.

**7. Unfinished Business:**

- a. Nothing to report

**8. Mayor:**

- a. Police Report: For the month of January, the police handled 43 calls for service. 29 were traffic citations, one parking ticket, one written warning, and one reportable accident was investigated. The court check for January was \$472.66.
- b. During the January 2025 meeting, the following information was not yet available. The following information is now available and was reported on for the February 2026 meeting. For the month of December there were 31 calls for service, five traffic citations and one warning. The court check for November 2025 was \$186.18; for December 2025, \$195.30.
- c. Mayor Judice shared comments from neighbors after the most recent snow storm. Overall, the comments were mixed. Some comments stated that the plows did a good job keeping up with the snow. However, the plows did not round any corners and did not get close enough to the sidewalks. When the Borough asked residents to move their cars for the declared Snow Emergency, all roads did well

except for Chase Ave. The Village did a great job of removing their cars off of the streets.

- d. The latest Borough News, Supreme Court reversed lower court to amend agendas. There are new steps that must be taken to amend an agenda. The Borough must post an amended agenda both digitally and paper within 24 hours of meeting. All of this information is in most current Borough newsletter. Please refer to the summary about Amending the Sunshine Laws. Specifically, when anything is to be acted on by the Council this should be on the agenda. There are some exceptions (i.e. emergencies). Additionally, the Borough can vote to put an item on the agenda, add it, and then vote. The “either exceptions” must be present.

## **9. Committee Reports:**

### **a. Park and Recreation:**

- a. Mr. DiPaolo shared with Mr. Coulson that March 28 or April 4 can be the date for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Mr. COulson was directed to reach out to Gears Nasir to plan for the event.

### **b. Finance:**

- a. The committee met Tuesday, 2/10/2026. Mr. Savarese is the new chairperson. He shared some ideas on how to streamline the reporting using something like Quickbooks. He has some other ideas to improve the committee.

### **c. Public Safety:**

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

### **d. Borough Property:**

- a. The street signs are complete and waiting for the snow to be cleared before they are installed.
- b. Mr. DiPaolo shared that the boards on the Hall porch have finally buckled. Mr. Piotrowski shared that he has solicited three quotes. He will try another vendor for repair when the weather gets warmer.

**e. Planning Commission:**

- a. Nothing to report

**f. Streets and Walks:**

- a. Mr. Alden reported that as it snowed twice, the cost of the current snow removal is about \$28,000.
- b. A discussion ensued regarding the idea of establishing temporary “No Parking” areas when it snows, especially where alleyways come out to the street. This situation has come up before and it appears to be a significant problem in the Village. Mr. Savarese shared that the plow operators were coming out of the alley and just piling up the snow on the corners. This snow pile was at the end of every alley. This should be considered when there is a state of emergency. Mr. DiPaolo suggested to follow up with Granieri to inquire what the Borough can do to help them plow more efficiently. Mr. DiPaolo stated that some cars just never move from the street. While some cars cannot (i.e. no driveway to park in), some cars don’t respond to the directive and leave their cars on the street. It is vital to reach out to the community to let them know what they need to do.

**g. Fire Company: Mrs. Deb Hoffman for the Ivyland Fire Company for January 2026: Emergency Services Updates:**

- a. The department received 16 calls to date. In the last 30 days they have had 13 calls; 3 were fire and 12 medical.
  - i. Snow storm - 14 people in the building for 48 hours to make sure there were no emergencies.
- b. Fundraiser 2/18/26 - Tony’s Place from open to close, dine in or dine out. A flyer is not needed. Just show it on the phone, they will honor the fundraiser.
- c. In March, the department will be providing medical coverage at the Fuge for the Bucks Beer Bash, which is scheduled from 12:00 to 6:00 PM
- d. The Coin Toss fundraisers have rescheduled to April 25, 2026 due to cold weather in November. The fire company will not be using the November date.

- e. The Fire Department will participate in the Annual Easter Bunny festivities, date TBD.
- f. During the most recent snow storm, the Fire Department had a water pipe break. They have to replace their secondary heater.
- g. Mrs. Pacchioli got a call about a resident who fell. There was no officer on duty. Mrs. Pacchioli called Ed Hotham. He was able to reach and help the resident. Mrs. Pacchioli thanked the fire company for the amazing support for the resident.

**10. Emergency Management:**

- a. Nothing to report

**11. New Business:**

- a. Nothing to report

**12. Personnel:**

- a. Nothing to report

**13. Public comment:**

- a. Mr. Fred DiChiara, Jr. representing the Ivyland Presbyterian Church (55 Gough Avenue): The church is seeking a variance to not buy costly Knox Boxes for the church. He provided a letter to the Council (same letter as was read by Mrs. Pacchioli at the beginning of the meeting). The church understands the safety aspect but feels this expense is not in the best interest of the church. Mr. Savarese asked if it can be discussed, voted on and approved at tonight's meeting, considering the new court rulings. Mr. Freed shared that the public comment could be discussed tonight especially if voting is not taking place. Mr. DiChiara offered options. His letter was requested to be emailed to the Council for record. This request will be added to next month's agenda for consideration as it is not an agenda item tonight.

**14. Adjournment:**

Mr. DiPaolo made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM. An executive session followed the regular meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Krista DiPaolo, Recorder

Minutes Approved by Borough Council March 11, 2026

As presented