

South Connellsville Borough Council Meeting
South Connellsville PA 15425

April 13, 2026

The regular meeting of the South Connellsville Borough Council was held this evening in Council Chambers with the meeting convening at approximately 6:30 pm. Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance was as follows:

George Jay: A	Pat Foley: P	Jennifer Kostik-Johnson: P
Tom Jenkins: P	Cheryl McClelland: P	Guy Napolillo: P

Also in attendance: Secretary Kelly Addis, Treasurer Elizabeth Giles, Street Dept Foreman Matt Bartholomai, Engineer Kerry Bell, Solicitor Tim Witt (by phone), Code Enforcement Officer Myron Nypaver, Police Captain Andy Hominsky and Mayor Chris Wiltrout.

HEARING OF CITIZEN'S & VISITORS: Resident and former councilwoman Mary Riley, 1801 Second St., South Connellsville began by reading a letter that she wrote regarding the issue between the SCVFC and the Borough of South Connellsville. Mary stated in the letter that she was unhappy with how the situation between both parties had been handled, and that the continued criticism of council and the former mayor has got to stop. Mary said that our council acts with the best interest of the borough residents in mind.

READING OR WAIVING OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Tom Jenkins made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the March meeting. Second by Jennifer Kostik-Johnson. All in favor. Motion carried.

READING OR WAIVING OF REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Police Dept.: Captain Andy Hominsky was present and provided a report. There were 37 total calls reported in the borough during the month of March 2026. Requests for Assistance – 2, Courtesy Warning Issued – 0, Criminal and Traffic-related Arrests – 1, Traffic Accidents Investigated – 0, Traffic Citations Issued – 7, and Non-Traffic Citations Issued – 8, Non-Traffic Offenses: Criminal Mischief – 4, Criminal Trespass – 4. There was a total of \$241.77 in fines remitted to the Borough Secretary. Miles traveled with the police vehicles during the month was 6,271. A detailed police report is kept on file with the meeting minutes.

Fire Co.: Chief Jeremy Grubbs was present and provided a report. There were 21 alarms during the month of March 2026. Alarms in the borough – 15 which were 4 fires and 2 10-45's. Alarms out of the borough – 6 with 3 fires and 0 10-45's. Total number of members answering alarms – 24. A detailed fire report is kept on file with the meeting minutes. Jeremy also requested permission from council for the firemen to use the playground on Saturday, July 20th from 11am – 1pm, for a Touch a Truck Event. There will be numerous emergency vehicles participating along with games, bounce houses, and other activities for the kids. Pat Foley stated that he will have a decision made for them in the next week or so. Parks and Recreation Committee Chair is vacant at this time, but council will decide. The firemen are also looking to purchase the piece of property across the road from the fire company.

Code Enforcement Report: Code Enforcement Myron Nypaver provided the Activity Report for the month of April 2026. There were multiple meetings and hearings regarding properties at 2131 First Street and 1508 S. Pittsburgh Street. Prepared citations have been sent to 6 addresses. There were 3 email complaints received

from Kelly, 8 re-inspections, 5 complaint Inspections and 8 phone complaints received into the PMIS. A detailed code enforcement report is kept on file with the meeting minutes.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE: Chair Jennifer Kostik-Johnson reported the March 2026 General Fund Receipts are as follows:

\$ 9,051.46	SWRTB – 1% Local Taxes
5,500.00	S. C’ville Municipal Authority – Payment 2 of 12 for 2026
1,732.15	Jon Marietta – Transfer Taxes
<u>82,297.58</u>	Commonwealth of PA – Final pmt. On Recycling Grant
98,581.19	Total Deposits for March 2026

\$69,099.79 Commonwealth of PA – Liquid Fuel Money deposited into Special Street Fund

Also received final draw downs on Grants: 902 Recycling Grant - \$82,297.58
Multimodal - \$56,072.00
State LSA Grant - \$181,154.00

PARKS & RECREATION: Chair position is vacant at this time. No report provided.

PLANNING AND ORDINANCES: Chair Pat Foley started out by stating that we need to appoint a new council member to a 4-year term. Pat opened the floor for nominations. Tom Jenkins made a motion to nominate Mary Riley to the 4-year term. Second by Guy Napolillo. Roll call vote was taken: Guy Napolillo – yes, Cheryl McClelland – yes, Jennifer Kostik-Johnson – yes, Pat Foley – yes, and Tom Jenkins – yes. Motion carried. Pat congratulated Mary Riley for stepping up and for willing to take her council seat again. Kelly provided Mary with a Affidavit of Residency that she will need to have notarized and turned back in to Kelly and then she can be sworn in as soon as possible, which doesn’t have to be at a public meeting.

PROPERTY: Chair Cheryl McClelland provided a list of properties and possible violations that she noticed in the borough, along with pictures of the property up at Isabella Road. Code Enforcement Officer Myron Nypaver responded to Cheryl that many of the properties that she mentioned have already been checked out and citations issued, along with other properties that owners cannot be located. Most of them are Landlords. He explained the process a little more in depth so that Cheryl understands a little more on how to turn complaints over to him. He mentioned that going forward, to fill out the complaint forms that Kelly has available in the office and Kelly can forward them over to him for action. Solicitor Tim Witt also mentioned that the Tax Sale list that is made available at the Fayette County Courthouse is another way for the borough to purchase properties to tear down or to consider other options.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Chair Guy Napolillo addressed the Fox’s fire incident and that there was no official accident report turned in that a volunteer fireman was hit with a car. Jeremy Grubbs said that the fireman did turn paperwork into the borough. Kelly stated that James Porterfield stopped in the office to turn in his Hospital ER discharge paperwork. Kelly said she called to start a worker’s comp claim. James did not go to the ER by ambulance. He drove up on his own. Jeremy said that the car took off and left after hitting him. Guy stated that going forward a accident report needs to be completed at the scene. Jeremy Grubbs told borough council that the state fire marshal has ruled that the fire at Fox’s Tavern was the result of a chipmunk in the attic.

PUBLIC WORKS: Chair Tom Jenkins stated that we received a quote from Rulli Electric to have a new light added to the flag pole out front. The quote was for \$1,100. Tom Jenkins made a motion to accept the quote of \$1,100 to add a new light to the flag pole out front. Second by Jennifer Kostik-Johnson. All in favor. Motion carried. Tom brought up the topic of property owners that, by their own actions, unknowingly cause damage to other property, but fail to make the changes necessary to fix the issue. Solicitor Tim Witt stated that when something happens like that, the borough needs to look at the specific ordinance to see what would be needed to fix the issue, and then a letter would need to be drafted and sent to that particular resident requesting that action be taken to fix the problem at hand. The ordinance should be made available to that resident for clarification.

COMMUNICATIONS: Secretary Kelly Addis reminded everyone that the Spring Community Yard Sales would be held again this year, on Saturday, May 2, starting at 8am. Rain date would be for the following Saturday. Spring Clean Up will be Wednesday, May 6th. In addition, Kelly stated that an ad has been placed in the Daily Courier that the borough is accepting sealed bid proposals for refuse and recycling collection services. Bid packets are available at the borough office during regular office hours. Kelly also placed an ad in the Daily Courier and out on our FB page, announcing that the borough is accepting resumes at this time to hire a Long-Term Part Time Temporary Office Assistant.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Guy Napolillo made a motion to pay the bills. Second by Cheryl McClelland. All in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Tom Jenkins asked Matt if he ever got ahold of the company about the Holiday Sign. Matt said he has reached out to him a couple times.

NEW BUSINESS: Kelly brought up about the Sublease Agreement for Connellsville Township to utilize the SCB Compost facility. Kelly stated that the first draft that was signed by Secretary Darla Hann and Todd Miner had been revised by Darla to add a section c. which added the hours that township could drop off, but Matt stated that he would just work with them on a schedule so we didn't need to use the new updated agreement. Kelly and George Jay both will sign the original copy and Kelly will return it to Darla.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS: Mayor Chris Wiltrout mentioned that he spoke with Davis Monuments about adding names to the honor roll. Chris also had Kelly post the flyers out on our FB page providing information on the Flag Football & Summer Basketball Programs which will be held this summer at our South Connellsville Borough playground. Registration is needed, along with a request for vendors to set up at both events. Chris announced that residents also created a Disc Golf League to be held at our park. Signups for the Disc Golf Flex League can be found on Udisc App, go to events tab and then sign up. Chris stated that he also attended the 16hr class for emergency operations planning and passed that and is hoping to have a draft of the emergency operations plan for the work session that we can all go over and discuss. May 4 will be the First Energy meeting to discuss the Christmas lights. Chris thanked Matt and Lee for all the hard work they did out on McCormick with all the storm damage we had out there. Some discussion was held regarding how to add more names to the honor roll. Lib Giles said we do have an extra plaque that's already bought to add more names.

SOLICITOR'S BUSINESS: Solicitor Tim Witt said that the garbage contract was already mentioned, the Chambers property was mentioned, so nothing else there. Tim did want to congratulate the newest appointee to the open council seat. Welcome back to Mary Riley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Nothing at this time.

REMARKS FOR GOOD & WELFARE OF THE BOROUGH: VP Pat Foley, who ran the meeting in the absence of George Jay, said the borough had gone through a pretty aggravating period with the fire company and turmoil within the ranks of borough council and mayor's office. Pat said, "I think we learned some things. We received some recommendations from members of the community on better communications on the borough's part in regards to the agenda. I made this remark at the last work session and that is, that the borough council and the mayor's office is only as good as the communication is, so if we have people that aren't communicating, and there is nothing wrong with disagreeing, but what is a problem is if you disagree and don't tell us and don't let the rest of us know and then stuff happens. Foley said the situation is over and it is now time for everyone to move forward."

ADJOURNMENT: Tom Jenkins made a motion to adjourn. Second by Cheryl McClelland. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Kelly Addis, Secretary