

**Ivyland Borough Council  
Meeting Minutes  
May 13, 2026**

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

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

**ABSENT:** Mayor Tony Judice, Janet Pacchioli, Treasurer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Krista DiPaolo, Recorder, Mark Freed, Borough Solicitor,, Chris Peterson, Borough Engineer

**Establishment of Quorum:**

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Moment of Silence:**

**Minutes of 4/8/2026:** Mr. DiPaolo made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Linwood seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0-0.

- **Treasurer's Report:**

Mrs. DiPaolo read the May 2026 Treasurer's report. The balances were as follows as of 5/13/2026:

|                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| General Fund:                |                       |
| Balance on Hand:             | \$454,139.42          |
| Capital Reserve Fund:        | \$561,386.18          |
| Liquid Fuel Tax Fund:        | \$37,889.72           |
| Fire Company Account:        | \$98,485.50           |
| <b>Total Funds May 2026:</b> | <b>\$1,151,900.83</b> |

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: May 2026:

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Prepaid Bills List Total: | \$101,180.47 |
| Unpaid Bills List Total   | \$9,072.78   |

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

## 1. Correspondence:

- Mrs. DiPaolo shared, on behalf of Mrs. Pacchioli, an invitation from the Bucks County Boroughs Association for their dinner meeting on May 21, 2026. Any interested councilpersons should RSVP to Mrs. Pacchioli by May 15, 2026. The Bucks County Consortium also sent an invitation for their annual picnic on Friday, June 5, 2026. RSVPs are due May 13, 2026. A thank you letter was received by Dr. Michael Zackon, Assistant Superintendent, Centennial School District, for the Borough's hosting of the "All principals meeting" on April 8, 2026. Finally, an email was received by Mr. Jim Donahue regarding a tree on the borough property that may at risk for falling onto his property (1000 Jacksonville Road, Unit #40, Ivy Meadows). Mr. Donahue asked the borough to take a look at the tree.

## 2. Public Comment:

- David Smith - 46 Chase Avenue. Mr. Smith commented about the continuous problem of dog barking on Chase and Lincoln Avenues. He asked if something could be done. Mr. DiPaolo asked if complaints have been submitted to the borough? Mr. Linwood spoke to Chief Carey about this. The Council discussed procedures. Mr. Linwood asked the resident to call the Alert line (911) and to share their information, the location/address of the dog home and the owner's name, if known. The Alert program will then go out and speak to the home owner. There is a discussion first and then there will be other repercussions. The Alert program needs information in order to follow up on the complaint. The Ivyland police department will follow up on these complaints. There are ordinances for lengths of time for how long a dog can bark as well as the appropriate time frames. Mr. Smith complained that a dog may bark for 15 minutes, take a break, then bark again for more time. Thus, he asked if the barking has to be continuous, etc. Mr. Smith was asking for clarification on what constitutes a noise ordinance violation.
- Joe Clancy - 1169 Greely Avenue. Mr. Clancy commented that he has been complaining about excessive dog barking for four years. Specifically, the dog that lives behind him barks all day long for 90 minutes of continuous barking. Officer Ray did cite the neighbor. Mr. Clancy is afraid that any citations will not stop the excessive barking.
- Mr. Bristow read the Borough Ordinance 2-112. He commented that "excessive" is defined as 30 minutes of barking anytime between 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM and 15 minutes from 9:01 PM and 6:59 AM. The ordinance states that the resident

should report the barking. Mr. Bristow suggests, to the residents who made public comments, to report the barking to the Borough when it occurs.

- d. Celine Smith - 46 Chase Avenue. Mrs. Smith stated that the dogs wake her up in the middle of the night (2:00 AM, for example). She said the barking occurs from one particular address on Lincoln Avenue. Mr. Linwood asked Mrs. Smith to share the information, of her calls, to his email address so he can speak with Chief Carey. Mrs. Smith is fearful of approaching this resident as she has been told not to approach these neighbors. Mr. Bristow assured Mrs. Smith to stay safe.
- e. Mr. DiPaolo suggested that informing neighbors of the ordinance is an option. He suggested doing a hanger program with Barry Issett. This could be used with other reminders to share with neighbors.
- f. Mr. DiPaolo stated that the Council needs to confirm the proper protocol for handling complaints. Mr. Alden asked which number to call. Mrs. Smith shared that she called the Warminster Township non-emergency line at 215-672-1000. This system will dispatch the Ivyland Police. Mr. Bristow will get confirmation on the Bucks County non emergency numbers.
- g. Geoff Rapp - 25 Gough Avenue. Mr. Rapp commented that there is a Loud Speaker coming out soon. He will add the dog barking ordinance to the newsletter. Mr. Rapp noticed our 150th banners are starting to fade. He is offering to help replace them with something more generic or a 250th Celebration of the USA banner.

**3. Presentation:**

- a. None

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

- a. Nothing to report

**5. Report of President:**

- a. Nothing to report at this time.

**6. Engineer: Mr. Peterson presented his report:**

- a. Greeley Avenue Stormwater Improvements – Phase II - Starting Monday, the work will start on Greeley Avenue. This project is to provide a storm sewer. This trunk sewer will span from Chase Avenue to the south side of Greeley Avenue (closer to the properties along Greeley) starting Monday May 18, 2026. There will be two separate inlets from Chase Avenue to Greeley Avenue feeding into this storm sewer. The roads will intermittently be closed down with appropriate signage posted. The schedule of work starts 5/18, for two to three weeks. The

temporary patch will need to sit for 30 days. Then the repaving will take one to two days after that. Greeley Avenue Stormwater Improvements, Phase III: Because the Borough secured favorable pricing, they are able to continue this project through Chase Avenue to Gough Avenue and will allow other inlets to connect to this new sewer. Again, due to the favorable pricing, they scrambled to put out an additional phase of the project as funding is available. The Borough received 11 bids. The contractor doing Phase II did not come in with a competitive quote for Phase III. However, the lowest bidder was Eagle Contracting and Landscaping, Inc. with a base bid of \$165,070.50. After conducting reference checks on this contractor, and based on their experience of similar scope of work, they can complete this project. They were also able to include repairing the sink hole on a piece of storm sewer on Gough Avenue as part of Alternate 1 for a total of \$52,059. That brings the total to \$217,129.50. This is the recommendation. There was also an Alternate 2 recommending the millium overlay of everything that was being dug up and replaced. This is not recommended tonight due to insufficient funding. Additionally, they authorized KBC Contracting for Phase II to do the overlay and guide KBC to omit that project in order to align to the funding that is currently available. This brings the Phase III total to \$421,123.50 which is about \$1,175 less than the grant allocation. This is very good. Tonight, Mr. Peterson is recommending the approval for Eagle Contracting and Landscaping, Inc. inclusive with alternate 1, for a total of \$217,129.50. Mr. Savarese made a motion to accept our engineer's recommendation from Eagle Contracting and Landscaping, Inc. inclusive with Alternate 1 for a total award of \$217,129.50. And allow KBC Contracting to omit the millium overlay project in the amount of \$18,000. Mr. Alden seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0-0.

- b. Recommendation of Award: Please see the attached Letter of Recommendation for the subject project issued May 11, 2026, by this office (attached).
  - i. Greeley Avenue Asphalt Repairs – Haines Paving & Landscape, Inc. Proposal. Our office received a proposal from Haines Paving & Landscape, Inc. to perform full-depth asphalt repairs at eight (8) locations along Greeley Avenue, each requiring approximately 300 square feet of pavement replacement, for a total area of approximately 2,400 square feet (approximately 267 square yards). The proposed scope includes saw cutting and milling the failed pavement, sub-base preparation with stone and compaction, tack coat application, installation of approximately 3" of 9.5mm wearing course asphalt, and sealing of the repair perimeter. The proposed lump sum price is \$8,600.00, which equates to approximately \$32.25 per square yard. This compares favorably to the unit price carried for incidental full-depth pavement repair (Item No. 13) in the Phase II contract by KBC Construction, LLC at \$63.00 per square yard. The Haines proposal also included a second option for temporary pothole patching at \$3,980.00. This option was considered as an interim measure in the event that the permanent patches were to be completed by KBC Construction as part of the Phase II contract work, with an extended period before mobilization could occur. Given that a more favorable permanent repair price has been received from Haines, and no lengthy interim period is anticipated, the temporary patching option is no longer warranted. We recommend the Council authorize the award of the permanent asphalt repair proposal to Haines Paving & Landscape, Inc. in

the amount of \$8,600.00. The proposal is attached for the Council's reference.

- ii. Mr. Alden asked for the eight locations. Mr. Peterson shared that the locations are all along Greeley. Mr. Peterson confirmed that anything painted (marked) is to be paved. Mr. Peterson confirmed the stormwater work would be done first. Mr. Alden shared that there is a large pothole across from Tony's Place. It is in the roadway and on the shoulder. He said this is the deepest pothole. Mr. Peterson is not sure about this pot hole. Mr. DiPaolo asked that these get filled as soon as possible. Mr. Alden remarked the one on Wilson Avenue is getting deeper by the day. Mr. Alden made a motion to accept the engineer's recommendation to use Haines Paving & Landscape for \$8,600. To fill the marked pot holes in the borough.
- c. H.A. Weigand, Inc. Sign Proposal: Following the sign work discussed at the April Council meeting, our office obtained pricing from H.A. Weigand, Inc. for the identified items. The proposal addresses the following: Sign Relocations from 56 Lincoln Avenue and 5 Gough Avenue: The two (2) signs to be relocated as discussed at the April Council meeting can be completed for a total price of \$250.00. Street Sign and Pole Replacement at Lincoln Avenue and Jacksonville Road: The fabrication and installation of a replacement street sign and pole at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Jacksonville Road is priced at \$225.00. The combined cost for all sign work is \$475.00. We recommend the Council authorize H.A. Weigand, Inc. to proceed with the above sign work in the total amount of \$475.00. The proposal is attached for the Council's reference. Mr. Alden made a motion to accept the engineer's recommendation to use Haines Paving & Landscape for \$8,600. Mr. Linwood seconded the motion to add the signs. Motion passed 7-0-0.

## **7. Solicitor:**

- a. Mr. Freed provided an update to the Comcast Franchise agreement. The solicitor contacted Cohen Law to try to find a group on the same time schedule as the Borough. To date, the response is that there are no groups in the consortium. Cohen Law came back with a flat fee of \$5,900. Mr. Freed restated that this is Cohen Law's area of expertise. He provided the work proposal.
- b. WMA agreement. Their solicitor reached out with a draft agreement to the Warminster Water Authority. Mr. Freed marked up the contract which was shared with the Council. Mr. Freed assured the WMA solicitor that nothing can be finalized until the Borough reviews it.

## **2. Unfinished Business:**

- a. Mr. Bristow shared remarks on the codification project. E-Code 360 is being utilized. Both Mr. Bristow and Mr. DiPaolo finished the bulk of the work. The outlying items were forwarded to the Borough Solicitor and the Engineer for clarification. The plan is that all the updated information will be compiled then distributed to the Council. Once everyone is in agreement, the project is sent to

E-Code 360 to compile and bind. Then it will be advertised for the public. Mr. Freed said the benefit to E-Code 360 is that residents can search out ordinances electronically. Mr. Bristow shared that it was a large task that is almost done.

**8. Mayor:**

- a. Police Report: Mayor Judice was not in attendance this evening.

**9. Committee Reports:**

**a. Park and Recreation:**

- a. Mr. Coulson thanked Mr. Bristow for his assistance with getting speakers for Memorial Day. Congressman Fitzpatrick would like to be on the agenda. Mr. Coulson and Mr. DiPaolo will talk about the events and how to proceed with scheduling speakers.
- b. Mr. Coulson has been speaking with Mr. Nasir and Mr. Rapp regarding the June, "Concert in the Park." He shared that Inspire will be a sponsor. Rita's Water Ice will sell at the event. There is a dedicated website for this day which Mr. Coulson will use as a way to get the information to the residents. It can also be added to the Loudspeaker.

**b. Finance:**

- a. Mr. DiPaolo met with James Hunt from Berkheimer who collects the school district tax. They also collect the Borough's Mercantile Tax which is from the sale of merchant goods. Today, Mr. Hunt sent an excel spreadsheet listing all the businesses in the Borough. This was shared with the Council. Five borough companies are appropriate to collect from and generate \$12,000 annually as a revenue stream. Mr. Savarese asked for a breakdown of how the mercantile tax is compiled. Mr. Savarese stated that Berkheimer should keep track of all businesses in the Borough so we have obtained accurate tax collection information.

**c. Public Safety:**

- a. A new police car will be purchased this year. The committee is looking at another Ford Explorer. Both a hybrid and an EV car were researched. Overall, the committee did not find any vehicles with an EV benefit. There are a few departments in the area that use EVs. Their feedback is that they are great for fuel economy. However, they are not great for doing police work. For example, there is lag time when trying to rapidly accelerate an EV when in pursuit. There is some lag time with the response. Warrington and Haverford were contacted. Additionally, if the borough purchases another explorer, the gear can be shared between vehicles. In a hybrid model, nothing would transfer as it's a Chevrolet

model. Mr. Linwood asked to be able to continue to consider the Explorer model. Mr. Linwood asked for approval to move forward. Mr. DiPaolo asked Mr. Linwood to share all the information with the whole Council which will be discussed in the Executive Session.

**d. Borough Property:**

- a. The new heater was installed and working well.

**e. Planning Commission:**

- a. Nothing to report this month.

**f. Streets and Walks:**

- a. Mr. Alden commented about the option of using a light up a stop sign to help with the problem of people not stopping. Mr. Alden noticed many of our stop signs are faded, as on Pennsylvania and Wilson Avenues. He can purchase new "faces" for \$18.00 each. Mr. Alden is estimating the borough needs 10 faces. He is proposing to try this and then use larger stop signs if this doesn't work. Mr. Alden stated that the Borough is in need of breakaways anchors for angled posts used for stop and speed limit signs. The Breakaways cost \$11.20 each and five are needed (total \$56). Additionally, five splice kits are needed and cost \$9.56 each (total \$47.80). The total for all of this will be \$284.80. Mr. Alden made a motion for the Borough to purchase 10 stop sign faces and related supplies. Mr. Linwood seconded, and the motion passed 7-0-0.
- b. Mr. Alden has been talking to neighbors about cleaning overgrowth on their property. There is one resident who has responded but overall, there has not been much response.

**g. Fire Company:** Chief David Sharp shared the report for the Ivyland Fire Company for May 11, 2026: Emergency Services Updates:

- a. The department received 41 calls to date. In the last 30 days they have had nine calls (two fire, seven EMS/other)
- b. Training and Events:
  - i. The department will take part in Bucks County EMS Day - May 16, 2026, and Memorial Day in Ivyland and Warminster
  - ii. The department provided EMS services at WTMBA Food Truck Festival and the Easter Bunny annual Egg Hunt
- c. Mr. Sharp thanked everyone who came out to see the JeffStat Helicopter landing
- d. Upcoming drills: Car Fires DT 5/18, Confined Space 6/1, Flammable Gas 6/15 (need to register)

- e. The department has one member who will be graduating FF1 this month, and three members approved as a new emergency services drivers
- f. The April and May's training included the helicopter landing zones and a fitness drill

**10. Emergency Management:**

- a. Nothing to report

**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 8:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krista DiPaolo, Recorder

Minutes Approved by Borough Council June 10, 2026

*As presented*