

NORRISTOWN MUNICIPALITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2026

The Council Meeting of Tuesday, March 3, 2026 was called to order by Council President, Rashaad Bates, at 6:30 PM in Municipal Hall Chambers, 235 East Airy Street, Norristown, PA.

There was a **Moment of Silence** followed by the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

The following Council members were in attendance:

William McCoy
Mydera Robinson
Natalie Colson
Jasmine Griffen
David McMahan
Dustin Queenan
Rashaad Bates

Also in attendance were:

Sean Kilkenny, Municipal Solicitor; Michael Trail, Norristown Police Chief; Jayne Musonye, Director of Planning; Richard Lockhart, Deputy Fire Chief; Keith Gordon, Manager, Building & Codes Enforcement; Lisa Bobyock, Executive Director, Keep Norristown Beautiful; Tom O'Donnell, Norristown Fire Chief

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

There was a **motion by Council Vice President Queenan, seconded by Councilwoman Colson**, to approve the Minutes from the February 17, 2026 Council Work Session. **The motion passed unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Council President Bates noted there was an Informational Executive Session before the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Vice President Queenan announced that there is a Spanish translator in the back of the room for anyone needing translation of the Council Meeting.

“Norristown Recreation Basketball Spring League ‘26” April 13th through June 12th. 2 Games per week. Age groups: 5-7, 8-10, 11-13, 14-18. Registration ends March 23rd. Registration Fee is \$60. Online registration only. Reach out to cody.jones@norristown.gov.

“Town Hall” with Councilman McMahon at the Norristown Library from 6 to 7:45 pm to discuss the Library renovations and get Community input.

RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

There were no questions that required a response.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rocco, Kohn Street – He said there is noise that comes from animals and music at 846 Kohn Street. He said it costs the County and the State money. He said that cars are parked illegally on Beech Street. He said his neighbor’s house shakes from the loud music. He said this town has never been so loud or dirty. He told Council to put their foot down. He said the Landlord doesn’t call back. He said he can’t turn at George & Beech Streets because of how the cars are parked. He said they don’t get tickets.

Alvina Hamme – She thanked this Council for being the most accessible. She asked if Council would bring awareness to houses being turned into rental apartments. She said it is not an investment. She said it brings big issues. She said a neighbor tried to post this info on social media and was removed. She asked if Council could amplify attention to this at the Zoning Hearing Board.

PRESENTATIONS

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and Keep Norristown Beautiful present Steward for Tomorrow Youth Award

Lisa Bobyock, Executive Director, Keep Norristown Beautiful, presented Grayson Anthony McCoy with the KPB/KNB Steward for Tomorrow Youth Award. There was a Power Point which highlighted the activities that Grayson was involved with. Ms. Bobyock noted that 800 lbs. of litter was collected and Grayson also assisted with the Rain Barrell Workshops. She said he was also involved in the National Night Out event and said he is a deserving recipient of this honor.

Grayson thanked everyone involved and his Mom and Dad.

Councilwoman Robinson thanked him and said she is very proud of him. She said he is in the same class as her son and wants him to know he is a peer Superhero.

DCED Fire Service Study Presentation

There was a **motion by Council Vice President Queenan, seconded by Councilwoman Colson**, to table this item. **The motion passed unanimously.**

First Responder and Civilian Life-Saving Awards

Council President Bates read the wording on the Awards. He presented the first Award which was a Merit Award for Lauren Brancato who was part of the team of First Responders that provided assistance to an event at a December 2, 2025 Council Meeting where a resident that was speaking had a medical incident. Since Lauren Brancato was not able to attend tonight's meeting, Chief Trail said he will make sure that Lauren receives her Award.

Next to receive the Awards for assisting at the same medical event were the members of the Plymouth EMS Paramedics, Avery Cooper and Brianne Duterte and EMTs Keron Favors and Jason Harrar, who "demonstrated true poise and professionalism."

Next were Norristown Police Department members, Sergeant Tyler North, Corporal Eric Gergel, Officers Justin Rathke, Jacob Drummer, Alexander Wharton and Gerald Del Grosso who worked as a team with “a positive patient outcome.”

Next were Captain Tony Barbato of the Norristown Fire Department, who provided the Oxygen and State Representative Greg Scott for making sure the area was prepared.

APPOINTMENTS

Administration of Oath of Office – Promotion to Sergeant – Corporal Matthew Wiley

Police Chief Trail said that Matthew Wiley is “an exemplary leader” and he said he has “high expectations for him.”

District Judge Hakim Jones introduced himself and conducted the Oath of Office for Matthew Wiley’s promotion from Sergeant to Corporal.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION

Proclamation declaring a Disaster Emergency due to Winter Storm Hernando

Fire Chief O’Donnell noted that this is a procedural matter and asked for it to be ratified.

There was **a motion by Council Vice President Queenan, seconded by Councilwoman Colson**, to ratify the proclamation declaring a Disaster Emergency due to Winter Storm Hernando and to authorize continued emergency response action necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare. **The motion passed unanimously.**

FIRE

Resolution 26-16: authorizing the purchase of Emergency Management Equipment to enhance Public Safety and Municipal Operations

Councilman McMahon asked Fire Chief O'Donnell how many lanes would be blocked off and was told that this Resolution would add another 10 lanes to the current 10 lanes. Councilman McMahon also asked about the extra manpower used for events. He also said he would like to see more Block Parties. Chief O'Donnell explained that this purchase is less time-consuming than using water barrells and these are more portable for Municipal events.

There was **a motion by Council Vice President Queenan, seconded by Councilwoman Colson**, to authorize the purchase of the Emergency Management Equipment to enhance Public Safety and Municipal Operations. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Resolution 26-17: Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Chief O'Donnell said there are seven (7) sets of structural fire-fighting gear in the Budget. He said the pieces are replaced every 10 years. He said they need to stay on top of safety for the Firefighters.

There was **a motion by Council Vice President Queenan, seconded by Councilwoman Colson**, to approve Resolution 26-17 to ensure the Firefighting Staff has compliant safety equipment. **The motion passed unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT

There was **a motion by Councilman McMahon, seconded by Councilwoman Colson**, to adjourn the Council Meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann Santangelo
Clerk of Council