

**Sharon Hill Borough
Legislative Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 18, 2026**

Quote of the Meeting

**“Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.” –
James Baldwin**

- **Call To Order at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call – President Tanya Allen (E) Vice President Rodney Hill (P) Councilor Deidri Brabham (P) Councilor William Felder (P) Councilor Dr. Tammi Fleming (P) Councilor James Patrick III (P) Councilor Mimi Smith (P) Mayor Edward Booker (E) Borough Solicitor Kyle Miller (P) Borough Engineer Susan Lynch (P) Interim Chief Sean Johnson (E) Code Building Official Anthony Tartaglia (E) Code Officer Gary Collins (E) Borough Treasurer Will Morgan (P) Borough Manager Joy Taylor (P)**

Committee Updates:

President Tanya Allen: Library, CPCIP

- **Library Report: Mr. Ashby** – The Library report was read and accepted.
- **CPCIP:** -

Vice President Rodney Hill: Recreation

- Juneteenth celebration details were confirmed, and a Jalen Daren Summer Basketball Clinic was announced.
- For the 4th of July events, there will be fireworks on July 3rd, and the parade on July 4th.

Junior Council Report: –

Councilor Deidri Brabham: SHACC

- **Historical Commission:** An ordinance was finalized to be advertised. To address vacancies on the currently inactive board, a separate motion was passed to advertise an amendment that would ease residency requirements, allowing a simple majority (3 of 5) of members to be residents, with two "at-large" members.
- Councilor Brabham to Collect letters of interest for the Historical Commission and prepare for council review.

Councilor William Felder: Fire Department

- The Code Enforcement Report for May 2026 was read and accepted.
- The Fire Chief Report for May 2026 was read and accepted.
- The Fire Chief Monthly Report was read and accepted.

Councilor Dr. Tammi Fleming: Public Health –

Councilor James Patrick, III: SE Delco School District -

- Councilor James Patrick was coordinating with the webmaster to add a direct link to the school board's website (minutes, budget) on the borough's site.

Councilor Mimi Smith: Personnel Liaison

- The employee handbook was in its final stages of review. The solicitor confirmed that no borough employees are in violation of "incompatible office" laws, clarifying that it is common for officials to serve multiple municipalities in Delaware County.

• Officials' Updates:

Mayor, Edward Booker: Police, DCJA

Borough Solicitor, Kyle Miller, Kilkenny Law

- Tax Appeal Settlement (1102-1130 Chester Pike): Solicitor explained a settlement that increased the shopping center's fair market value from \$8.5M to \$9.5M. The settlement was recommended by the school district and solicitor's office.
- Tax Assessment (1194 Chester Pike): An arbitration agreement was reached to define the vacancy period strictly between demolition and permit issuance. The borough retains the right to issue an interim tax bill, with a reassessment expected to increase future revenue.
- The solicitor will circulate the legal stipulation and numbers to the council.
- Finance/Tax Office to issue an interim tax bill as applicable.

Borough Engineer, Susan Lynch, Lighthouse Engineering –

- The Engineer Report was in the packet.

Building Code Official, Anthony Tartaglia –

- Enforcement Delays: A resident and council member raised concerns about slow and inconsistent code enforcement, particularly regarding property maintenance and abatements.
- Abatement Timelines: The current practice is a 48-hour notice. The Solicitor confirmed that code allows for contemporaneous ticketing and abatement, and a 24-hour "reasonable" timeframe could be legally defensible for rubbish/vegetation.
- Vacant Property Ordinance: The Solicitor affirmed the existence of an "ironclad" ordinance for vacant property maintenance (e.g., boarding/painting windows) that needs to be re-enforced.
- Practical Constraint. The Borough Manager noted challenges, including the high cost of fronting abatement work (e.g., repeated grass cutting) and the difficulty of recouping costs from non-occupant owners.
- Council will review ordinances to potentially expedite abatement timelines while maintaining legal compliance.
- Identified vacant properties will be brought to the Code Official's attention for enforcement.
- Assess Abatement Ordinance language to enable faster abatements (24-48 hours) where appropriate.
- Coordinate with the Code Official to enforce the vacancy maintenance ordinance on cited properties.
- Borough Manager to compile and share recent abatement cost examples with the Council.

Building Code Officer, Gary Collins –

Interim Police Chief, Sean Johnson –

Treasurer, Will Morgan

- The May 2026 Treasurer report was approved, with a commitment to enhance future reports with more detail (line-item budget vs. actual, police-related revenues, benefits costs). A property tax appeal settlement for 1102-1130 Chester Pike was approved, increasing the property's assessed value to \$9.5 million.
- The Treasurer presented the report, showing a general fund balance of \$2,625,270.77 as of May 31, 2026. A bills list of \$479,018.57 was paid. A correction was noted for the "fund balance" wording.
- The Treasurer committed to improving future reports with monthly budget vs. actual data, clearer charts, and more line-item detail, including payroll, benefits, police-related revenues (parking/bus violations), and intergovernmental pass-through funds.
- The May Treasurer's Report was approved with the condition that a correction be made.
- The May bills list was approved.
- Adopt improved monthly budget vs. actual financial reporting.
- Update Financial Reports: Provide detailed budget vs. actual reports with corrected labels, improved charts, and line items for police revenue and benefits costs starting July 2026.

Joy Taylor, Borough Manager

- Significant discussion was held on poor service from trash and code enforcement contractors (H&H, Commonwealth Code), described as a "dysfunctional system." The council agreed on the need to review vendor contracts. Strategies to improve park cleanliness, such as park monitors, youth ambassadors, and faster camera deployment, were supported. The process for residents to report trash issues (call vendor first, then borough) was clarified.
- Grants & Infrastructure: A Greenways, Recreation, and Trails Program grant was submitted for playground equipment at Wiederwax and Memorial Park, with an emphasis on addressing safety issues at Memorial Park. A quick-build traffic calming project near the elementary school was planned for summer completion. The borough abandoned a levee approach for flood mitigation in favor of natural strategies.
- Vendor Performance Issues: Multiple speakers voiced significant frustration with the poor performance of contractors for trash (H&H) and code enforcement (Commonwealth Code).
- Resident Reporting Process: The Borough Manager clarified that residents should call H&H directly for trash issues to expedite a response. If unresolved, they should then call the borough office for escalation.
- Park Cleanliness & Vandalism: The Borough Manager detailed ongoing issues with litter, broken glass on basketball courts, damaged benches, and ripped banners. Cameras are planned but are seen as a reactive solution.
- Community-Based Solutions: There was strong support for proactive measures, including community cleanups, creating a "park monitor" or "youth ambassador" program (with potential honorariums), and leveraging summer youth employment to assist with maintenance.
- Proceed with the camera procurement process via formal bidding, prioritizing quality over the lowest bid.
- There was general consensus to explore park monitor and youth ambassador programs.
- Borough Manager to review Vendor Contracts and hold "uncomfortable conversations" with underperforming vendors.
- Borough Manager to develop a framework for park/community monitors, including roles and reporting workflows.
- Continue the camera bid process and provide updates.
- A proposal was received from the Collingdale Planning Commission to partner on regional initiatives, including stormwater management, sustainability efforts, and forming an Environmental Advisory Council (EAC).

Public Comment –

New Business –

- **Public Health Commission:** Put the motion to advertise the Public Health Commission ordinance on the July meeting agenda.
- **Facade/Beautification Grants:** The Public Health Committee plans to apply for beautification funds. It was noted that Habitat for Humanity (Delaware County) offers income-based programs for home repairs and beautification. A prior grant for exterior home improvements (~\$1,800) was discussed for potential reinstatement.
- **Public Health Initiatives:** The working group submitted a \$7,500 grant application to fund a health expo (August), a 3K/5K walk/run (October), and other activities. They also plan to apply for a \$1,000 grant from Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union.

Old Business –

- **Flood Mitigation & Infrastructure:** The levee approach was abandoned in favor of natural mitigation strategies, with updates scheduled for July and September. A quick-build traffic calming project near the elementary school aims for completion by the end of summer. The engineer identified potential bridge ants.
- **Motion to Hire Full-Time Public Works Employee effective July 1, 2026.**

Moved W.F. Seconded J.P. Motion Passed

- **Motion to approve Stipulation to Settle for 1102-1130 Chester Pike.**

Moved T.F. Seconded M.S. Motion Passed

- **Motion to Advertise Honorary Street Sign Ordinance**

Moved T.F. Seconded J.P. Motion Passed

- **Motion to approve Amendment to the Historical Commission Ordinance**

Moved J.P. Seconded M.S. Motion Passed

- **Motion to Approve the May Treasurer Report**

Moved W.F. Seconded J.P. Motion Passed

- **Motion to Approve the May Bills List**

Moved W.F. Seconded J.P. Motion Passed

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Upcoming Meeting: Legislative, Thursday, July 18, 2026