

PHOENIXVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

7:00 PM

MINUTES

(Minutes approved by Borough Council on May 12, 2026)

I. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

II. Roll Call – Borough Manager

Mr. Ewald, President	Present
Ms. Burckley, Vice President	Present
Mrs. Budnik	Present
Ms. Dugan	Present
Mrs. McGhee	Present
Mr. Moore	Present
Mrs. Vogel	Present
Mr. Weiss	Present
Mayor Urscheler	Present
Mr. Krack, Borough Manager	Present
Ms. Getzfread, Asst. Borough Manager	Present
Chief Marshall, Police Chief	Present
Mr. Denlinger, Solicitor	Present

III. Swearing in.

A. Swearing in of full-time Firefighter Dylan Moran

Chief Brazunas introduced Firefighter Dylan Moran and provided a brief biography of his accomplishments.

Mr. Ewald swore in Dylan Moran as a Firefighter with the Phoenixville Fire Department.

B. Swearing in of part-time Firefighter Brandon Fink

Chief Brazunas introduced Firefighter Brandon Fink and provided a brief biography of his accomplishments.

Mr. Ewald swore in Brandon Fink as a Firefighter with the Phoenixville Fire Department.

C. Swearing in of part-time Firefighter Justin Finn

Chief Brazunas introduced Firefighter Justin Finn and provided a brief biography of his accomplishments.

Mr. Ewald swore in Justin Finn as a Firefighter with the Phoenixville Fire Department.

D. Swearing in of Patrol Officer Brett Sneeringer

Chief Marshall introduced Officer Brett Sneeringer and provided a brief biography of his accomplishments.

Mayor Urscheler swore in Officer Brett Sneeringer with the Phoenixville Police Department.

VI. Public Comment

Sharon Pronchik, resident. She stated she recently attended the Tree Advisory Committee meeting, and she is here tonight to express her concerns on the removal of (5) five mature trees on Fourth Avenue in March. She expressed concerns that the removal came without warning to the residents. Many of her neighbors had their sidewalks repaired to accommodate these trees. She stated the trees were not in the 2026 tree removal list and she found out that along with these trees (45) forty-five additional trees were removed by PECO. She believes PECO can't remove trees in the borough without the permission of the borough. She is concerned about the lack of transparency between the borough, the TAC, and the residents.

Joan Beregi, resident. She expressed her concerns on the tree removals in the borough. She stated she saw no signs of the root rot she was told was the reason for the removal of the trees. She explained that the river birch trees that are being planted as part of the replacement program are no better than the oaks being removed. She shared the reasons why planting river birch is not good choice for street trees including how shallow the roots grow, that you can't plant anything else around the trees and that their shallow growth will damage the sidewalk.

Doug Christman, resident. He stated he believes this has been a rough month for the public trees in the borough. He understands that some of the trees had to go and he understands why but he feels guilty that he knew nothing about the tree removal plan and didn't pay enough attention, didn't get involved, and didn't speak out. He urged the Council to proceed with caution and restraint and to prioritize the pruning of trees over their removal. He expressed concern on trees near his home being removed specifically three trees on the 400 block of Main Street.

Andrea Wren-Hardin, resident. She expressed her love for the town and stated she is thrilled that she moved here. She echoed support for some of the comments that have

already been made this evening. She stated she wanted to focus on the need to hire a Borough Arborist. After attending the latest TAC meeting, she learned the borough doesn't currently have an arborist and she is requesting that every tree that's not yet been removed on the 2026 removal list be reviewed, and also that the reasons those trees need to be removed be added to that list. She requested the removal of trees and the creation of the 2027 removal list be placed on a moratorium until a new arborist is in place to do the assessments and evaluations of the trees being considered for removal. She stated her concerns for the removal of trees at the proposed development on Vanderslice Street and she asked the Planning Commission and Tree Advisory Commission to work together to prevent the clear cutting of all the sycamore trees on the property slated for development.

Ryan Mercovich, resident. He stated he is here to talk about trees and agrees with the request of a moratorium on the removal of trees until an arborist is hired to better assess why these trees need to be removed. Particularly canopy trees, which are uniquely beneficial to a town. They do give the town a lot of character, they also provide a lot of economic and ecological impact to the town. He stated that while removals are paused, the funds that are allocated for tree maintenance can be used for pruning. Pruning requests have not really been taken into consideration, it seems, over recent years. There's been a lot of comments about requests made to prune that weren't addressed or were ignored.

V. Presentations – None

Mr. Ewald stated that prior to tonight's meeting the Council met in Executive Session to discuss a matter of personnel related to an open police officer position, and a matter of attorney-client privilege discussion related to the Zoning Hearing Board application for 151 Columbia Avenue.

VI. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of March 10, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.
- B. Items from HARB.
 - 1. Motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for signage at 35 Bridge Street.
 - 2. Motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for signage at 99 Bridge Street.
- C. Items from Parks and Recreation Committee.
 - 1. Motion to approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the Phoenixville Car Show on Sunday, June 21, July 19, August 16 and September 20, 2026, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm in the Main and Bridge Street Parking Lot. Conditioned upon receipt of all fees and valid Certificate of Insurance, naming Borough as Additional Insured.
 - 2. Motion to approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the Blobfest 5K, 10K, and Half Marathon on the Schuylkill River Trail on

Sunday, July 12, 2026 from 7:00 am to 11:00 am. Conditioned upon receipt of all fees and valid Certificate of Insurance naming Borough as Additional Insured.

3. Motion to approve a Temporary Community Event Application for Phoenixville First Responders Appreciation Day on Thursday, August 6, 2026, from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Recreation Center Parking Lot at 501 Franklin Avenue.
4. Motion to approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the 4th Annual Mrs. Roper Romp in the 100 and 200 Block of Bridge Street and the Bridge and Main Street Parking Lot on Saturday, September 19, 2026, from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming Borough as Additional Insured.
5. Motion to approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the Alianzas & People's Light Cultural Diversity Festival in Reeves Park on Saturday, September 26, 2026, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming Borough as Additional Insured.
6. Motion to approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the Shoes 'N Brews 26.2 Mile Running Event using the Schuylkill River Trail under the Veteran's Memorial Gay Street Bridge on Sunday, October 4, 2026 from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming Borough as Additional Insured.
7. Motion to approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the 40th Annual Phoenixville Run 5K and 10K Running Races from Reeves Park to the Schuylkill River Trail on Saturday, October 24, 2026 from 7:00 am to 11:30 am. Second Avenue to be closed between Main Street and Starr Street from 7:00 am to 11:30 am. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming Borough as Additional Insured.
8. Motion to approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the Orion Wellness Harvest Market in Reeves Park on Saturday, October 31, 2026 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Second Avenue and Third Avenue to be closed between Main Street and Starr Street from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Conditioned upon receipt of valid Certificate of Insurance naming Borough as Additional Insured.
9. Motion to approve a Temporary Community Event Application for the Phoenixville Bed Races Event on Saturday, November 7, 2026 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Third Avenue to be closed between Main Street and Starr Street from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. Conditioned upon receipt of all fees and valid Certificate of Insurance naming Borough as Additional Insured.

D. Items from Finance Committee.

1. Motion to approve the 2026 Pre-Paid dated 2/1/2026 - 2/28/2026 in the amount of \$1,129,814.78.
2. Motion to approve the 2026 Pre-Paid Credit Card Statement dated 2/1/2026 - 2/28/2026 in the amount of \$17,016.29.

3. Motion to approve the 2026 Pre-Paid ACH dated 2/26/2026 in the amount of \$75,801.67.
4. Motion to approve Budget Increase 2026-02 from General Fund Balance in the amount of \$7,875.00 to Streets Department (Contract Services) for ADA Ramps at St Mary's and Dayton Streets.
5. Motion to approve Budget Increase 2026-03 from Water Fund Balance in the amount of \$130,677.69 to Water Distribution (Contract Services) for Emergency Water Main Breaks.
6. Motion to approve the Staff recommendation for suggested Accounts Receivable write-offs for 2025.

Ms. Burckley made a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Weiss.

Motion Approved 8-0.

VII. Communications/Council Participation

Mr. Ewald reminded the public that TAC does meet on May 4th at 6 p.m. in this room for all things street trees. He knows the borough takes this task very seriously and much of the information on either the pruning or the cutting list is on the website. He stated the Borough has very talented staff that also has great skills using the ESRI GIS program that does great mapping work for the borough that shows the location of all of the shade trees.

Mr. Denlinger stated that if anyone has any specific concerns about particular developments and trees involved in those particular developments, developments are discussed at the Planning Commission. He confirmed the next meeting of the Planning Commission is on May 14th at 6 pm here in Council Chambers.

VIII. Mayor's Report

Mayor Urscheler thanked everyone joining us here in person, and also those of you who are joining us virtually and for allowing us to take the time this evening to celebrate all of our new firefighters and our police officer. He reminded the public that the Annual Dogwood Festival is coming up in May from the 13th through the 16th and always ends on Armed Forces Day with the parade on May 16th. The parade will start at the Recreation Center, and it will come through downtown, and then end at Reeves Park.

Mr. Denlinger stated the Borough did advertise for a Zoning Hearing Board hearing tomorrow night. The applicant did withdraw that application, so tomorrow night's Zoning Hearing Board hearing and meeting has been cancelled.

IX. Appointments

- A. Call for Residents interested in being appointed to various Boards and Commissions.

Mr. Ewald encouraged residents to continue to apply for openings on the various Boards and Commissions and stated openings can be found on the Borough's Website

- B. Interview applicants interested in being appointed to the Recreation Board.

Mr. Ewald explained the process for the interview and called up the applicants starting with Emily Yatron.

Mr. Ewald asked Emily Yatron to step forward to address the Council.

Ms. Yatron introduced herself and provided her background as a Borough resident. She expressed her desire to be appointed to the Recreation Board.

Mr. Ewald asked Ms. Yatron what drew her to the Recreation Board over any of the other boards and commissions

Ms. Yatron stated there's a lot of boards that she would love to be involved with Rec Board specifically, there was an opening which was a big part of it. She explained that she works for an engineering consulting company as a graphic designer and landscape designer. She stated in her current role she is involved with a lot of park and playground design, a little bit of trail work, development work and comprehensive plans.

Ms. Burckley asked Ms. Yatron if she has a particular park or recreation facilities that she enjoys the most here in Phoenixville.

Ms. Yatron stated she is a fan of the trails as she uses them when walking her dog and she really loves Reservoir Park and the disc golf course. It's one of her favorites in all southeast PA that she's been to, and she also takes her dog up there to run around. Even back in January and February, when it was really miserable and icy, it's just a great park.

Ms. Dugan asked Ms. Yatron if she has had any opportunities to attend events in the Borough like Dogwood, Firebird or Fall Fest.

Ms. Yatron stated she has been in town during the road closures, she has attending the Punk Rock Flea Market and takes part in a book club.

Ms. Dugan asked how Ms. Yatron find the opening on the Rec Board. Did you look online or were you recommended by a friend or neighbor.

Ms. Yatron she stated she was looking to get involved in the community. As part

of her work she attends Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors and Park and Recreation meetings. She stated in the (5) five years she has been attending the meetings she has developed a strong admiration for all of the volunteer that goes into making local government and she really wants to get involved.

Ms. Yatron stated that she is a certified Parks and Recreation professional, which she believes will assist her on the Recreation Board.

Mr. Ewald asked Ms. Yatron if she is not chosen this evening for the Recreation Board is she still interested being considered for other boards or commissions.

Ms. Yatron confirmed she would be willing to serve on any board or commission.

Mrs. McGhee asked Ms. Yatron to explain the meaning of a Certified Parks and Recreation professional.

Ms. Yatron explained the certification is for people who work closely with the parks departments however many of her clients are small municipalities and she wanted to obtain the certification to serve her clients better and allow them to apply for grant funding and increase their opportunities for funding.

Mr. Ewald asked Allison Peffle to step forward to address the Council.

Ms. Peffle introduced herself and provided her background as a Borough resident and her tenure on the Recreation Board. She expressed her desire to be reappointed to another term on the Recreation Board.

Mr. Ewald asked if there were any questions for Ms. Peffle.

Mr. Weiss asked Ms. Peffle if she has any experiences that you bring with you outside of your direct experience on the board that would be relevant for this reappointment.

Ms. Peffle stated her (25) twenty-five years of teaching has equipped her understand program planning and the needs of the children in the community.

Mr. Moore asked Ms. Peffle what value do the contributions from the Rec Board add to the way the Borough runs the Recreation Department.

Ms. Peffle stated she feels the recommendations from the Rec Board are unbiased and not from a staff member who is directly involved in making the decisions.

Mrs. Vogel asked what her thoughts on how the Phoenixville community has grown and the available park spaces.

Ms. Peffle stated growing up in the borough, from when she was a kid she always

liked the Halloween parade. She knows it's a sore subject, but it is a tradition that she misses. She never thought she would live in the Borough as an adult but now she is here loving it and raising her family here.

Ms. Burckley asked what project or one thing she is most proud of or excited about. What does she look forward to if she continues to serve.

Ms. Peffle stated making the recommendations that have improved the parks like the Morris Street Park that was just refinished and the discussion being held for a tot lot at the Virginia Avenue Park. She looks forward to working with the Rec Board to possibly bring the Halloween Parade back.

Mrs. McGhee asked Ms. Peffle would continue to be involved if she is not reappointed.

Ms. Peffle explained she is close with Ms. Gibbons at the Recreation Department and she would continue to volunteer her time during Halloween, at the Fall Fest and at the programs and open houses at the Recreation Center.

Mr. Ewald asked Janet Hunter to step forward to address the Council.

Ms. Hunter introduced herself and provided her background as a Borough resident and her tenure on the Recreation Board. She expressed her desire to be reappointed to another term on the Recreation Board.

Mr. Ewald asked if there were any questions for Ms. Hunter.

Ms. Burckley asked Ms. Hunter what one of her most memorable or exciting thing she has worked on and what one thing would want to see through if you are reappointed.

Ms. Hunter stated she has (2) two, the first being the All Abilities Playground and the move from the Civic Center to the new Recreation Center. The center is absolutely amazing with so many programs available to the residents. She is most excited for more open space in the Borough like the MDM Preserve.

- C. Motion to appoint/reappoint two persons to the Recreation Board for the term expiring April 30, 2030.

Ms. Dugan made a Motion to reappoint Janet Hunter to the Recreation Board for the term expiring April 30, 2030. Seconded by Ms. Burckley.

Motion Approved 8-0.

Ms. Dugan made a Motion to reappoint Allison Peffle to the Recreation Board for the term expiring April 30, 2030. Seconded by Ms. Burckley

Motion Approved 8-0.

- D. Motion to appoint one person to fill the vacant position on the Recreation Board for the term expiring April 30, 2028.

Ms. Dugan made a Motion to appoint Emily Yatron to fill the vacant position on the Recreation Board for the term expiring April 30, 2028. Seconded by Mrs. McGhee.

Motion Approved 8-0.

X. New Business

- A. Motion to authorize a conditional offer of employment for Patrol Officer pending Act 120 Certification and the satisfactory completion of Medical Examination and Psychological Testing.

Ms. Burckley made a motion to authorize a conditional offer of employment for Patrol Officer to Brian C. Moore pending Act 120 Certification and the satisfactory completion of Medical Examination and Psychological Testing. Seconded by Mr. Moore.

On the Question:

Mr. Moore clarified for the record the offer is not for him but another Brian C. Moore.

Motion Approved 8-0.

- B. Review ZHB Application from the owner of 151 Columbia Avenue seeking a variance from Sections 27-301.1.A.(1), 27-301.1.A.(4), and 27-301.1.D. of the Borough Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Denlinger explained the Staff brings the Zoning Hearing Board applications before Council, for their consideration. This zoning application is for 151 Columbia Avenue, which is a through lot. The rear yard has frontage on the abutting street, which is Montgomery Avenue. The applicant is proposing to subdivide the property into three lots. The application proposes cutting the lot in half. The existing single-family home would remain on Columbia Avenue, and two lots would then be newly created along Montgomery Avenue. On those two lots, a twin-style or semi-detached dwellings would be built, one on each plot. In order to pursue this project, the applicant is seeking three variances.

The first is to allow for a Build to line of 15 feet. The way our Zoning Ordinance works is you have to have a Build to line that's similar to the other properties on

the block. However, most of the other properties that are built on the block were built when front yard parking was permitted. The Borough's Zoning Ordinance no longer allows front yard parking, The size of the front yards that those other properties have would not match what would be required today.

They also have a variance for the lot depth. The Zoning Ordinance does require that if you have what I'll call a through lot, a street-to-street lot, that you cut it in half. But it also requires that the depth of a lot does not exceed the other similar depths of lots in the block by more than 10%. However, the roads are not exactly parallel as they expand on one side, so it is impossible to cut this property in half and keep it within 10% of the other similar properties in the block.

The last variance is to allow for a new building type on the block in order to build a twin building, with two single-family units. There are townhomes on the block and if they could fit, this applicant would be able to build townhomes. They're actually proposing a residential use that is less intense than what would be otherwise permitted. Because there are no other twins on the block, they need a variance for the construction of a twin building.

Mr. Denlinger stated as Council knows, typically you let Zoning Hearing Board handle applications unless the Council feels strongly one way or the other. If you do feel strongly the Council could either authorize him to send a letter with the Council's position on the application, or to attend, the hearing on Council's behalf to represent your position.

Ms. Burckley stated that if the Council takes no action the Zoning Hearing Board function as they normally would.

No action taken.

- C. Motion to award the Paradise Street Improvement – Phase 2 Project contract to Marino Corporation in the amount of \$1,408,884.60 as the lowest responsible bidder as recommended by the Borough Traffic Engineer contingent upon Chester County Department of Community Development approval.

Mr. Weiss made a Motion to award the Paradise Street Improvement – Phase 2 Project contract to Marino Corporation in the amount of \$1,408,884.60 as the lowest responsible bidder as recommended by the Borough Traffic Engineer contingent upon Chester County Department of Community Development approval. Seconded by Ms. Burckley.

Motion Approved 8-0.

- D. Motion to adopt the Investment Policy Statement for Phoenixville Borough Firefighter Pension Plan.

Ms. Burckley made a Motion to adopt the Investment Policy Statement for Phoenixville Borough Firefighter Pension Plan. Seconded by Mr. Weiss.

Motion Approved 8-0.

- E. Motion to approve the Second Amendment to Water Supply Agreement with Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.

Mr. Weiss made a Motion to approve the Second Amendment to Water Supply Agreement with Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. Seconded by Mr. Moore.

Motion Approved 8-0.

XI. Public Hearings

None.

XII. Resolutions/Ordinances

- A. Motion to approve a Resolution for the submission of a DCNR Grant for the Square @ Bridge and Main – Downtown Park.

Ms. Burckley made a Motion to approve a Resolution for the submission of a DCNR Grant for the Square @ Bridge and Main – Downtown Park. Seconded by Mr. Weiss.

Motion Approved 8-0.

- B. Motion to adopt a Resolution for Plan Revision for New Land Development for Kindergarten Center Development Sewer Tap-ins, Sewer Extension, and Pump Station as required by DEP.

Mr. Moore made a Motion to adopt a Resolution for Plan Revision for New Land Development for Kindergarten Center Development Sewer Tap-ins, Sewer Extension, and Pump Station as required by DEP. Seconded by Mrs. McGhee.

On the Question:

Mr. Denlinger clarified that this plan revision is for a sewer planning module. The development plan is not being revised.

Motion Approved 8-0.

- C. Motion to adopt a Resolution officially accepting the dedication by Bill of Sale of certain improvements constructed as a part of the Odessa Water/Sewer Project.

Mr. Moore made a Motion to adopt a Resolution officially accepting the dedication by Bill of Sale of certain improvements constructed as a part of the Odessa Water/Sewer Project. Seconded by Mr. Weiss.

Motion Approved 8-0.

XIII. Reports of Committees, Boards, and Commissions

- A. Historical and Architectural Review Board – Ms. Dugan
- B. Planning Commission - Mr. Moore
- C. Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee – Mrs. McGhee

Mrs. McGhee reported the topic of conversation at the Meeting has been data centers. Specifically, where they would be built and everyone is concerned with making the right decisions.

- D. Recreation Board – Ms. Dugan

Ms. Dugan reported on the upcoming programs and camps available through the Recreation Department including Mindful Movement Yoga, watercolor workshops, Mental Health Fun Day, park clean up days and the First Friday Kids Zone in the Main and Bridge Street Parking Lot.

- E. Tree Advisory Commission – Mr. Weiss

Mr. Weiss reported there is a lot of attention on our trees right now. There have recently been some trees removed by PECO that caught many members of the public and some members of the Tree Advisory Committee off guard. He reiterated that it has always been the intention of the Borough and the Tree Advisory Committee, by extension, to do the best at maintaining our urban tree canopy. This can be a challenging balancing act of ensuring the long-term vision of the Borough's canopy, ecological concerns ranging from habitat maintenance to concerns around invasive species, infrastructure concerns with power lines, etc., and of course, the safety of borough residents. These recent removals have triggered a review of our processes to see if, where, and how the Tree Advisory Committee and the Borough can best serve the community

F. Human Relations Commission – Ms. Burckley

Ms. Burckley reminded the commission meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the Recreation Center and the public is always welcome to the meetings.

XV. Council Action referred from:

A. Personnel and Public Safety Committee – Ms. Burckley

1. Motion to authorize the Civil Service Commission to begin the process of developing an Eligibility List for Patrol Officer for the Phoenixville Police Department and to approve a budget increase of \$13,000 for testing, interviews and background checks.

Ms. Burckley made a Motion to authorize the Civil Service Commission to begin the process of developing an Eligibility List for Patrol Officer for the Phoenixville Police Department and to approve a budget increase of \$13,000 for testing, interviews and background checks. Seconded by Mrs. McGhee.

On the Question:

Ms. Burckley explained the current list is exhausted and with the potential of resignations and retirements we're testing more often, that's the rationale for the budget increase for that testing.

Motion Approved 8-0.

B. Parks and Recreation Committee – Mr. Moore

1. No action to report.

C. Policy Committee – Mrs. Vogel

1. Motion to schedule and advertise an Ordinance amendment to Chapter 6, "Conduct," For the purpose of adding a new Part 13 "Immigration Enforcement" of the Code of Phoenixville Borough.

Mrs. Vogel made a Motion to schedule and advertise an Ordinance amendment to Chapter 6, "Conduct," For the purpose of adding a new Part 13 "Immigration Enforcement" of the Code of Phoenixville Borough. Seconded by Ms. Burckley.

On the Question:

Mrs. Vogel explained the language of the Ordinance is for the 287G

agreements and the commitment to not enter into a 287G.

Mr. Ewald stated he appreciates all the work that's gone into this, both between Staff and our policy members, to come up with this, and come up with it quickly, and intelligently.

Motion Approved 8-0.

2. Motion to schedule and advertise an Ordinance amendment to Chapter 1, "Administration and Government," to add a new Part 13 "Preservation of Borough Records" of the Code of Phoenixville Borough.

Mrs. Vogel made a Motion to schedule and advertise an Ordinance amendment to Chapter 1, "Administration and Government," to add a new Part 13 "Preservation of Borough Records" of the Code of Phoenixville Borough. Seconded by Ms. Burckley.

On the Question:

Mrs. Vogel explained this ordinance lays out the length of time the Borough keeps its records.

Motion Approved 8-0.

- D. Infrastructure/Technology/Transportation/Sustainability Committee – Mr. Weiss
 1. No action to report.
- E. Finance Committee – Ms. Dugan
 1. No action to report.

XV. Public Comment

Heidi Warning, resident and Tree Advisory Commission member. She stated she is here in support of the residents on their concerns for the removal of shade trees. She asked the Council for the following. The complete list of trees slated for recent and upcoming removal, be provided to TAC ahead of time and posted publicly. That lack of transparency is frustrating and avoidable. A closer, more proactive partnership between TAC and the Borough would prevent this, and she urges the Council to support this. The community deserves clarity on who makes removal decisions and the criteria used. Those reasons should be made public. Finally, the TAC is currently an advisory committee, and we can only advise on items brought to our attention in a timely manner. She stated she agrees with Mr. Ewald that we have many skilled people working hard for this community, and their efforts are appreciated. I only want to ensure that we are all working together to maintain and improve Phoenixville.

Andrew Dunn, resident. He thanked everyone who has already spoken about the trees and it was awesome seeing so many other people concerned about the trees as he is. He stated there has been a lot of studies about how canopy levels help decrease temperatures in homes, so this is something that, especially with rising energy costs throughout the country, that increasing our tree canopy and maintaining it is something that can help residents lower their electric bills.

XVI. Communications/Council Participation

Mr. Ewald thanked the Public Works employees for their hard work behind the scenes. He stated crews have been working on a ten-hour deployment to on the water system.

XVII. Staff Reports are in the packets.

- A. Manager
- B. Police
- C. Fire
- D. Planning and Codes
- E. Public Works
- F. Finance
- G. Human Resources
- H. Recreation

XVIII. Adjournment

8:35pm. Ms. Burckley made a Motion to Adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Weiss

E. Jean Krack
Borough Manager

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Administrative Assistant
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