November 5, 2025

MINUTES OF BERNVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 5, 2025

President Justin Kiebach called meeting of Bernville Borough Council to order Wednesday, November 5, 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, Dennis Baver, Randy Copenhaver, and Jamie Schur, and Secretary Brenda Strunk. Mayor Shawn Raup-Konsavage and Councilmember Zach Smith were absent.

Guests included Brian Thumm, Dale Balthaser, and Kim Shultz.

Pledge to the Flag

MOTIONS

1. MOTION by LESHER/SCHUR to accept the minutes of October 7, 2025 meeting. Motion carried 5-0-1. Councilmember Baver abstained due to not being in attendance for the October meeting.
2. MOTION by WENRICH/LESHER to approve the accounts payable listed on page 3. Motion carried 6-0.
3. MOTION by LESHER/WENRICH to accept the treasurer report subject to audit. Motion carried 6-0.
4. MOTION by SCHUR/LESHER to accept the profit and loss subject to audit. Motion carried 6-0. (P&L ATTACHED)
5. MOTION by SCHUR/WENRICH to allow the Bernville Fire Company to use Umbenhauer Park on May 16, 2026 for their annual gun raffle and to waive the no alcohol rule for that day. Motion carried 5-0-1. Council President Kiebach abstained due to being an officer at the Bernville Fire Company.
6. MOTION by SCHUR/WENRICH to extend Officer Goudy's hours to 38 per week until January 7, 2026 contingent on the Chief's return to work. Motion carried 6-0.
7. MOTION by LESHER/WENRICH to give Officer Goudy a $1,200.00 bonus for filling in while the Chief is out due to injury. Motion carried 6-0.
8. MOTION by SCHUR/LESHER to authorize Secretary Brenda Strunk to advertise the 2026 budget as follows: Motion carried 6-0.
    a. GENERAL - $408,771.00
    b. SEWER - $313,100.00
    c. WATER - $289,600.00
    d. TRASH - $122,100.00
9. MOTION by BAVER/WENRICH to accept a $500 donation from Brennan Zellers Motion carried 6-0.
10. MOTION by WENRICH/LESHER to accept the proposal from L&H Auctions to sell the pool property. Motion carried 6-0. (PROPOSAL ATTACHED)

GUESTS

Dale Balthaser, borough resident, addressed concerns about a high 2023 water bill.

- Secretary Strunk stated the meter reader had reported a leak at that time.
- Mr. Balthaser reported checking toilets and finding no leak, but noted the meter appeared to function only after he tapped it with a pipe.
- Secretary Strunk requested approval to coordinate with ARRO to replace the meter and send the current meter for evaluation. *Council agreed.*

Mr. Balthaser also stated:

- Homeowners should be aware of the need for pressure-reducing valves due to high incoming water pressure.
- He has seen water bills with fluctuating numbers from several residents and believes some may be incorrect.
- Secretary Strunk will review the concerns.

MAYOR
NO REPORT

POLICE REPORT
REPORT ATTACHED

COUNCIL REPORT

Councilmember Wenrich:

- Library raffle fundraiser will be held **November 30 – December 6, 2025**.
- **December 6, 2025** – Cookies with Santa event at the library.

Vice President Lesher:

- Provided an update regarding the sale of the borough pool property.

SECRETARY REPORT

- Council reached consensus to continue holding November meetings on the first Tuesday each year, as voting is no longer held at Borough Hall.
- Council also agreed that Secretary Strunk should continue coordinating with ARRO regarding tasks required at the wells to comply with the DEP inspection.

SEWER REPORT
REPORT ATTACHED

WATER REPORT
REPORT ATTACHED

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Borough of Bernville
Accounts Payable
November 5, 2025

		AMOUNT		DESCRIPTION
01	Comcast	$202.40	PAID	POLICE PHONE AND FAX
01	Fleet Services	$141.31	PAID	POLICE GASOLINE
01	Fleet Services	$145.86	PAID	PARKS GASOLINE
01	County of Berks	$96.55	PAID	POLICE MOBILE COMPUTER REPLACEMENT
01	Dutch Country Ace Hardware	$200.51	PAID	SUMP PUMP (POOL), SPRAYER, CAULK, RIVETS, BEE SPRAY, FASTENERS
01	SMRTGUYS	$79.00	PAID	WEBSITE
01	Brown Plus	$1,805.00	PAID	TAX COLLECTOR AUDIT
01	Brown Plus	$2,250.00	PAID	TAX COLLECTOR AUDIT
01	County of Berks	$65.50	PAID	POLICE MOBILE COMPUTER
01	Met Ed	$24.63	PAID	CLAY PARK
01	Met Ed	$83.37	PAID	UMBENHAUER PARK
01	Met Ed	$40.37	PAID	BOROUGH GARAGE
01	Met Ed	$139.46	PAID	BOROUGH HALL
01	Met Ed	$1,390.15	PAID	STREETLIGHTS
01	Met Ed	$45.94	PAID	POOL
01	21st Century Media	$79.90	PAID	LEGAL AD
01	Kraft	$397.03	PAID	CODE ENFORCEMENT, ZONING, AND RENTAL REGISTRATIONS
01	Hartman, Valeriano, Magovern, and Lutz	$608.00	PAID	LEGAL SERVICES
01	Don's Tractor Repair	$859.97	PAID	KUBOTA REPAIR AND SERVICE
	TOTAL GENERAL PAID	$8,654.95		
01	T-Mobile	$152.35		CELL PHONES
01	Smrtguys	$79.00		WEBSITE
01	Kraft Municipal Group	$3,569.07		CODES, ZONING, RENTAL'S
01	Stratix	$156.00		POLICE COMPUTER
	TOTAL GENERAL UNPAID	$3,956.42		
08	Mr. Rehab	$7,839.80	PAID	VIDEO, CLEAN, AND INSPECT SANITARY SEWER AND MANHOLES ON 4TH STREET
08	Verizon	$179.58	PAID	WWTP
08	ARRO Water Services	$16,948.28	PAID	WWTP - 2 MONTHS
08	Met Ed	$1,518.55	PAID	WWTP
08	Marlin M Nolt	$3,360.00	PAID	WWTP SLUDGE REMOVAL
08	Process Masters	$2,870.28	PAID	WWTP SUPPLIES
08	Main Pool and Chemical	$1,500.00	PAID	WWTP SUPPLIES
08	WG Malden	$543.00	PAID	ANNUAL SERVICE TO CALIBRATE METERING EQUIPMENT
08	Marlin M Nolt	$6,360.00	PAID	WWTP SLUDGE REMOVAL
	Total SEWER PAID	$41,119.49		
	Suburban Water Testing	$1,060.00	PAID	WATER TESTING
	Penn Township	$190.00	PAID	WELL 3 SEWER BILL
	Quadient	$49.38	PAID	POSTAGE
	Met Ed	$257.44	PAID	WELL 3 ELECTRIC
	Met Ed	$541.89	PAID	WELL 4 ELECTRIC
	Main Pool and Chemical	$490.50	PAID	WELL SUPPLIES
	Verizon	$83.62	PAID	WELL 3 PHONE
	ARRO Water Services	$2,496.96	PAID	CONTRACTED SERVICES - 2 MONTHS
	Powerton Generators	$178.56	PAID	INSPECTED FUEL TANK AT WELL 3
	TOTAL WATER PAID	$5,348.35		
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 SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

GENERAL FUND

Balance August 31, 2025		$ 379,720.37
Receipts	09/01/2025 - 09/30/2025	$ 36,368.00
Expenditures	09/01/2025 - 09/30/2025	$ 58,761.57
Balance -	**30-Sep-25**	**$ 357,326.80**

SEWER FUND

Balance August 31, 2025		$ 233,264.74
Receipts	09/01/2025 - 09/30/2025	$ 23,095.48
Expenditures	09/01/2025 - 09/30/2025	$ 15,364.83
Balance -	**30-Sep-25**	**$ 240,995.39**

TRASH FUND

Balance August 31, 2025		$ 67,425.78
Receipts	09/01/2025 - 09/30/2025	$ 1,981.33
Expenditures	09/01/2025 - 09/30/2025	$ 9,352.44
Balance -	**30-Sep-25**	**$ 60,054.67**

WATER FUND

Balance August 31, 2025		$ 252,388.96
Receipts	09/01/2025 - 09/30/2025	$ 3,854.61
Expenditures	09/01/2025 - 09/30/2025	$ 14,238.71
Balance -	**30-Sep-25**	**$ 242,004.86**

Total September 2025 Balance all Funds	**$ 900,381.72**

DEPOSITORIES

PLGIT Investment - Highway State Aid	$206,057.95
PLGIT Investment - Sewer	$738,692.21
PLGIT Investment - Water	$707,006.53
TOTAL DEPOSITORIES	**$1,651,756.69**

Brenda Strunk, Secretary/Treasurer

ADJOURNMENT: There was no further business, and the Bernville Borough Council meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM by BAVER/WENRICH. Motion carried 6-0.

Attest:

Brenda Strunk
Borough Secretary