

**BENSALEM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday
February 9th, 2026**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Tokmajian, Jr., Council President
Jesse Sloane, Council Vice President
Joe Wenzel, Jr., Council Secretary
Joseph Knowles, Council Member

SUPPORTING STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Joseph DiGirolamo
Ken Ferris, Township Solicitor
Randy Flager, Special Counsel/Conflict Counsel
Debora McBreen, Council Clerk/Recording Secretary
Joseph Pizzo, Township Solicitor
Philip Wursta, Township Engineer

PLEASE NOTE:

The minutes are not verbatim but rather a synopsis of what transpired during the meeting, and while I do my best to attribute remarks and questions to the correct individual, there may be mistakes or omissions because of the “back and forth” dialogue and the lack of the use of their microphone.

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING:

Council President Tokmajian opened the meeting with a moment of silence and/or prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS, MAYOR AND STAFF:

Council President Tokmajian introduced Council Members and Supporting Staff.

Solicitor Pizzo indicated that Council met in an Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes. Present for the Executive Session were the four members of Council, the Mayor, Mr. Ferris and Mr. Wursta. One matter was discussed and that was a matter of pending litigation. No official action was taken during the Executive Session and no official action will be required this evening as a result of that Executive Session.

Council President Tokmajian indicated that Councilman Kisselback is improving. He is in good spirits and hopes to be at the next meeting.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Council President Tokmajian indicated the Public Comment will be heard at the time the agenda item is heard. Seeing no one come forward the first of two Public Comments was closed.

4. **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:**

Councilman Knowles motioned to approve the Council Meeting Minutes from November 24th, 2025, December 8th, 2025 and January 5th, 2026 as presented. **Council Secretary Wenzel** seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

5. **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM CONTRACT AWARDED BY THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF BUCKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$118,900 REGARDING THE BUCKS COUNTY POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:**

John Chaykowski, Director of Administration, indicated that the Redevelopment Authority Grant has been able to fund this program and this year's allotment is for \$118,900. The Resolution is before Council to approve and accept those funds. The Grant identifies Director Chaykowski and the Mayor as authorized signers for and administer the Grant funds applied for.

Council Secretary Sloane asked if this was a Township match Grant?

Director Chaykowski indicated that this was part of the Casino Rebate that the Redevelopment Authority gets and there is no Township portion. This Grant covers the software cost as well as the storage cost for the software.

Solicitor Pizzo indicated that in the case of this Grant, as well as the next two that Council will be dealing with, the funds that fund these are monies from the Casinos. These are hosts monies that are distributed by statute, and in this case, are administered by the RDA for various projects throughout the County. The process that the RDA has employed since the program began is the applications are submitted typically in November for approval by the RDA. Once approved by the RDA they then require these administration contracts.

Council is now being asked to close the loop by approving the contracts for the administration and issuance of the Grants that were applied for and approved during 2025.

Council Secretary Wenzel asked if this was a one-time Software? Or is this something the Township has to renew every year?

Director Chaykowski indicated that it was an annual Software Agreement and storage for the data that goes along with the software company. This is applied on behalf of all of the Police Chiefs Association for all of Bucks County. Bensalem is the host but it applies for multiple municipalities.

Council Vice President Sloane motioned to approve the Resolution to accept the municipal Grant Program Contract in the amount of \$118,900 for the Bucks County Police Chiefs Association of Records Management System. **Councilman Knowles** seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

6. **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM CONTRACT AWARDED BY THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF BUCKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,000 REGARDING TOWNS AGAINST GRAFFITI:**

Director Chaykowski indicated that each municipality that participates in the program has an annual fee that they pay as well, \$5,000 if you are a Township, \$3,000 if you are a borough. The program consists of graffiti removal which was the original intent of the T.A.G. program that was instituted by Bensalem Township. Also allocated in this program is trash pick-up which the Township was able to start utilizing last year, and will be instituted along with the graffiti program. The trash is brought back to the Township and then a dumpster is allocated specifically for that removal.

Council Vice President Sloane asked if the Township has seen the areas that are most affected and would assume that it would be in the vicinity of I-95 and the Turnpike. All which pass-through Bensalem Township.

Director Chaykowski indicated that they are the worst areas along with the rail lines. The Turnpike is not as bad as I-95 which is a difficult area. With the assistance from PennDOT and the State Police and the Township Police have done removal of trash along I-95.

Council Vice President Sloane asked how much was spent on the program last year.

Director Chaykowski indicated that in the last two years the Township has not dipped into any of the reserves that the program has generated. The Grant program itself has been able to fund the program completely. Three years ago, the Township had to purchase a new power-washer which was a large purchase and that year the Township had to dip into the reserves.

Council Vice President Sloane indicated that it says if the funds are not expended or the project is not substantially completed by December 31st, 2026 the funding will revert back to the Authority.

Director Chaykowski indicated that the Township keeps in touch with the contractor throughout the year in the event that he is in the need of any equipment or maintenance to his equipment before the end of the year, and in that event the funds are completely utilized.

Council Vice President Sloane indicated that he was aware of how government spending works and wanted to make sure the trash and graffiti were be handled properly and would rather be focused on any potentially additional funds being handled that way.

Director Chaykowski indicated that the trash and graffiti are the Township's number one priority.

Councilman Knowles indicated that there is a theory with graffiti that if you remove it, it is less likely to come back.

Director Chaykowski indicated that if there is any resident that has graffiti that appears on their own personal fence, the Township will come out and take care of that as well. The information for the T.A.G. program can be found on the Township website.

Council Vice President Sloane motioned to approve the Resolution to accept the Municipal Grant Program in the amount of \$175,000 regarding Towns Against Graffiti. Councilman Knowles seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

7. **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM CONTRACT AWARDED BY THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF BUCKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,150 REGARDING BENSLEM EMS DEVELOPMENT ORION PROGRAM:**

Director Chaykowski indicated that this was a request by the Rescue Squad as a subgrantee which the Township submitted on their behalf. They are looking to start a new program that will service not just Bensalem but different areas in Bucks County in which they can actually transport live plasma to sites, and be able to do a blood transfusion on site should an individual need it. The \$21,150 is strictly for the equipment which is a refrigerator that houses the plasma as well as the equipment to transport it in the vehicles. The program will run Monday through Friday. This is not 24/7 because a supervisor will be the one who will be carrying the plasma with them, but it will be an expanded number of hours. If need be they will also run this in the stroke truck if there is not a supervisor out on the road.

Council Vice President Sloane indicated that this sounded like an awesome program and asked where the donations from the plasma come from?

Director Chaykowski indicated that the Bensalem Rescue Squad has worked out a program to have the plasma come out of Jefferson Hospital.

Councilman Knowles indicated that Jefferson gets the plasma from the Red Cross which is where he donates his blood and he can track it as to where his blood is going.

Council Vice President Sloane motioned to approve the Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Municipal Grant Program contract in the amount of \$21,150 regarding Bensalem EMS Department ORION Program. **Councilman Knowles** seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION FOR ACT NO. 537, PA SEWAGE FACILITIES ACT, PLAN REVISION FOR NEW LAND DEVELOPMENT OF A PARCEL OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS 3743, 3805 AND 3825 HULMEVILLE ROAD:**

Solicitor Pizzo indicated that the Resolution was for the three parcels of land that are across from the Bensalem Library that is the future home of the Bensalem Masjid. As part of the development process for that site the applicant is required to assure that sufficient sewage conveyance and treatment capacity exists in the respective systems of the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority and the Philadelphia Water Department. That process includes an application for and amendment for the Township's Sewage Facilities Plan or the Act 537 Plan.

Council is being asked to approve the Resolution that would authorize an amendment to the Township's Act 537 Plan, and provide for the connection into the Township's sewer facilities

for the new mosque that would be constructed on the subject property. In the supporting documents the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority has reviewed it and has certified that sufficient capacity exists in their conveyance and treatment facilities. DEP does require that the Township approve the amendment to the 537 Plan as well.

The Resolution before Council is in a form required by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and is in a form acceptable for Council's consideration and approval.

Council President Tokmajian indicated that these planning modules also come before the Bucks County Planning Commission.

Solicitor Pizzo indicated that he is sure that they are at least reviewed by them.

Council Secretary Wenzel motioned to accept the Resolution Act 537, PA Sewage Facility Act, Plan revision for 3743, 3805 and 3825 Hulmeville Road. **Council Vice President Sloane** seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

9. **CONSIDERATION OF A MINOR LAND DEVELOPMENT FOR:**

Applicant:	James Tee (Creative Architectural Metals, Inc.)
Location:	1642 Woodhaven Drive
Proposed Use:	Industrial – Addition to building
Zoning Classification:	L-I Light Industrial
Tax Parcel:	02-060-013-003

The applicant, Mr. James Mee, submitted proof of delivery notifications that were sent to the adjacent property owners to Solicitor Pizzo for review. The notices appeared to be in order and indicated that the notices went out for the hearing dated January 26th, 2026. Due to the snow emergency the Council meeting that evening was cancelled. The public was advised that if anyone who would have come here for business scheduled to be heard on January 26th, 2026, they were told it would be heard by Council on February 9th, 2026.

Special Counsel Flager verified that the applicant was expanding his business 4,000 ft. According to the plans the applicant is going to increase the sewer capacity to make up for the fact that the gravel driveway was never considered; And confirmed with the applicant That this rectifies the situation.

Mr. Mee indicated that the addition was going to be mainly used for storage.

Special Counsel Flager asked the applicant what he would be storing there?

Mr. Mee indicated that he manufactures custom metal products.

Special Counsel Flager asked the applicant if this would provide additional employment for the residents in surrounding area? Will he have to hire more people with the expansion?

Mr. Mee indicated that it could be possible, it depends.

Council Vice President Sloane indicated that he was looking over the review letter from WK2 Consultants dated December 22nd, 2025 and there are a number of items that were identified as requirements and asked The Township Engineer, Phil Wursta to discuss the applicant's requests.

Engineer Wursta indicated that many of the letters that have been sent to Mr. Mee are with regard to stormwater and rectifying the things that are listed within the Township Engineer's letter. Those include stormwater calculations and what is being built specifically. Everyone of the things listed have some issues. For instance, curbs and sidewalk relief that the applicant would be asking for. There is also the issuance of HD pipe in lieu of concrete pipe which is a Township Ordinance and requires a waiver.

Everything listed on the review letter were not compliant. The applicant will need to comply with everything listed in the review letters including the Township Fire Marshall and the Police Department with regard to their comments as well. This needs to be done to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer, Fire Marshall, Police Department as well as Council.

It is not usual to have nothing completed. As long as the applicant is willing to accept it as to the satisfaction of each of the entities previously referred to.

It would be okay to act and approve it based upon it existing as a business within the Township, that expanding their business and perhaps adding some jobs.

Councilman Knowles indicated that it is 3,000 ft which is not a lot for a warehouse, and said that there could be fees involved, but those fees are unknown because it is not sure if there will be additional employees. When would he determine whether he had new employees or not?

Engineer Wursta indicated that it was one of the questions in the review letter that was asked and that they would have to determine if there were going to be any employees. This goes in front of the Impact Fee Committee who makes the determination associated with that.

The stormwater chart was not completed and will need to be completed in order for the applicant to be compliant. It is a small piece of property and the applicant is rectifying the gravel lot as well in regard to the stormwater management.

Councilman Knowles asked who did the first five years of the stormwater management scale?

Engineer Wursta indicated that he had placed a call with the applicants engineer or landscape architect, Mike Gladnick but did not receive a call back.

Councilman Knowles asked Engineer Wursta if he thought under normal circumstances, since it was a small addition to the back of the applicant's property, if Council chose to approve it conditioned upon the Township's approval for the Engineering?

Council President Tokmajian indicated that typically looking at prior plans Council would see a list of the variances and waivers and would know exactly what Council was approving. Then asked Engineer Wursta if the ones that he notated were they all inclusive of all the ones that are going to be involved in this approval?

Engineer Wursta indicated that other than this being a business in Bensalem, it was not ready for Council.

Engineer Wursta indicated that there were no waivers requested and the review letter had comments that needed to be addressed.

Council President Tokmajian asked Solicitor Pizzo if Council were to table this item would the applicant be required to notify again?

Solicitor Pizzo indicated that if Council were to table it to a date certain the question would go to the applicant as to how much time he would need to accomplish all of the things that needed to be accomplished. Council could continue this hearing to a date certain of a future Council meeting and the applicant would not have to renotify the neighboring properties. If Council were to just table this indefinitely until everything that needs to be accomplished is accomplished, then at whatever point in time it's ready to come back, then the neighboring property owners would have to be re-notified.

Council Vice President Sloane indicated that it just seems like there's another iteration that has to go down here with the applicant's engineer and the Township Engineer. He does not have a problem with the notion of the addition, but there's a lot of questions here just as far as making sure it meets the code requirements. There are things like fire lanes. The sidewalks are seen as less of an issue. Stormwater Management is a big one, especially in the area of where the applicant is located. Council wants to make sure this is a project that is not going to negatively impact that, it will only positively impact that.

Mr. Mee told Council whatever they needed he would get for them.

Council President Tokmajian indicated that they are a governmental body that is going to approve a plan and just wanted to make sure they have a complete package before they make that decision.

Council President Tokmajian asked Mr. Mee if he would be able to work with Engineer Wursta to come back to the first Council meeting in March which is March 9th, 2026. That would essentially give the applicant 30 days to rectify all of the items on the plan.

Solicitor Pizzo indicated that if it was not enough time and that date approaches, the applicant and Engineer Wursta can determine if more time is needed, and then they can let Council Clerk McBreen know and have it placed on the agenda purely to be tabled forward to a subsequent date.

Council Vice President Sloane motioned to table agenda item #9 the minor land development plan for 1642 Woodhaven Drive to a date certain of March 9th, 2026. Council Secretary Wenzel seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

10. CONSIDERATION OF 6 ESCROW RELEASES:

Engineer Wursta explained that every Council meeting generally there's an Escrow Release associated with developments within the Township. The contractors and developers get done a certain amount of work and they will issue a request for an Escrow Release where the Township's Inspectors will go out and make sure all of the required things are done that were requested.

A. Developers Request: Faith Unity – Releases #5
Location: Richlieu Road
Tax Parcel: 2-1-55-002
Amount: \$8,500.00

Council President Tokmajian indicated that there has been no start to their construction and asked if they had a separate escrow for the building itself?

Engineer Wursta indicated that they are closing out the first phase of their project which is the underground work. Engineer Wursta believes that they will have to come back with a new escrow associated with the new plan for Phase 2.

Solicitor Pizzo indicated that the project was approved as an entire development and Council allowed it to be developed in phases. Phase 1 being the installation of all of the infrastructure that was going to allow the Masjid, in this case Faith Unity, to do fund raising of the construction of the new mosque. The Developer’s Agreement at this point covering all of the Phase 1 activity.

When they are ready to commence with the construction of the structure itself, new escrows will be put into place to cover all of the public improvements associated with that.

Council President Tokmajian thanked Solicitor Pizzo for clarifying that.

Council President Tokmajian indicated that he knew that the Township had a lot of issues with this in terms of water management with this property, and asked Engineer Wursta if he was confident that all of the water management has been rectified?

Engineer Wursta indicated that until they build, yes.

Council President Tokmajian indicated that it runs along Richlieu and then hits that pipe that runs underneath Richlieu, and the run-off was creating too much water when it was hitting that pipe and creating issues on Richlieu Road.

Engineer Wursta indicated yes and at the same time they had to redo their whole stormwater management system because the previous one did not work.

Councilman Knowles indicated that a lot of their water issues were from the first one that didn’t work. Then it got around that it wasn’t working and they had to completely redo a new system. This is the new system that has been inspected.

Council President Tokmajian asked if the improvements that have been completed so far are satisfactory?

Engineer Wursta responded, yes.

Councilman Knowles asked what the \$4,000 was for?

Council Vice President Sloane indicated that it was for Outlet Structure and Fire Hydrant, and asked if this has not been done at all?

Engineer Wursta indicated that it had not been installed.

Council Vice President Sloane indicated that he had problems with the hydrant not being installed and recognize that they are not releasing the funds. He is more concerned that they applied for a release of the escrow without even doing the work.

Regarding the outlet structure, it indicates that it is holding until modifications are completed. What are the modifications for that?

Engineer Wursta indicated that most of the time they don't know what they are missing until the Township tells them what they are missing at the time.

Council Vice President Sloane asked about the Outlet Structure modifications and what exactly is required?

Engineer Wursta was not quite sure of those modifications.

Councilman Knowles motioned to approve the release for \$8,500 leaving the remaining amount of \$4,000 subject to an audit by the Finance Department for Faith Unity, Richlieu Rd. for Phase 1 only. **Council Vice President Sloane** seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Engineer Wursta indicated that he would find out what that modification is and get back to Council President Tokmajian with that information.

B. Developers Request: 700 Bristol Pike – Release #1
Location: 700 Bristol Pike
Tax Parcel: 02-031-001
Amount: \$671,499.50

Council Vice President Sloane inquired about line 2 under General Conditions the Supervision and Project Management. There is a portion recommended for release but the note at the bottom says “holding percentage due to amount of construction that has been completed” and asked how that was calculated.

Engineer Wursta indicated that the projects are inspected by the Township Senior Municipal Inspection Manager, Quinton Nearon and is very stringent, but could not answer as to how it is calculated.

Council Secretary Wenzel asked Mr. Wursta if he was relying on the Site Engineer to tell him whether he feels this should be released?

Council members indicated that Quinton Nearon works for the Township.

Council Vice President Sloane indicated that footnote number 4 says “line items to be checked once area is accessible”. “Installation was underway previously” but are all recommended for the full release but need to be checked. Why release the funds if they still need to be checked.

Council President Tokmajian indicated footnote 2 as well and asked Engineer Wursta if this Escrow Release should be tabled?

Engineer Wursta agreed to have the Escrow Release for 700 Bristol Pike tabled.

Council Vice President Sloane motioned to table agenda item 10B, escrow release #1 for 700 Bristol Pike. **Councilman Knowles** seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Tabled to a date certain of February 23rd, 2026.

- C. **Developers Request:** **TIC Associates, Phase I – Release #3**
Location: 4626 Somerton Road
Tax Parcel: 02-003-002
Amount: **\$88,329.65**

Council President Tokmajian suggested that it would be nice to know how many phases certain projects have and is it similar to Faith Unity.

Engineer Wursta indicated that there are only 2 phases for TIC. One phase for Federation Housing and 2500 State Road Holdings, LLC is one phase.

There are two phases for TIC because after they built the first one, they made changes and this is associated with the second phase.

Council Vice President Sloane motioned to approve release number 3 TIC Associates phase one in the amount of \$88,329.65 subject to an audit by the Finance Department. **Council Secretary Wenzel** seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

- D. **Developers Request:** **TIC Associates, Phase 2 – Release #3**
Location: 4626 Somerton Road
Tax Parcel: 02-003-002
Amount: **\$279,750.20**

Councilman Knowles motioned to approve escrow release number 3 for TIC Associates phase 2 4626 Somerton Road in the amount of \$279,750.20 leaving a remaining balance of \$100,000 to complete the other items subject to an Audit by the Finance Department. **Council Vice President Sloane** seconded and the motioned carried 4-0.

- E. **Developers Request:** **2500 State Road Holdings, LLC – Release #4**
Location: 2500 State Road & 625 Imperial Court
Tax Parcel: 02-065-020 & 02-061-292
Amount: **\$40,923.88**

Council Vice President Sloane asked if the two addresses are adjacent to each other?

Solicitor Pizzo indicated that they are two adjacent parcels that are being handled under a single development plan. It is just happenstance that one has a State Road address and one has an address from Imperial Court and all a part of the steel property.

Council Vice President Sloane motioned to approve escrow release number four for 2500 State Road Holdings, LLC, 2500 State Road and 625 Imperial Court in the amount of \$40,923.88 subject to an audit by the Finance Department. **Council Secretary Wenzel** seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

- F. **Developers Request:** **Federation Housing – Release #9**
Location: 4695 Somerton Road
Tax Parcel: 02-003-006-003
Amount: **\$123,963.70**

Council President Tokmajian asked if there were any water management issues.

Engineer Wursta indicated that they did a tremendous amount of stormwater down there.

Council Vice President Sloane motioned to approve release number 9, Federation Housing located at 4695 Somerton Road in the amount of \$123,963.70 subject to an audit by the Finance Department. Councilman Knowles seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

11. **REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF CURBS AND SIDEWALK INSTALLATION SUBJECT TO PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF REQUEST:**

Engineer Wursta indicated that the request came from Quinton Nearon, Township Senior Municipal Inspection Manager and is recommending that the curb be installed and to waive the sidewalk installation. A fee in the amount of \$14,850.00 should be paid to the Township for the sidewalk waiver.

Council Vice President Sloane motioned to approve the request for waiver of sidewalk installation, but not of curbs, and require a fee in lieu of in the amount of \$14,850.00 should be paid to the Township for the sidewalk waiver. Councilman Knowles seconded and the motion carried 4 -0.

12. **CONSIDERATION AND PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 225 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC ARTICLE II TRAFFIC REGULATIONS SECTION 6 APPENDIX A:**

Stop Sign	Direction of Travel	At Intersection Of
Amwell Street	Eastbound	Judson Drive
Amwell Street	Westbound	Judson Drive

Solicitor Pizzo indicated that Administration received numerous complaints about cars speeding on Amwell Street in the area of Judson Drive. As a result, the Township Traffic Safety Department headed up by Officer Muller conducted a Traffic Evaluation and determined that approximately 70% of the vehicles using the roadway are traveling above the posted speed limit of 25 miles an hour. The configuration of the road is a long straight roadway which creates a situation for vehicles to travel faster than the speed limit.

It is Officer Muller's recommendation to the Mayor and the Mayor's recommendation to Council that two Stop Signs be installed along Amwell Street at Judson Drive. There currently is a Stop Sign on Judson coming into Amwell.

If Council approves the Ordinance and the recommendations of the Traffic Safety Officer and the Administration, Stop Signs will be installed on Amwell both in the eastbound and westbound directions creating a three-way intersection controlled by Stop Signs in all directions.

The ordinance is in a form acceptable for Council's consideration and has been properly advertised in the Bucks County Courier Times. The proof of advertising has been submitted to Council with their paperwork.

Council President Tokmajian asked if placing a Stop Sign Ahead sign to forewarn vehicular traffic would be considered?

Please note that Officer Muller was in Council chambers on duty and responded positively to Council President Tokmajian.

Council Vice President Sloane asked if a traffic study is done after the installation of the Stop Sign?

Officer Muller responded yes.

Council Vice President Sloane motioned to approve the ordinance amending Chapter 225 Vehicles and Traffic Article II Traffic Regulations Section 6 Appendix A to allow for the installation of Stop Signs at the intersection of Amwell Street and Judson Drive. Councilman Knowles seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council President Tokmajian asked if there was anyone in the audience who would like to speak. Seeing no one come forward the second Public Comment was closed.

14. OTHER BUSINESS:

Council Vice President Sloane wished Councilman Kisselback a speedy recovery and looking forward to sitting with him again. Thanked the Public Works Department who do a fabulous job through the brutal snow and ice storm. Looks like we are headed into a thaw, hopefully.

Council President Knowles thanked the Public Works Department for the wonderful job that they did with the snow and ice storm. Wished everyone a Happy Chinese New Year. It is actually the Lunar New Year for most Asian communities. "*gong hee fot choy*"

Council President Tokmajian wanted to reiterate that it has been many, many years since Bensalem has seen this kind of snow storm and Public Works did a phenomenal job. Also, he thanked our Public Safety, Police, Fire and EMS as well.

Council Secretary Wenzel indicated the Bensalem's Ice Hockey Team has a first time ever championship game coming up against Quakertown and wished our Bensalem Hockey Team the best of luck!

Council President Tokmajian indicated that he knows that there are folks out there that are struggling with heating bills and shared a list of governmental agencies that could be of some help. Utility Assistance through Bucks County Opportunity Council, LIHEAP – Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, applications are available from December 3rd through April 10th, 2026, Dollar Energy Fund Program which is a Pennsylvania hardship program and must apply with LIHEAP first. Utility-Sponsored Customer Assistance Programs and you must reach out to your utility provider, dial 211 or visit PA Navigate for referrals to energy bill aid and local assistance agencies.

Solicitor Pizzo indicated although the Bensalem Township Golf Course is not open, the Owl's Nest remains open during this time of year. They are serving lunch and are open for Happy Hour, check out their menu on the website www.bensalemtownshipcc.com

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no other business to discuss, Council Vice President Sloane motioned to adjourn, Council Secretary Wenzel seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

The Bensalem Township Council Meeting of February 9th, 2026 can be viewed in its entirety at the following websites:

www.bensalenpa.gov

or

www.youtube.com

Respectfully Submitted,

Debora F. McBreen
Recording Secretary