BOROUGH OF INGRAM

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 9, 2025

The June 9, 2025 Regular Council Meeting of Ingram Borough was brought to order by Council President Richard Nucci at 6:30 p.m. in the Ingram Municipal Building.

Members Present:	Also Present Were:
Richard Nucci – President	Robert Garvin – Solicitor
Karen Dixon – Vice President	Bryan Flaugh – Engineer
Jerry Ellis	Sharon Stetz – Mayor
Denise Embrey	Connie Klauck – Secretary
Peter Fiset	
Sue Radzanowski	

REQUESTS FROM CITIZENS

Joe Mosko, 32 Cobb Avenue, attended to share his concern about the closure of the Foster Park basketball courts, as opposed to going back to half courts like previous years. He suggested that the courts could be turned into tennis courts in the future.

Phil Koch, 55 Sampson Avenue, whom has been a resident in Ingram Borough for 20 years, expressed his disappointment in the removal of the Foster Park basketball courts. He said that he feels like Council racially discriminated against the young black youth that used the courts. He claims that several communities across the country have chosen to do the same and that it is structural racism. He looks forward to receiving the information, concerning the police incidents and total amount spent on the Basketball court renovations, requested through 2 Right to Know requests that he submitted to the Borough. He asked Council to rebuild the courts and the Public's trust.

Mr. Nucci assured all in attendance that Council's decision to remove the courts was not made lightly, it was a very difficult decision. Council had security cameras installed throughout Foster Park last year and raised taxes in order to add another Police Officer. Yet, despite those measures, they were approached by Ingram Police Officers about the multiple serious incidents taking place at Foster Park. After reviewing Council thought it would benefit the majority of its residents to close the courts.

Joseph Kania, PA Sales Executive for an LPR (License plate recognition) company, PlateSmart Technologies, would like to provide a demo on what their program has to offer the Borough. Mayor Stetz will arrange a meeting with him and Chief Doherty.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Flaugh reported that the bids were received for the Ingram Avenue Improvement Contract. Two different bids were requested: A – a multi modal focusing on upper Ingram Only, B – same as A contract but also paving lower Ingram. 3 bids were received and the lowest bidder was Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc. Mr. Nucci added that because of the PennDOT grant they got they will be able to do all of Ingram Avenue.

POLICE REPORT – Jack Doherty

Due to the absence of Chief Doherty, no report was given.

PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN – Steve Palmer

Due to the absence of Mr. Palmer, no report was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Mr. Fiset; seconded by Mr. Ellis; to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2025 Regular Council Meeting. The Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

General Government - Denise Embrey

A MOTION was made by Ms. Embrey; seconded by Mr. Ellis; to hire Eadan Balega as seasonal summer help for Public Works at the rate of $15.00 per hour, pending drug test results.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Dixon	Yes	Mr. Fiset	Yes
	Mr. Ellis	Yes	Mrs. Radzanowski	Yes
	Ms. Embrey	Yes	Mr. Nucci	Yes

The MOTION carried unanimously.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Embrey; seconded by Ms. Dixon; to hire Riley Byrne as seasonal summer help for Public Works at the rate of $15.00 per hour, pending drug test results.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Dixon	Yes	Mr. Fiset	Yes
	Mr. Ellis	Yes	Mrs. Radzanowski	Yes
	Ms. Embrey	Yes	Mr. Nucci	Yes

The MOTION carried unanimously.

POLICE & FIRE – Jerry Ellis

Mr. Ellis reported that there were 2 fire calls for the month of June 2025.

HIGHWAYS, HEALTH & SANITATION – Karen Dixon

A MOTION was made by Ms. Dixon; seconded by Mr. Fiset; to amend the Motion of April 14, 2025 authorizing the expenditure to Golden Eagle Equipment for the backhoe repair from $7,800.00 to $9,178.78, due to the fuel injection system repair also needed on the backhoe.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Dixon	Yes	Mr. Fiset	Yes
	Mr. Ellis	Yes	Mrs. Radzanowski	Yes
	Ms. Embrey	Yes	Mr. Nucci	Yes

The MOTION carried unanimously.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Dixon; seconded by Mr. Ellis; to reject all bids for Contract A and to award the Ingram Avenue Improvements project to Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc. for Contract B for a total Contract price of $1,469,132.50, as outlined in the Engineer's letter of June 5, 2025.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Dixon	Yes	Mr. Fiset	Yes
	Mr. Ellis	Yes	Mrs. Radzanowski	Yes
	Ms. Embrey	Yes	Mr. Nucci	Yes

The MOTION carried unanimously.

Ms. Dixon reported that by Ingram choosing to close part of Ingram Avenue completely for renovations the Borough was able to save $200,000.00 - $300,000.00.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Samantha Wilfert

Due to the absence of Mrs. Wilfert, Mr. Nucci reported that additional security cameras will be soon added to Foster Park and that they will have updated totals soon.

The Public Works crew has fixed the Men's bathroom windows that were vandalized.

Mr. Nucci informed all that the Ingram Ambulance Service will be donating money for the Tot Lot Park renovation.

FINANCE – Sue Radzanowski

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Radzanowski; seconded by Mr. Fiset; to ratify the payment of the May 15, 2025 payroll in the amount of $27,825.79 and the May 29, 2025 payroll in the amount of $28,028.10.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Dixon	Yes	Mr. Fiset	Yes
	Mr. Ellis	Yes	Mrs. Radzanowski	Yes
	Ms. Embrey	Yes	Mr. Nucci	Yes

The MOTION carried unanimously.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Radzanowski; seconded by Mr. Fiset; to ratify the payment of expenses for May 13, 2025 as follows: General Fund - $5,271.30; Payroll Fund - $2,611.25; Liquid Fuels Tax Fund - $3,717.37.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Dixon	Yes	Mr. Fiset	Yes
	Mr. Ellis	Yes	Mrs. Radzanowski	Yes
	Ms. Embrey	Yes	Mr. Nucci	Yes

The MOTION carried unanimously.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Radzanowski; seconded by Mr. Fiset; to ratify the payment of expenses of May 27, 2025 as follows: General Fund - $2,985.54; Recreation Fund - $767.09; Cash Payroll - $2,392.17.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Dixon	Yes	Mr. Fiset	Yes
	Mr. Ellis	Yes	Mrs. Radzanowski	Yes
	Ms. Embrey	Yes	Mr. Nucci	Yes

The MOTION carried unanimously.