The Borough of Bowmanstown Council Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2026

The Bowmanstown Borough Council meeting was called to order by President Pam Leiby at 7:00 PM, members present were Vice-President Wendy Borger, Robert Sikorsky, Ben Price, Norman Engle, Jr., Mayor Sean McDermott, Asst. Secretary/Asst. Treasurer Rebecca Gruber, Solicitor Lisa Pereira, and Engineer Jessica Rehrig. Kara Scott and Candace Rodrigues were absent.

❑ Visitors

1. Phyllis Kreiss
2. Paul Lupcho
3. Raine Neal -Gave information for the block party on July 11, 2026 and also the Library is Coming to Town Event on July 15th and July 22nd at the pavilion.
4. Beth Ritter-Guth -The Times News
5. Antoinette Mullen -Presented petition regarding Lincoln Ave. repairs.
6. Jake Kovacs -BRCTV 13
7. Mark Krofchok -owner of Utility Management Services (UMS) presenting Bowmanstown WWTP SBR process cycle and recommendations.

❑ Approval for

1. **Motion by Wendy Borger to approve the minutes of May 5, 2026 Borough Council Meeting, 2nd Robert Sikorsky, AIF-MC**
2. **Motion by Ben Price to approve the General Treasurer's Report dated June 2, 2026 and payment of the bills listed, 2nd Norman Engle, Jr., AIF-MC**
3. **Motion by Wendy Borger to approve the Sewer Treasurer's Report dated June 2, 2026 and payment of the bills listed, 2nd Ben Price, AIF-MC**
4. **Motion by Norman Engle, Jr., to approve the Garbage Treasurer's Report dated June 2, 2026 and payment of the bills listed, 2nd Robert Sikorsky, AIF-MC**

❑ Correspondence

Subject	Date	Summary
Minutes	05/19/26	Bowmanstown Water Authority Meeting Minutes May 19, 2026
Minutes	05/26/26	Bowmanstown Planning Commission Minutes from May 2026 meeting. SEE QUESTIONS on the minutes. **Motion by Ben Price for Solicitor Lisa Periera to draft an Ordinance regarding regulations of Data Centers, 2nd Wendy Borger, AIF-MC**

❑ Solicitor

1. **Motion by Norman Engle, Jr., for Solicitor Lisa Pereira to draft an agreement between the Borough and the Bowmanstown Post Office for lawn services in the amount of $50/mow, $200/month, 2nd Wendy Borger, AIF-MC**
2. **Motion by Ben Price to approve the Sewer Service Agreement with Mark Krofchok of Utility Management Services (UMS) along with the two additions that Mark submitted, 2nd Norman Engle, Jr., AIF-MC**

❑ Engineer

1. Jessica explained that she needs to make a few changes to the Lincoln Avenue project due to the residents doing the curbing work on their own. **Motion by Wendy Borger to approve the $2983.00 to move forward with the project, 2nd Robert Sikorsky, AIF-MC**
2. The Borough will need to come up with the additional money to cover the ADA ramps that is not covered by the CDBG as it is now estimated at $154,000.
3. **Motion by Wendy Borger authorizing Benesch to prepare Annual PADEP MS-4 Report by September 30, 2026, deadline, 2nd Robert Sikorsky, AIF-MC**
4. **Motion by Wendy Borger to include the DCED Multi Modal Grant for Lincoln Ave Phase 2, 2nd Ben Price, AIF-MC**
5. **Motion by Norman Engle, Jr., to authorize the Engineer to apply for the DCED Multi Modal Grant for Lincoln Ave Phase 2, 2nd Wendy Borger, AIF-MC**
6. Jess stated she will be on vacation for the July council meeting

❑ Unfinished Business

1. Discussion of the selling of the 2015 Ford F350 with plow for the amount of $21,340 on Municibid.

❑ New Business

1. President Leiby stated she would reach out the Anna Scuderi in regards to the Notice of Acquisition/Notice of Appraisal provided by the PA Turnpike to begin the process. Lisa recommended Pam recuse herself from the situation since she works for the PA Turnpike. Wendy Borger will take over any PA Turnpike matters. Lisa stated that council should at least have an appraiser review the appraisal received by the PA Turnpike.
2. **Motion by Wendy Borger to authorize Engineer to complete the Hazard Mitigation Worksheets with assistance from the office, 2nd Ben Price, AIF-MC**
3. **Motion by Ben Price for the office to prepare a resolution of support requesting the General Assembly to continue the Public Safety Emergency Act to include the $2.20 final amount, 2nd Norman Engle, Jr., R. Sikorsky Nay, 5-1 vote, MC**
4. Clair Troxell is requesting cancellation of garbage service for 614-616 Ore Street and putting a dumpster at the property for the apartments.
5. Department of Agriculture Request for Compliance, asking for our Certificate of Insurance for Pesticide Application; as Chris Bixler was the certified individual, does council wish the cancel the license. Council said to cancel it.

❑ Committee Reports

Fire

1. Fire Chief's Report for April 2026
2. Received Financial Statement dated April 30, 2026

Law

1. Norman Engle, Jr., questioned whether to segregate curbing & sidewalks or keep as one ordinance. Jess Rehrig suggested to put language in the ordinance to allow exceptions related to the grading issues of the sidewalks.

Personnel

1. Pam Leiby and Wendy Borger will discuss date and time to meet with Rebecca Gruber and Timothy Phillips for their 90-day reviews.
2. Doug Larsen's evaluation

Budget & Finance

1. Received $258.69 from Carbon County Tax Claim Bureau for April 2026
2. Received $3.58 from Carbon County Court of Common Pleas Vehicle, Crimes Code and Miscellaneous Income Report for April 2026
3. Received Notice of Payment; State Police Fines and Penalties payment in the amount of $210.09 paid on June 1, 2026

Property & Special

1. Inspection on playground-some items will need to be addressed.

Sewer, Sanitation, & Water Liaison

1. **Motion by Robert Sikorsky to approve the final payment in the amount of $33,193.59 for Payment Application No. 3 submitted by MGK Industries for the WWTP Chlorine Contact Tank Project, 2nd Ben Price, AIF-MC.**
2. Project closeout documents submitted by MGK, including the contractor's Affidavit of Release of Liens, Contractor's Waiver of Lien, subcontractor/supplier release documentation, and Consent of Surety to Final Payment.
3. Council rescheduled the sewer plant tour with Mark Krofchok on Friday, June 5, 2026 at 3:00pm
4. Mark presented Council with the processes and operations of the WWTP. Mark's recommendations were also discussed for the continuing operations of the WWTP.

Streets

1. Discuss list of significant potholes on Lincoln Avenue submitted by resident Antoinette Mullen. Pam Leiby stated that borough was applying for a grant and hopefully signatures would not be needed for that grant.
2. **Motion by Ben Price authorizing the purchase of 30 gallons of industrial vinegar (weed killer) from Tractor Supply at a cost of $839.84 including delivery charge, 2nd Wendy Borger, AIF-MC**
3. Council would like to remind residents that it is of utmost importance to allow the borough crew to work without hassle and/or interruption.

4. Pothole patching
5. **Motion by Norman Engle, Jr., to authorize purchase double-sided manhole hook in the amount of $286.90 w/free shipping, 2nd Wendy Borger, AIF-MC**
6. **Motion by Robert Sikorsky to authorize purchase of a Stihl FS91 Gas Trimmer (weedwhacker) in the amount of $455.79, 2nd Wendy Borger, AIF-MC**

- **Mayor**
  1. Mayor Sean McDermott is meeting with Tom Chapman of Dugan & Marcon regarding the bell tower for a quote for next month's meeting. Sean discussed adding more permanent structures such as a ladder for safer access.
  2. In regards to locking the lower gate at the ballfield, if issues arise again regarding vehicles driving on the field, etc., Mayor Sean McDermott will only act if the issue is persistent.

- **Other Business**
  1. **Motion by Wendy Borger to amend the agenda to add request from Bowmanstown Palmerton Baseball/Softball Association for use of the facilities for a fundraising event that would be held on either Sunday, July 12, 2026 or Saturday, July 18th, 2026, 2nd by Norman Engle, Jr., AIF-MC**
  2. **Motion by Norman Engle, Jr., to allow use of the ballfield for a fundraising event by Bowmanstown Palmerton Baseball/Softball Association on either Sunday, July 12, 2026 or Saturday, July 18, 2026, 2nd Wendy Borger, AIF-MC**

- **Motion by Norman Engle, Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM, 2nd Ben Price, AIF-MC**

Respectfully submitted by Rebecca S. Gruber, Asst. Secretary