

## **BOROUGH OF QUARRYVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **REORGANIZATION & REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 5, 2026**

Borough Council held its Reorganization and Regular Meeting on the above date at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building. Mayor Stella McComsey called the meeting to order with the following persons present: Council Members James Kreider, Diane Hastings, Brian Braightmeyer, Devin Groff, Joy Kemper and Lydia Walton. Borough Manager/Secretary Michelle Evans, and Director of Public Safety John Slauch were also present at the meeting. Councilwoman Susan Noel was absent.

**OATHS OF OFFICE:** Borough Council noted that prior to the meeting District Justice William Mankin II had administered the oath of office to re-elected Council Members Jim Kreider and Diane Hastings and newly elected Council Members Devin Groff and Lydia Walton.

**ELECTION – PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:** Mayor Stella McComsey called for nominations for the office of President of Borough Council. Councilwoman Kemper nominated Brian Braightmeyer for President of Council. Councilman Groff seconded the motion. There were no other nominations for the office of President. A vote was taken and Brian Braightmeyer was unanimously elected to that position.

**ELECTION – VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:** Mayor Stella McComsey called for nominations for the office of Vice President of Council. Councilman Braightmeyer nominated Joy Kemper for the office of Vice President of Council. Councilwoman Walton seconded the motion. There were no other nominations for the office. A vote was taken and Joy Kemper was unanimously elected to the position.

**ELECTION – PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** Mayor Stella McComsey opened the floor for nominations for the position of President Pro Tem. Councilman Braightmeyer nominated Councilwoman Diane Hastings for the position. Councilwoman Kemper seconded the motion. There were no other nominations for the office. A vote was taken and Diane Hastings was unanimously elected to the position.

**PASSING OF THE GAVEL:** Following the reorganization of Borough Council, Mayor Stella McComsey passed the gavel to President Braightmeyer, who presided over the remainder of the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Council President Braightmeyer stated that he is looking forward to working with the Council and thanked everyone for their willingness to work for the community.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 1, 2025:** It was moved by Councilwoman Hastings and seconded by Councilwoman Walton that the minutes of the December 1, 2025 Regular Meeting be approved and the motion was approved unanimously.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Proposed Resolution No. 2026-01 – Appointment of Independent Auditor:** It was moved by Councilwoman Hastings and seconded by Councilwoman Walton to appoint White, Rudy LLC as the Borough's Auditor for the year 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

**Appointment of Borough Solicitor:** It was moved by Councilwoman Kemper and seconded by Councilman Kreider to appoint Morgan, Hallgren, Crosswell and Kane PC as the Borough's solicitor. The motion was unanimously approved.

**2026 Mileage Reimbursement Rate:** The Manager reported that the IRS reimbursement rate for 2026 is set at \$.725 per mile. It was moved by Councilwoman Walton and seconded by Councilman Groff that the Borough set its 2026 mileage reimbursement rate at \$.725 per mile (same as the IRS rate). The motion was unanimously approved.

**Appointment of Borough Engineer:** A motion to appoint ELA Group as the Borough's engineer for 2026 was made by Councilwoman Kemper and seconded by Councilman Kreider. The motion passed unanimously

**Christmas in Q-ville Debrief:** The Manager reported that Christmas in Q-ville was a success again this year, with an estimated 5,500 people in attendance. The Manager received great feedback from the community. The Manager reported that the food bank received 486 pounds of canned goods and \$103.00 in monetary donations. 150 food boxes were handed out to families in the community. The Manager thanked the committee that handles Christmas in Q-ville and the sponsors that pay for the event.

**Solanco Neighborhood Ministries:** Council discussed the possibility of utilizing the Borough building as a collection location for the Solanco Neighborhood Ministries monthly collections: like hats, gloves, diapers etc.

**Council Approval of two Fire Police requests:** A motion was made by Councilwoman Hastings and seconded by Councilman Groff to

approve the following Fire Police requests: Strasburg Borough – Strasburg Fire Co. Mud sale February 27 & 28, 2026 and Providence Township – Solid Rock 5K August 1, 2026. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Council Committees:** Borough Council President Brian Braightmeyer discussed the composition of various Committees for 2026 and set the following committees and committee members:

SIP: Streets, Infrastructure and Parks

Devin Groff - Chair  
Michelle Evans - Manager  
William Lamparter – Maintenance Superintendent  
Diane Hastings  
James Kreider

Police Committee

Joy Kemper – Chair  
Stella McComsey - Mayor  
John Slauch – Director of Public Safety (until hiring of Chief)  
Susan Noel  
Lydia Walton

SAP: Services, Agreements and Personnel

Susan Noel - Chair  
Michelle Evans - Manager  
Stella McComsey - Mayor  
Lydia Walton  
Brian Braightmeyer

**FINANCIAL REPORT AND MONTHLY BILLS – DECEMBER 31, 2025:** Council received the financial report and bills for December 2025. It was moved by Councilwoman Kemper and seconded by Councilwoman Walton that the financial report be received and the monthly bills for December in the amount of \$549,590.66 be ratified. The motion was unanimously approved.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Director of Public Safety John Slauch reviewed the Police Department monthly report for December.

**ZONING OFFICER REPORT:** Council accepted the Zoning Officer report submitted by Solanco Engineering for December 2025.

**QUARRYVILLE BOROUGH AUTHORITY:** The December 16, 2025 meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** The December 15, 2025 meeting was cancelled.

**STREETS/INFRASTRUCTURE/PARKS COMMITTEE:** The December 9, 2025 meeting was cancelled.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **Parking Setback Study Results – 3<sup>rd</sup>/Church & 5<sup>th</sup>/Church:** A motion was made by Councilwoman Hastings and seconded by Councilman Groff to move forward with changing the parking setbacks on the above streets. The motion was unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Civil Service Appointment – John Slauch replacement:** Jim Hassinger of the Civil Service Committee reported to Council that Carl Cross is willing to take over John Slauch's position on the Civil Service Committee. Councilwoman Hastings made a motion to move Carl Cross from alternate to a permanent position on Civil Service. The motion was unanimously approved. Jim Hassinger reported that Civil Service had it's Bi-annual meeting and appointed the following: Chairman – Jim Hassinger, Vice Chairman- Ken Yost. Jim Hassinger also presented Council with a report from Civil Service for the year 2025. This report was accepted as written.

**Public Comment:** Jim Stack, borough resident, asked for prayers for Jim Funk a long time Quarryville resident, for health issues that Jim is facing.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:37 PM, Council President Braightmeyer called for a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Hastings offered that motion and it was seconded by Councilman Kreider. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Evans  
Borough Manager/Secretary