

The Factoryville Borough Council held their regular council meeting on February 11th, 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

Former Mayor Gary Evans
Rebecca Nelson, Borough Assistant
Paul Litwin, Solicitor
Mike Markovitz, Tunk. Ambulance
Joe Scala
Jim Davis
Don Chamberlin
Karen Brown
Zach Smith
Paul Corby via Phone

ABSENT

A motion is needed to allow R. Nelson to serve as proxy for Borough Manager S. Cantner for the meeting.

E. O'Connor made a motion to allow R. Nelson to serve as proxy for the meeting. C. Truitt seconded the motion. All yea.

AGENDA: Under New Business, discussion is needed regarding renting the Borough Hall for events and/or activities.

C. Fricke made a motion to approve the agenda additions. G. Yunko seconded the motion. All yea.

MINUTES: No additions or changes were made to the January 5, 2026 regular meeting minutes. The Reorganization meeting minutes need to be changed from "President" to "VP" on the vote.

G. Yunko made a motion to accept the reorganization minutes from January 5, 2026. C. Truitt seconded the motion. All yea.

E. O'Connor made a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from January 5, 2026. C. Truitt seconded the motion. All yea.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Mike with the Ambulance Authority provided a quick update. 4 ambulances are in service with 2 crews running during the day with one crew running at night. There were about 140 calls in the county with 6 today alone. There were 371 membership letters sent out with 107 returned. Wyoming County Staffing provided \$150,000 for reimbursement.

Joe Scala asked a question about security lights shining toward others' houses. Residential light is a flood light that is shining in person's bedroom window. Solicitor Litwin stated that there is no regulation on lights like this.

CORRESPONDENCE – The Borough received a letter from the Wyoming County Commissioners regarding the recycling trailer. S. Cantner did speak with Mike at the recycling center in Tunkhannock as well. They would like to set up a meeting to discuss keeping the trailer.

MANAGER'S REPORT –

- a. R. Nelson provided the manager's monthly recap.
 1. All taxes are complete for 2025 and everyone should have received their W2s in the mail.
 2. B. Nelson worked on getting all the minutes and agendas on the website as well as making sure everything is current on the website and in the minute books.
 3. S. Cantner completed three of the mandatory reports for DCED.
 4. The liquid fuels report was completed
 5. The Tree City Application was applied for and is pending.
 6. The Floodplain report was submitted to Cody Stanco.
 7. The recycling report was completed.
- b. There was a Snow Emergency Declaration signed. With Mayor Jasikoff out of town, it was signed by Bill Edwards at the recommendation of EMA Coordinator Albert Olive.
- c. S. Cantner is currently working on the pension audit that occurs every 5 years, and the 2025 DCED audit is just getting underway.
- d. Solicitor Litwin has updated the library lease since it has not been signed since 2020. It is now a year-to-year lease. It does state that if the library would like to purchase items such as tables and chairs, they do not need to get approval from the Borough, but anything structural would need approval.

G. Yunko made a motion to approve the Manager's Report. D. Engler seconded the motion. All yea.

TRAIL UPDATE – Zach Smith of Atlas was given the floor to speak with both Factoryville Borough and Clinton Township to address cost as an area of concern. The current costs to date are \$139,752.14. Zach stated that this is much above what was quoted at \$66,000 and is due to issues such as Flood Plain concerns that needed to be reworked as well as a change in where the trail was going to be. At this time, permitting and completion of the engineering is done for the larger section of the trail.

Zach Smith stated that there is still a section including the DCNR section which has not been completed, so there will be additional costs but went on to explain that these costs should be deferred thanks to the grant received. The DCNR grant covers the costs from July 2025 up through the completion of the project. The amount provided by Zach to be reimbursed is approximately \$79,271 which includes bills not yet received by Factoryville Borough and Clinton Township. He believes that brings the actual out of pocket cost to about \$75,000. B. Edwards asked if there would be more cost and Zach stated he does not believe there should be

any additional costs beyond the current invoice and two other statements that he has calculated and is anticipating. Zach stated there should be no more money out of pocket from the July 1, 2025 date through the end of the project.

Zach stated that there is confusion regarding the reimbursement, so he is calculating at the lower reimbursement. Recoup should be around \$99,000 and covers about 20% of the DCNR project. He explained it is possible that the 20% may apply to the entire project including PennDOT. If this is the case, the reimbursement would be higher. He does not yet have answers on this.

Zach was asked about the cost of the actual project and whether that will also go over budget. Zach stated that the project will be bid and cost will be locked in. Should the project appear to be more expensive than the grant is for, there are parts of the project that can be removed to make it more cost effective, including decreasing the size of the ADA parking on Creek Rd.

R. Nelson requested that Factoryville Borough Council consider and vote to reimburse Clinton Township for the cost of engineering, which was in the amount of \$12,781.22. No discussion followed.

G. Yunko made a motion to approve the reimbursement to Clinton Township for the Trail project engineering. C. Truitt seconded the motion. All yea.

BILLS – S. Cantner sought approval for the bills. Unusual expenses this month included \$12,781.22 to Clinton Township for the trail engineering fees, \$8,160.00 to Dalton Police as this was a 5-week cycle, \$7,140.00 to DGK for the increase in expenses for the new vehicle as well as the installment payment, and \$6,500.00 for the 2024 audit fee.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

- a. **Finance**: C. Fricke provided no new information.
- b. **Parks and Recreation**: C. Truitt reported that there is a winter creek day at Creekside Park from 11 to 1 on the 16th. There will be smores and sledding. No bathroom facilities are available.
- c. **Building and Grounds**: G. Yunko had nothing new to report.
- d. **Roads and Maintenance**: B. Edwards reported that the new truck is running and working amazingly. Chuck was a huge help getting the roads cleared and salted during the snow storm. J. Gesek would like to thank S. Cantner for getting the word out not to park along College Ave during the snow event. J. Gesek is trying to make sure all equipment is kept clean and maintained.

J. Gesek is seeking approval to purchase a safety door for the Bobcat. and a floor jack for maintenance of vehicles. The cost of the jack is \$190.00.

C. Fricke made a motion to approve the purchase of a safety door for the Bobcat for no more than \$1,200.00. C. Truitt seconded the motion. All yea.

G. Yunko made a motion to approve the purchase of a floor jack in the amount of \$190.00. C. Truitt seconded the motion. All yea.

- e. **Mayor's Report:** Mayor Jasikoff summarized the police report. There were 6 calls, two parking tickets, and 128 miles patrolled. Monies received from the Magistrate's Office totaled \$47.23 for the month of December. Mayor and B. Edwards have discussed with Chief Tolson regarding the speeding issue in town and requested more assistance. It was requested that Chief Tolson come to the next council meeting to address the speeding issue.

Mayor Jasikoff thanked everyone for their help and support moving into the position of Mayor.

Mayor Jasikoff will speak with the 5th and 6th grade students at the elementary school regularly. He has a Junior Mayor each month and takes suggestions from the students. They will be planting some apple trees as part of an orchard from the first suggestion. Colin Gow was the first Junior Mayor.

Christy Mathewson Day will be June 6th.

- f. **Enforcement Review:** T. Schofield has been sending notices specifically related to snow removal but reported that overall, there haven't been any major issues.
- g. **Zoning:** A few different applications have come in within the past month.
- h. **Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor Litwin stated an executive session is needed.
- i. **Events:** E. O'Connor had nothing new to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council recessed at 7:25pm for an executive session. Council returned to order at 7:41pm. Solicitor Litwin is seeking approval to pursue settlement of a maintenance property issue.

C. Fricke made a motion to authorize Solicitor Litwin to proceed with the settlement to acquire a maintenance property issue on Riverside Drive. D. Engler seconded the motion. All yea.

ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS – Nothing new.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS –

New Business-

- a. Missey Bower is interested in becoming the Alternate for the Zoning Hearing Board.

E. O'Connor made a motion to approve M. Bower as an Alternate for the Zoning Hearing Board term ending 12/31/2028. G. Yunko seconded the motion. All yea.

- b. There have been requests for Borough Hall rental. Currently, the Borough Hall is still operating as though still under COVID rules that were established. S. Cantner is seeking information regarding proceeding with Borough Hall rental. Discussion regarding non-profit vs for profit, amenities, clean up, etc. ensued. This will need to be explored further Solicitor Litwin recommended revisiting the facility use agreement. He does not recommend allowing use that interferes with meetings or other Borough use including office hours. There can be no discrimination of groups once it is opened.

The Women's Civic League would like to use utilize the building for a Sip and Paint on March 8th. Paul recommended they follow the usage agreement and provide proof of insurance. They are responsible for the cleanup of the facility.

D. Engler made a motion to approve Women's Civic League for a conditional one time use on March 8th pending proof of insurance and agreement to clean up. C. Truitt seconded the motion. All yea.

Old Business-

- a. Recycling trailer does not need to be addressed as Council would like to meet with the Commissioners.

E. O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the Factoryville Borough Council Meeting. C. Fricke seconded the motion. All yea.

The regular meeting of the Factoryville Borough Council adjourned at 7:51 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held March 11 at 6:30pm in the Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Nelson
Assistant