October 7, 2025

MINUTES OF BERNVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 7, 2025

President Justin Kiebach called meeting of Bernville Borough Council to order Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Bernville Borough Hall at 6602 Bernville Rd.

Present were President Justin Kiebach, Vice President Wayne Lesher, Councilmember's Jason Wenrich and Jamie Schur, Secretary Brenda Strunk, and Solicitor Michelle Mayfield. Mayor Shawn Raup-Konsavage and Councilmember's Randy Copenhaver, Dennis Baver, and Zach Smith were absent.

Guests included John Kissling, Brian Thumm, Luke and Kim Shultz, Michele Ehrhart, Marie Switzer, and Dale Balthaser.

Pledge to the Flag

MOTIONS

1. MOTION by WENRICH/LESHER to amend the agenda to include Fox Street closure for library October 12, 2025 from 2PM to 6PM. Motion carried 4-0
2. MOTION by WENRICH/LESHER to authorize the Bernville library to close Fox Street from 4th Street to the end of the ramp at the library on Sunday October 12, 2025. Motion carried 4-0.
3. MOTION by SCHUR/WENRICH to amend the agenda to include setting the date for trick or treat and for the road closure on trick or treat night. Motion carried 4-0.
4. MOTION by WENRICH/SCHUR to have trick or treat night be October 31, 2025 from 6 – 9 PM, and to close Main Street from 3rd Street to Washington Street. Motion carried 4-0.
5. MOTION by SCHUR/LESHER to accept the minutes of September 2, 2025. Motion carried 4-0.
6. MOTION by WENRICH/SCHUR to accept the minutes of September 23, 2025. Motion carried 4-0.
7. MOTION by LESHER/SCHUR to approve the accounts payable listed on page 3. Motion carried 4-0.
8. MOTION by WENRICH/LESHER to accept the treasurer report subject to audit. Motion carried 4-0.
9. MOTION by SCHUR/WENRICH to accept the profit and loss subject to audit. Motion carried 4-0. (P&L ATTACHED)
10. MOTION by WENRICH/SCHUR to authorize the Borough President and Secretary to join Municibid and search for a work truck. Motion carried 4-0.
11. MOTION by WENRICH/SCHUR to authorize the secretary to sell the 2 big dog mowers with no reserve. Motion carried 4-0.
12. MOTION by WENRICH/LESHER to advertise and sell the pool property with a reserve to be determined and authorizing VP Lesher to reach out to Auctioneer Les Longenecker. Motion carried 3-0. Councilmember Schur opposed.
13. MOTION by SCHUR/WENRICH to authorize SSM to prepare a feasibility study and bid specs for sewer line replacement and repair on 4th Street. Motion carried 4-0.
14. MOTION by WENRICH/LESHER to authorize Powerton Generator to remove the old fuel from the tank at well 4 due to contamination at a cost not to exceed $700. Motion carried 4-0.

GUESTS

Michele Ehrhart (Borough Resident) raised concerns regarding:

- The condition of trees on her property and requested Council President Kiebach assess them for compliance.
- The excessive number of chickens and ducks at 325 Stevens Avenue, which has led to issues with odor and noise (roosters). Secretary Strunk noted that a notice of violation was sent to the property owner.
- She inquired about the Trick or Treat date and Main Street closure.

Marie Switzer (Borough Resident) reported an issue with a neighbor parking in a spot on the 200 block of Main Street where parking was previously eliminated. Officer Goudy will investigate and have the no-parking markings re-applied.

John Kissling (Fire Chief) stated that the fire company did not apply for the LSA Grant due to not yet having ownership of the property.

MAYOR
NO REPORT

POLICE REPORT
REPORT ATTACHED

COUNCIL REPORT

• Councilmember **Wenrich**: Reported on behalf of the library, which requested an additional closure of the alley behind the library on October 12, 2025.

• President **Kiebach**: Updated the council on a recent meeting with Life Lion EMS and neighboring municipalities. Life Lion will investigate the feasibility of establishing a station in Bernville. He also contacted Bethel Ambulance, but they currently lack the manpower to resume service in Bernville.

SECRETARY REPORT

- Secretary Strunk reported that decommissioning the 2011 Police Ford Explorer would cost between $1,200 and $1,400.
- Strunk also discussed combining water and sewer accounts for billing purposes, though she noted challenges with managing expenses. She emailed Jamie Lorah from SSM regarding concerns about a private drive on 2nd Street and a new development proposal.

SEWER REPORT
REPORT ATTACHED

WATER REPORT

REPORT ATTACHED

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Borough of Bernville
Accounts Payable
October 7, 2025

		AMOUNT		DESCRIPTION
01	Comcast	$201.38	PAID	POLICE PHONE AND FAX
01	Fleet Services	$119.75	PAID	POLICE GASOLINE
01	Fleet Services	$100.00	PAID	PARKS GASOLINE
01	County of Berks	$96.55	PAID	POLICE MOBILE COMPUTER REPLACEMENT
01	H A Thomson	$15,798.00	PAID	LIABILITY INSURANCE
01	Cody Computer Service	$2,150.50	PAID	POLICE COMPUTER
01	SMRTGUYS	$79.00	PAID	WEBSITE
01	W.D. Zwicky	$710.00	PAID	EMPTY DUMPTER OF YARDWASTE
01	Reifsnyder's Ag Center	$132.72	PAID	PARKS MATERIALS
01	Bernville Gas	$10.37	PAID	ICE FOR WWTP (TO BE REIMBURSED BY SEWER)
01	County of Berks	$65.50	PAID	POLICE MOBILE COMPUTER
01	Met Ed	$24.86	PAID	CLAY PARK
01	Met Ed	$63.30	PAID	UMBENHAUER PARK
01	Met Ed	$35.18	PAID	BOROUGH GARAGE
01	Met Ed	$143.25	PAID	BOROUGH HALL
01	Met Ed	$1,390.15	PAID	STREETLIGHTS
01	Met Ed	$53.08	PAID	POOL
01	Northern Berks Tree Service	$7,400.00	PAID	REMOVE 6 TREES, CHIP BRUSH
01	Kraft	$926.56	PAID	CODE ENFORCEMENT, ZONING, AND RENTAL REGISTRATIONS
01	Hartman, Valeriano, Magovern, and Lutz	$1,387.00	PAID	LEGAL SERVICES
	TOTAL GENERAL PAID	$30,887.15		
01	T-Mobile	$152.35		CELL PHONES
01	Smrtguys	$79.00		WEBSITE
01	County of Berks	$96.55		POLICE MOBILE COMPUTER REPLACEMENT
01	Brown Plus	$1,805.00		TAX COLLECTOR AUDIT
	TOTAL GENERAL UNPAID	$2,132.90		
08	Marlin M Nolt	$3,360.00		SLUDGE REMOVAL
08	Main Pool and Chemical	$1,500.00		
	TOTAL SEWER UNPAID	$4,860.00		
08	Quadient	$337.91	PAID	BILLING POSTAGE
08	Verizon	$168.58	PAID	WWTP
08	W G Malden	$3,354.00	PAID	WWTP
08	Met Ed	$1,233.27	PAID	WWTP
08	Marlin M Nolt	$1,344.00	PAID	WWTP SLUDGE REMOVAL
08	Marlin M Nolt	$2,016.00	PAID	
	Total SEWER PAID	$8,453.76		
	Powerton Generators	$178.56		GENERATOR REPAIR
	Main Pool Chemical	$490.50		
	TOTAL WATER UNPAID	$669.06		
	Suburban Water Testing	$1,593.00	PAID	WATER TESTING
	Quadient	$337.92	PAID	BILLING POSTAGE
	SSM	$1,361.00	PAID	ENGINEERING
	SSM	$2,262.34	PAID	ENGINEERING
	Exeter Supply	$2,475.90	PAID	WELL SUPPLIES and 2 MANHOLE RISERS ($570 to be reimbursed by sewer)
	Met Ed	$200.96	PAID	WELL 3 ELECTRIC
	Met Ed	$429.13	PAID	WELL 4 ELECTRIC
	Verizon	$77.68	PAID	WELL 3 PHONE
	Countryside	$215.36	PAID	GENERATOR FUEL WELL 3
	TOTAL WATER PAID	$8,953.29		
09	Jax Disposal	$9,250.00	PAID	TRASH REMOVAL
	TOTAL TRASH PAID	$9,250.00		

TREASURER REPORT

BOROUGH OF BERNVILLE'S TREASURER REPORT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2025

GENERAL FUND		
Balance July 31, 2025		$ 384,546.66
Receipts	08/01/2025 - 08/31/2025	$ 23,143.10
Expenditures	08/01/2025 - 08/31/2025	$ 27,969.39
Balance -	**31-Aug-25**	**$ 379,720.37**
SEWER FUND		
Balance July 31, 2025		$ 268,075.40
Receipts	08/01/2025 - 08/31/2025	$ 23,270.24
Expenditures	08/01/2025 - 08/31/2025	$ 58,080.90
Balance -	**31-Aug-25**	**$ 233,264.74**
TRASH FUND		
Balance July 31, 2025		$ 64,129.97
Receipts	08/01/2025 - 08/31/2025	$ 12,583.25
Expenditures	08/01/2025 - 08/31/2025	$ 9,287.44
Balance -	**31-Aug-25**	**$ 67,425.78**
WATER FUND		
Balance July 31, 2025		$ 233,905.20
Receipts	08/01/2025 - 08/31/2025	$ 25,169.45
Expenditures	08/01/2025 - 08/31/2025	$ 6,685.69
Balance -	**31-Aug-25**	**$ 252,388.96**
Total August 2025 Balance all Funds		**$ 932,799.85**
DEPOSITORIES		
PLGIT Investment - Highway State Aid		$205,373.52
PLGIT Investment - Sewer		$736,238.60
PLGIT Investment - Water		$704,658.17
TOTAL DEPOSITORIES		**$1,646,270.29**

Brenda Strunk, Secretary/Treasurer

ADJOURNMENT: There was no further business, and the Bernville Borough Council meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM by LESHER/SCHUR. Motion carried 4-0.

Attest:

Brenda Strunk
Borough Secretary