

Rankin Borough Borough

Council Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2025



Call to Order:

The President of Council called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Rankin Council Members: (All Present)

Glenn O. Ford (President)

Aaron Gibson Jr.

Walter Sewell

Arlena Strong

Gaye Velar

Cinnamon Coprich

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcement: The Meeting is being recorded only for the transcription of the minutes. (Read by Gaye Velar)

Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda as presented. (Moved by Gaye Velar, Second by Glenn Ford) All in Favor.

Minutes: A motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Rankin council meeting held on June 10, 2025. (Moved by Glenn Ford, Second by Aaron Gibson) All in Favor.

Presentation(s):

*Dr. Joe Maluchnik, Woodland Hills School District (Superintendent) - spoke on being new to the district, stated he is "making his way to every borough council meeting) he spoke on Safety and Security.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: (3 minutes)

Carl Lewis- Trash removal, ask " was this trash deal put through the bidding process? Joe Hemminger replied "No". Carl then asked " is this a one day pick up"? Glenn Ford replied "still being negotiated". Carl then asked "Is there recycling" and Glenn Ford replied "no".

William "Lucky" Price asked " why was there no bid? Joe Heminger replied, due to previous issued with other trash providers being opportunist specifications can't be met at times.

Mr. Gilroy asked " what is the cost saving" Terri Lawson explained the savings per unit yearly is \$66.69

Mr. Gilroy then asked " did they explain how the trash should be put out"? Terri Lawson referred to the contract language, and explained all trash is to be bagged, and placed in a can.

New Business:

1. A motion to adopt a resolution for Swissvale's proposal to provide trash removal service to the Borough of Rankin for the period from October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029. (Moved by Glenn Ford, second by Walter Sewell) All in favor.
2. A motion to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$60,631.43 (Moved by Glenn Ford and Second by Aaron Gibson) All in favor.

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Committee Reports:

- *Solicitor's Report: Litigation issues*
- *Engineer Report: Rankin Blvd Project 7/21/25 (10 days to start, 45 days to finish)*
- *DPW Report: Allegheny Clean Ways*
- *Police Regionalization Report : Read by Walter Sewell*
- *Mayor's Report: No Report*
- *EMS Report: Cinnamon Coprich*
- *Fire Report: . Arlena Strong*
- *Code Report: None*
- *Borough Manager Report: 23-24 Highway Audit, Alcosan participating in Rankin Community Day and gave information on the Clean Water assistance program that gives rate payers \$50 towards their sewage bills.*

Announcements:

- **Antwon Rose , Celebration of Life Ceremony, July 12, 2025- 2pm-4pm -Woodland Hills Impact Center.**
- **“AMACHI” Pgh, Block Party (food, live entertainment .. and more) August 15, 2025-Woodland Hills Impact Center.**
- **Rankin Community Day “ The Rankin Rodeo” August 16, 2025, 1pm-6pm (4th Street, RCC rear parking lot)**
- **Woodland Hills Community Day/ Back to School Jam, August 16, 2025-Woodland Hills Impact Center 11am-2pm.**
- **“Kick Bullying” kickball tournament, August 16-17, 2025, Rankin Ball Field.**

Public Comment: Please State Name & Address (3 Minute Limit).

Robin White- Concerns about the house next door to her has overgrown weeds, wires that are touching her house, and wants to know where to begin.

Bill Pfopp- Asked “has the borough submitted any demo?, Bob Z replied “yes, 2 demos”

Mr. Pfopp also stated that previously Port Authority got Miller Street paved and wants to know when the borough is looking to have it done again?

Mr. Pfopp mentioned that there is a huge pothole at the top of Chartier and Miller that needs to be filled.

William Brown- complained about the noise and fumes that are coming from MEACH auto body shop.

William “Lucky” Price- Stated Fleet/Pattison there is a “manhole” with something coming out of it.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting (Moved by Glenn Ford, second by Aaron Gibson) at 7:43 pm.