

**Ivyland Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 PM

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

ABSENT:

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 3/11/2026:

Mr. Linwood made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Bristow seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0-0..

- **Treasurer's Report:**

Mrs. Pacchioli read the April 2026 Treasurer's report. The balances were as follows as of 4/8/2026:

General Fund:	
Balance on Hand:	\$292,914.04
Capital Reserve Fund:	\$568,269.89
Liquid Fuel Tax Fund:	\$37,785.32
Fire Company Account:	\$77,782.96
Total Funds November 2025:	\$976,752.21

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

- Ivyland Borough Bills List: April 2026:

Prepaid Bills List Total:	\$40,018.10
Unpaid Bills List Total	\$25,867.23

The Treasurer's report was accepted, subject to audit. **Mr. DiPaolo** made the motion to pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Mr. x. Motion passed 7-0-0.

1. **Correspondence:**

- a. Nothing to report

2. **Public Comment:**

- a. Nothing reported via online viewers

3. **Presentation:**

- a. State Representative Brian Munroe presented the Borough with a check in the amount of \$246,759.00 for the LSA Grant.

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

- a. Nothing to report

5. **Report of President:**

- a. **Speed Limit Signage:** In the February meeting, the Council approved the installation of the speed limit signs. Last month, the signs were finalized. Mr. DiPaolo asked Mr. Peterson to speak about the sign requirements. Mr. Peterson remarked that while speeding is an issue in the Borough, issued speeding tickets were not legally defensible due to lack of appropriate signs. The Council requested the engineer to come up with a plan where signage could be installed so the violations would be legally defensible. The locations were selected and work done with Harry Hauge for electrical work. Mr. DiPaolo asked the Pellicones, the Gordons and the Molls to share their comments. The signs were placed in the right of way in the Borough. Additionally, the Borough has the jurisdiction to do so. However, Mr. DiPaolo understands concerns as shared by the community in communications to Mr. DiPaolo.

- b. Mr. Justin Moll, 5 Gough Avenue: He asked to have the sign moved past his house. He already has three Borough signs (Children at Play, No Trucks, the street sign, and a lamp post) on his property. He said on Chase Avenue, the signs are 100 feet from the road. He is asking for 80 to 100 yards from the road. He shared pictures of what the front of his house looks like with the three Borough signs. He requests to not have another sign in the front of his house. Mr. DiPaolo asked Mr. Moll not to remove the signage without speaking with the Borough. Mr. Moll shared some solutions for signage. Mr. DiPaolo asked Mr. Peterson if the signage is moved would it still meet requirements. Mr. Peterson said there are fees associated (due to electrical access) but moving it would be in compliance. Mr. Bristow commented that the Council will reconsider placement. Mr. Moll offered to assist with the labor if that would help. Mr. Bristow commented that the signs will allow the violations to be enforced. Mr. Alden, Mr. Peterson replied spacing and visibility. Mr. Alden said there are only two signs in the Village, one coming off on Jacksonville and one sign coming off of Johnsville. Mr. Alden asked if there is another way to post the signs. Mr. Alden stated, "it would have been nice" to notify residents of sign placement to ensure they were, "ok with it." Mr. Piotrowski, stated that there is a Right of Way that the Borough can utilize. Mr. Alden questioned the number of speed violations in the Village. Mr. Bristow stated the police will not write tickets that can't be enforced. Secondly, Mr. Bristow referred to the speed limit sign download data. From Mr. Alden's property to the stop sign after the park shows motorists traveling at 35 mph. Mr. Alden said the stop signs need to be more "apparent."
- c. Mr. Kyle Gordon, 56 Lincoln Avenue: Requested that the signs in front of his house be moved a little bit so their kids can ride their bikes through the Right of Way area. He requested the sign be moved 60 feet closer to Jacksonville from the intersection.
- d. Mr. DiPaolo ensured that child safety is one of the reasons the signs are being posted. Mr. DiPaolo reiterated that motor vehicle signs are posted for the safety of the community and asked that no one remove these signs without the consultation of Council. Further, he asked the engineer to look at the signage at 3 Lincoln Avenue (Pellicone family). Mr. Peterson confirmed that all the signage is up in the Borough, except for the ones removed by residents. Mr. DiPaolo thanked the community for their comments.

e. Engineer: Mr. Peterson presented his report:

- i. Greeley Avenue Storm Sewer Improvements – Phase II: They have received favorable bids for this project through PennBid. Of the 14 bidders. The contractor, KBC Construction, LLC of Warminster, submitted the lowest bid of \$183,206.00. They completed various reference checks on their experience on similar scope municipal stormwater projects and recommended that the Council awarded the contract to them. Carroll Engineering also recommend the Borough accept Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$20,788.00, which includes the installation of two (2) new PennDOT standard inlets and associated 18" HDPE storm sewer piping along Chase Avenue to tie into the new 36" trunk sewer being installed along Greeley Avenue. Carroll Engineering recommends acceptance of Alternate No. 2 in the amount of \$18,000.00, which provides for a half-width mill and overlay along Greeley Avenue in the areas disturbed by the storm sewer installation. The total recommended award, inclusive of both alternates, is \$221,994.00. The Borough has been allocated \$422,301.00 in COVID-19 ARPA PA Small Water and Sewer Program grant funds, which must be expended by September 30, 2026. The total recommended award of \$221,994.00 leaves a remaining balance of approximately \$200,307.00 in available grant funding. We had anticipated a gap between the low bid and the grant allocation of approximately 20 to 25 percent, anticipating the award of additional work at the unit prices established in this bid to maximize the extent of storm sewer improvements along the Greeley Avenue corridor. The favorable pricing received, driven by strong contractor competition and current market conditions, has produced a larger-than-anticipated gap relative to the grant ceiling. In light of the remaining grant capacity and the September 30, 2026, expenditure deadline, we have expeditiously prepared, advertised, and posted a separate plan on PennBid for Phase III of the Greeley Avenue Stormwater Improvements. Phase III is designed to continue the trunk sewer from its Phase II terminus at Chase Avenue south to Gough Avenue.

- ii. Mr. DiPaolo made a motion to authorize the Greely Avenue Storm Sewer Improvements Phase II project to the low bidder, KBC Construction, LLC of Warminster, Pa. for the base bid and alternates 1 and 2 for a total figure of \$221,994.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Linwood. The Council was in favor, the motion passed 7-0-0.
- iii. The Phase III plans were uploaded to PennBid on April 1, 2026, with bids scheduled to open on April 22, 2026. KBC Construction, LLC has expressed interest in bidding on Phase III, and there is a possibility that, if they are the successful low bidder, they could serve as the contractor for both segments of the project, which would provide the benefit of a single point of contact and continuity of construction along the corridor. We will provide a separate Certified Tabulation of Bids and Recommendation of Award for Phase III at the Council's May 13, 2026, meeting, subject to the availability of sufficient grant funding relative to the bids received.
- iv. KBC Construction, LLC's bid conformed to all requirements set forth in the Instructions to Bidders, and appropriate bid security was provided. We believe KBC Construction, LLC is capable of successfully completing the work. Therefore, we recommend the Borough award this contract to KBC Construction, LLC in the total amount of \$221,994.00, inclusive of the Base Bid and Alternate Nos. 1 and 2.
- v. Discussion was had regarding potholes and paving as part of the overall projects. Mr. Peterson discussed repaving what had not been done in the previous project. Mr. Alden asked about Phase II and it being specific to the east side of Greely Avenue. The trunk sewer will be on the West side of Greely Avenue because of utility conflicts on the other side of the street. This will be part of Phase II. Mr. Alden asked about the potholes on the bridge. Mr. Peterson stated that they will repave that area because the exposed concrete cannot be milled. Mr. Alden asked to keep it concrete and Mr. Peterson did not recommend that. If funds are available, the last part of Phase III will allow work to be authorized all the way up to Gough Avenue. Mr. Alden described a "drain pit" with a grate across from the Shimborski home. Mr. Peterson stated that the project won't go that far.

Mr. Alden spoke to the homeowner who stated the road is higher up and overflow backs up into that neighbor's home. The issue there is funding. Mr. Peterson shared that the paving happens at the end of the project.

6. Solicitor:

- a. Mr. Freed discussed the Comcast Franchise agreement renewal. The current agreement is a 15 year term which expires in June 2027. Mr. Freed contacted the consortium to find out if other groups are on our schedule. Mr. Feed reached out to Cohen Law who does this work. They were not aware of any other municipality on our schedule. There are no groups available for Council to join. The options are for the Borough to have Mr. Freed's firm represent the Borough or to solicit the services of Cohen Law. Discussion ensued. Mr. Linwood asked Mr. Freed what he recommends. He stated that his firm is not an expert, whereas Cohen Law is very versed in these agreements. Mr. Savarese asked if Cohen Law would provide more of an advantage in securing an agreement. Mr. Savarese asked to get two proposals. Mr. Freed will secure the proposals. Mr. Alden asked if this is just for cable. Mr. Freed confirmed this. The Borough will not get another 15 year agreement. Most agreements are on a 5 year term now.

2. Unfinished Business:

- a. Mr. Bristow updated Council regarding WMA. The Sewer Lateral Ordinance. The agreement between the Borough and the Warminster Authority lapsed about 15 years ago. We do not have a current agreement but that won't affect access to water. Mr. Bristow met with Tim Hagey, the manager, and the consensus is we should fix the agreement before we do anything else. We need a baseline agreement. We pushed it back to the Authority to get an agreement. The WMA "almost" has an agreement finalized for the Borough.
- b. Codification: Mr. Bristow and Mr. DiPaolo have been going through ordinances with an online company called e-Code 360. They had a municipal ordinance expert review our ordinances. To highlight any redundancies, etc. in the Borough's codes. We have finished the first big chunk of 300+ issues that were reviewed line by line. Most redundancies or conflicts were pretty straight forward. Mr. DiPaolo and Mr. Bristow met with them again, we have about 15 issues which have been farmed out to the Solicitor and the Borough Engineer. When those are

returned, they will review these revisions and then have something to present. Within the next two months, there will be a PDF, or a website log in, to review the ordinances. Then they will propose the new codes to the Council. Then legal steps to approve the codes.

7. Mayor:

- a. Police Report: For the month of March 2026, the police handled 54 calls for service. There were 30 traffic citations, 4 written warnings. The new Bus Patrol Violation program: 18 violations reported, of which 16 were approved. The court check for March was \$555.64
- b. The CSD reached out and asked to meet with Mayor Judice. Today he met with Dr. Zackon, Assistant Superintendent and Mrs. Tomlinson, Student Services, to discuss using our meeting hall for their monthly meetings as part of their outreach program. Mayor Judice gave a presentation about Ivyland history. Mrs. Pachiolli was also present. They are using different meeting areas in the community to get a better feel for the community.

8. Committee Reports:

a. Park and Recreation:

- a. Mr. Coulson shared that we had a successful Easter Egg Hunt. There were students there as volunteers to get service hours. Toys, peeps and chocolate bunnies were given out. A resident sent a positive email about the wonderful experience their child had with the fire department personnel. Their son won a ride on the fire truck and was so excited, and asked many questions. The family reported that the fire department was so wonderful and accommodating to their child.
- b. Mr. Coulson and Mr. Nasir discussed the Warminster Symphony event with Mr. Rapp. They had tried to change the date due to a lack of volunteers available for the regularly scheduled date of June 27, 2026. This is a change from previous years in terms of dates. Mr. Coulson and Mr. Nasir are working on getting the word out about this to elicit volunteers and spectators. The Rapp's, Judice's, Pacchioli's, and DiPaolo's are not available on that date.

- c. Mr. Coulson has been trying to contact Mr. Hagey regarding the kickball league. He has not gotten any type of response from Mr. Hagey. Mr. Bristow offered the Boy Scouts as a resource. Mr. DiPaolo shared contact info for Randy Solly with Mr. Coulson. Mr. Solly is a troop leader for the Ivyland Boy Scouts troop.
- d. Mr. Judice reported a broken toddler swing at the playground. Mr. Coulson will take a look at the swing.

b. Finance:

- a. Mr. Savarese reported that there was no meeting this month. Mr. Savarese did attend an informational seminar at the Bucks County Tax Borough on March 24, 2026. This meeting was attended by elected officials, school board members, and tax collectors. The purpose was to inform municipalities and taxing authorities that the Tax Bureau is not compliant with state law regarding information systems as of January 1, 2026. The Tax Claim Bureau can now return 100% of property and school taxes that are delinquent but have been collected. If a tax payer fails to pay after the penalty period, they are no longer payable to the collector but to the Tax Claim Bureau. If the taxes are 18 months to two years delinquent, the property can be exposed to public sale. The Bureau is in competition with Portnoy Law Office (refuse, sewer, water, taxes) collectors. The Tax Claim Bureau only is able to collect the property and school taxes. They can return 100% whereas Portnoff would charge fees (as a private tax collector). The proposed resolution that each municipality is asked to consider is to have the Tax Claim Bureau to collect our taxes. Proportionally speaking, it is not a big number, but Mr. Savarese will circulate it with our solicitor. If it is appropriate, advertised, then passed, we can move forward with adopting the resolution.

c. Public Safety:

- a. There was no meeting this month. The committee including Mr. Bristow, and Mr. Nasir put up a radar sign on Wilson Avenue. The information as of today, showed the highest speed recorded was 35 MPH. The second sign location has not been determined yet. They hope to have a location

in about a month. Mr. Nasir created an overhead view map to show areas of long stretches of road and areas with no stop signs. Mr. Bristow asked Mr. Nasir about his downloaded CSV file and how to export it into a more user friendly file. Mr. Nasir will contact the company.

d. Borough Property:

- a. Street Signs: The new streets signs will be installed tomorrow. It will take a few days.
- b. Borough Office Porch: The issues we had with the porch were the result of the most recent installation. The staples that were used were not for outside usage. The bottom boards were also not sealed. The contractor will replace what is missing. This is much cheaper than replacing everything
- c. Heater/AC units: Mr. Piotrowski obtained 3 bids for service. The bids are as follows: \$17,975., \$15,805., and \$14,975. (Perfect Temp Mechanical). The fee to file a permit would be an additional \$350. but we can file our own permit. The two lowest bidders can install without a crane if the day is dry and they can drive across the lawn. If a crane is needed, there can be an additional charge between \$900 and \$1,000. The lowest bidder has the best warranty. The terms are 50% upfront and 50% at completion. The middle bidder wants 10% down and 90% at completion. Mr. DiPaolo recommended to accept the lowest bidder. Mr. Linwood agreed. Mr. Piotrowski made a motion to accept the Perfect Temp Mechanical proposal. Mr. DiPaolo seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0-0. Mr. DiPaolo asked for a date to when the work will start.

e. Planning Commission:

- a. Nothing to report this month.

f. Streets and Walks:

- a. Mr. Alden shared that two street signs have been lost. One at Ryan Avenue and the other one at Lincoln and Jacksonville. Mrs. Pacchioli informed Council that there is a new name of the company that is used for

street signs. Mrs. Pacchioli will work with Mr. Alden to order the necessary signs.

- b. Mr. Alden reported that there is glass debris on the sidewalk and asphalt at the showroom which is currently undergoing construction.

g. Fire Company: Mr. for the Ivyland Fire Company for February 2026: Emergency Services Updates:

- a. The department received 31 calls to date. In the last 30 days they have had 6 calls.
- b. The Company participate in the Bucks County Beer Bash
- c. The Fire Department will participate in the Annual Easter Bunny festivities.
- d. The Fire Department was present at William Tennent's Robotics Competition on March 20, 2026
- e. The first Coin Toss will be April 25, 2026.
- f. The Company will participate in the Bucks County EMS Day on May 16, 2026
- g. The Knox Box has been installed at Ivyland Presbyterian Church
- h. A church walkthrough has been completed and they were able to locate pipes, boilers, etc.
- i. On April 27 and May 4, 2026, there will be a helicopter drill on the green behind the fire house. Penn Medicine will be providing the helicopter.
- j. There is a fundraiser at Santucci's on May 12, 2026

10. Emergency Management:

- a. Things have been quiet to date. The department is preparing for the busy season in terms of weather and events like the World Cup. The city of Philadelphia has a lot happening this summer and they expect overflow (hotels, etc.) in this area.

11. New Business:

- a. Nothing to report

12. Personnel:

- a. Nothing to report

13. Public comment:

- a. Nothing to report

14. Adjournment:

Mr. DiPaolo made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Krista DiPaolo, Recorder

Minutes Approved by Borough Council May 13, 2026

As presented