

Borough of Carlisle
Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2026
6:00 PM

Present at the meeting: Deputy Mayor Perry, Councilors James, Mellen, Roos, Shiles, and Ambassador Pimental. Also present were Borough Manager Armstrong, Assistant Borough Manager Juday, Finance Director Cohen, Water Resources Director Abeln, Sustainable Community and Economic Planning Director Woolston, Borough Engineer & Director of Transportation and Waste Management Bergsten, Parks and Recreation Director Crouse, HR Director Berrier, Public Information Coordinator Taylor, and Borough Secretary Blair.

Mayor Shultz and Councilor Stuby were absent.

Deputy Mayor Perry called the Council Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Citizens to be Heard-None

II. Presentations

Corey Flythe, Water Resources Operations Manager, provided a Post Weather Emergency Events follow-up outlining the extent of the recent snowfall and subsequent damage to Borough water mains, along with the amount of man and contract hours required to handle everything throughout the Borough. He indicated that the Borough addressed more water main breaks in that short period of time as would be addressed in an entire year due to the age of the infrastructure, and noted the ongoing work being done to update that system. Mr. Flythe then introduced his team leaders, Mike Boswell, Jason Pote, Justin Mahoney, and Jimmy Reese, and expressed his appreciation for their dedication and hard work.

Members of Council, Deputy Mayor Perry, Cate Mellen, Mitch Shiles, and Rachel James also praised the Public Works team for their hard work and dedication to the community.

Councilor Roos inquired about the number of water main breaks in hope the Borough had addressed any weak points that would have eventually occurred throughout the upcoming year.

III. Public Works

1. Borough Council voted 5-0 to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor as signature authority for the Utility Reimbursement Agreement with PennDOT as part of the PennDOT Roadway Resurfacing Project on East High Street (SR 74) and York Road (SR 641), and furthermore

Borough Council may adopt a resolution authorizing the Deputy Mayor to execute the Utility Reimbursement Agreement with PennDOT for manhole elevation adjustments, select manhole frame/cover replacements, and water valve elevation adjustments, subject to satisfactory review and approval by the Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor. (Mellen/Shiles)

2. Borough Council voted 5-0 to authorize the Deputy Mayor to execute a Cumberland County Countywide Action Plan (Clean Water Program) Block Grant Agreement with Cumberland County granting the Borough an award of \$200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Dollars) to support the Orange Street Basin Retrofit project, subject to the Borough Manager's and Solicitor's final review and approval of the terms of the agreement. (Mellen/Shiles)

IV. Sustainable Community & Economic Development

1. Jeff Bergsten, Director of Transportation and Waste Management, provided a Vision Zero Update highlighting a Safe Streets & Roads Grant, transportation signage improvement and initiatives along with crash data for 2025.
2. Jared Woolston, Director of Sustainable Community and Economic Development expanded upon the data provided in the Vision Zero update, then noted the upcoming public Active Transportation meetings regarding crash data analysis, driver behavior and street design, and an interactive workshop.

Councilor Mellen commented that she feels safer with the "lead pedestrian interval" signal safety timing upgrade that has been implemented, and she would like more details on the crash data.

Councilor Roos inquired how the crash data was calculated, indicated she will advocate for a 25-mph speed limit change through downtown.

Councilor James thanked both Directors for the work that went into the presentations and requested more detail on the crash data for scooters vs. e-bikes.

V. New Business-None

VI. Public Comment-None

VII. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm

Sean M. Shultz, Mayor

Patricia Blair, Borough Secretary