

An Executive Session was held at 6:30 PM to discuss litigation and lease of property.

Motion by Mr. Peoria, seconded by Mr. Lutz, to end the Executive Session. 7:12 PM  
Motion carried.

The Youngwood Borough Council held its agenda meeting on the above date with the following members and staff present:

Mr. Palmquist, Mr. Cowherd, Mr. Crago, Mr. Hajdukiewicz, Mr. Lutz, Mr. Peoria, Mr. Shipley, Mayor Fernandez, Solicitor DiMascio (via telephone) and Borough Manager Schaefer. Engineer Schmitt was excused from the meeting.

Public Attendance: 1

**Public Comment**

1. Randall Chapman of South 6<sup>th</sup> Street was present to request Council consider making the entrance way to the Borough Building one way from South 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Streets. Public Safety Committee will review.

**Engineer's Report**

Electronically submitted

In absence of Engineer, Borough Manager reported the following:

Depot Street Project Stormwater Project – to be advertised this month with bid opening in March.

Silvis Farm Road Project – in process of drafting and updating plans

**Solicitor's Report**

Reported the following:

Matter was discussed in Executive Session.

**Borough Manager**

Treasurer's Report as of 12/31/2025 was distributed.

Demolition Application for tax map #41-01-08-0-065 was reviewed.

Received Robert Coletta's resignation letter as Emergency Management Coordinator.

**Report of Mayor**

Mayor Fernandez reported the following:

Issued an Emergency Declaration for Winter Storm Fern. Had discussions with EMC Bob Coletta prior to issuing.

**Finance/Personnel - Mr. Cowherd**

Reported the following:

Thanked the Public Works Department for doing a good job keeping up with the streets.

**Public Works/Equipment/Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Lutz**

Reported the following:

The Borough was able to work the storm with three shifts. Will calculate total cost of the storm as it pertains to Public Works.

**Public Safety – Mr. Crago**

Reported the following:

The Fire Department is in the process of looking at different fire sirens.

Fire Study with New Stanton and Hempfield should be completed by end of February.

Recommended appointing Dave Barlock as Emergency Management Coordinator.

**Grant Research/Stormwater Management – Mr. Peoria**

Reported the following:

Meet with Mr. Shipley to give update on grants/stormwater.

Requested stormwater information from Mr. Hajdukiewicz.

Will continue to research grants to fit the Borough's needs.

The Foothills COG is forming a landbank to help fight blight. The COG can help member municipalities purchase blighted properties.

**Ordinance/Code Enforcement – Mr. Shipley**

Reported the following:

Planning to bring together a streamlined plan for code enforcement. It will take some time but asked for all of Council's support.

**Parks, Recreation and Park'N'Pool – Mr. Hajdukiewicz**

Reported the following:

Will continue to work on upgrading Jack's Run water quality to make Klingensmith Park a viable area.

**Report of President Palmquist**

Reported the following:

Everyone should review the PSAB magazine.

The WCBA meeting will be in March.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Lutz, seconded by Mr. Hajdukiewicz, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Diane M. Schaefer*

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Scott Palmquist, President  
YOUNGWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL