

The Factoryville Borough Council held their regular council meeting on April 8th, 2026 at the Borough Hall. Council Chair, Bill Edwards, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Lou Jasikoff
Bill Edwards
Colin Fricke
Gregg Yunko
D. Charles Truitt
Elena O'Connor
Dan Engler

ALSO ATTENDING

Shannon Cantner, Manager
Paul Litwin, Solicitor
Anabel Gaynor
Allie Hancock

ABSENT - none

AGENDA – S. Cantner requested to amend the agenda to include an Executive Session under enforcement.

C. Fricke made a motion to amend the agenda. C. Truitt seconded the motion. All yea.

MINUTES: S. Cantner requested to amend the meeting minutes from March 11th, 2026 to remove Paul Litwin as signer of the 216 Riverside Drive agreement and add William Edwards and Lou Jasikoff.

E. O'Connor made a motion to amend and then approve the meeting minutes from March 11, 2026. G. Yunko seconded the motion. All yea.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Allie Hancock was not present.

Mayor Jasikoff introduced April Junior Mayor, Anabel Gaynor, a fifth grader that was picked by Lackawanna Trail Elementary School. Anabel provided council a few suggestions that she would like to see. First was a community garden to help support the local food bank and the other was to have the high schoolers tutor the younger kids. Ms. Gaynor was given a gift certificate and drink tumbler.

Allie Hancock arrived after the Junior Mayor award and requested to council if she and a few others can do a clean-up day at Christy Mathewson Park. She stated that they would like to pick up branches, pull staples out of the bridge and do whatever work may be needed. Council agreed and S. Cantner will be in touch with any other information needed.

CORRESPONDENCE – Nothing to report.

MANAGER'S REPORT – S. Cantner provided a reminder that junk day will be held on Friday, May 1st from 1pm- 5pm and Saturday, May 2nd, 8-12pm at the maintenance garage. \$25 per car/small SUV and \$40 truck, van and large SUV load.

There is a traffic calming webinar for \$30 regarding the state requirements of providing barriers for speed control. She noted that this will be useful to see what options we have with the speeding through town.

C. Truitt made a motion to approve \$30 for registration of the webinar. G. Yunko seconded the motion. All yea.

May 2027 our website needs to be ADA compliant. S. Cantner provided four options as of right now and Becky is continuing to research them all. 1. Stay with our current provider \$1,219 per year for the widget. 2. Switch to a more user-friendly website with a one-time fee of \$1,500 and then 1,200 thereafter, 3. Delete our website altogether. Discussion ensued about how many hits does it receive, to what information is located on it, and where to post all our items. And 4. \$300-600 estimate a year to have us build a website by the help of our IT guy, Sean. He is looking into this further for it may be very time consuming. B. Edwards requested us to continue to find out more information and table discussion.

BILLS – S. Cantner sought approval for the bills. Unusual expenses this month included \$719 Course Vector, Workers Comp premium of \$719, \$103 for Nancy Tinna, Tax collector bond.

G. Yunko made a motion to pay the bills. C. Fricke seconded the motion. All yea.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

- a. **Finance**: C. Fricke reported that tax revenue for property taxes is trickling in and cash is looking good though some of that is Christmas Market.
- b. **Parks and Recreation**: C. Truitt informed council that they ordered 4 more picnic tables, the mulch for the playground and approved the planting of the apple trees.
- c. **Building and Grounds**: G. Yunko received a quote for \$800.00 to clean the gutters and fix two areas that were broken.

1) C. Truitt made a motion to approve the gutter cleaning at \$800.00. D. Engler seconded the motion. All yea.

- d. **Roads and Maintenance**: B. Edwards reported on J. Gesek's monthly progress. Jim has prepped the park for summer use, serviced equipment, worked on the storm drains with the manhole covers, finished street sweeping, and is working with the dirt and gravel grants.
- e. **Mayor's Report**: Mayor Jasikoff reviewed the police report and noted that 675 miles were patrolled, 2 traffic citations, 5 written warnings and eight total calls. He noted that he is working with Keystone employee, Kelly Stewart, with the planting of the apple trees at Creekside Park. He reserved the borough hall for three dates in April for Christy Mathewson planning as well as a mayors gathering. Gary Evans and Chuck Litwin took the time to find every single member of the cemetery veterans and they will be announced at the Memorial Day service.
- f. **Enforcement Review**: T. Schofield noted that his report is for executive session.
- g. **Zoning**: A few different permits were issues.

h. **Solicitor's Report:**

Solicitor Litwin noted that we passed two resolutions a few years ago amending our pension plans to the new Pennsylvania municipal retirement system program guidelines and it should have been by ordinance. He noted that we are simply adopting ordinances that have been advertised that say the same thing in the resolutions.

P. Litwin also stated that we have a joint resolution with Clinton township to share the EMA responsibilities. Since he is sharing both municipalities, we need an intermunicipal agreement. He requested to vote on all three. These votes will be under Ordinance/Resolutions.

i. **Events:** E. O'Connor had nothing new to report.

ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS – Ordinance No. 2026-1 An ordinance electing to amend the Borough's Non-Uniform Pension Plan administered by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (PMRS) pursuant to Article IV of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law, Act of February 1, 1974, P.L. 34, No. 15, as amended.

C. Fricke made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2026-1. C. Truitt seconded the motion. All yea.

Ordinance No. 2026-2 An ordinance electing to amend the Borough's Police Pension Plan administered by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (PMRS) pursuant to Article IV of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law, Act of February 1, 1974, P.L. 34, No. 15, as amended.

C. Truitt made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2026-2. G. Yunko seconded the motion. All yea.

Resolution 2026-3R A joint resolution of Clinton Township & Factoryville Borough authorizing a cooperative agreement under title 35 to share an emergency management coordinator.

E. O'Connor made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-3R. G. Yunko seconded the motion. All yea.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS –

New Business

1. B. Edwards and maintenance manager, Jim Gesek, would like to tar and chip two roads in town, Kemmerer Ave and Watkins. S. Cantner spoke with Ed Sumski from PennDOT and the estimated cost would be \$66,214.00 for both roads. These can be put out separately as well, depending on cost.

C. Truitt made motion to put both Kemmerer Avenue and Watkins Street out to bid, either separate or together, with an opening date of next meeting. G. Yunko seconded the motion. All yea.

2. PP&L notified us that they will be doing a lot of work of moving poles throughout the borough. If it affected a residence, the owners were notified. The information that was provided needed more clarification and this discussion will be tabled until next month.

Old Business-

1. Parking along Thompson Road continues to be an issue. B. Edwards would like to form a parking committee to discuss this issue as well as others throughout town.
2. Parking in the lot across from Creekside Café will be discussed in the parking committee meeting and be revisited.
3. Members of the parking committee are Gregg Yunko, Lou Jasikoff and William Edwards. They were informed that they need to follow Sunshine law and advertise as regular committees. They will let S. Cantner know when to advertise their first meeting.

C. Truitt made a motion to approve the members of the parking committee as noted above. D. Engler seconded the motion. All yea

C. Truitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting and move to executive session. D. Engler seconded the motion. All yea.

The regular meeting of the Factoryville Borough Council adjourned at 7:12 p.m. and moved to executive session to discuss litigation issues. The next regular meeting will be held May 13th, 2026, at 6:30pm in the Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Shannon L. Cantner
Borough Manager