

MINUTES OF THE BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 7:00 P.M. – BOROUGH HALL

**Council Members Present:** David Blank, President  
Cindy, McGee, Vice President                      Robert Myers, Member  
Steve Lusky, Member                                      Peter Uhniat, Member  
Neil McCauley, Member                                  Richard Happel, Member

**Staff & Professionals:** Theodore Roth, Chief of Police  
Terry Weiler, Solicitor  
Brian Boyer, Engineer

**Absent:** Joseph Peterson, Mayor

**Call to Order:** President Blank called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Opening prayer was led by Manager Durso.

Solicitor Weiler stated that the Trash Ordinance listed on the agenda will be taken off the agenda for tonight's meeting.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

**Minutes – September 5, 2017**

A **motion** was made by Councilman McCauley and seconded by Councilman Happel to approve the September 5, 2017 Council Meeting minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

**Bills List**

A **motion** was made by Councilman Uhniat and seconded by Councilman McCauley to approve the Bills Lists dated September 18, 2017 and checks for ratification dated September 5, 2017 – September 17, 2017. Motion carried 7-0. Councilman Myers asked two questions regarding the Bills List.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Happel and seconded by Councilman Uhniat to approve the Treasurer's Report dated September 18, 2017. Motion carried 7-0.

**Manager's Report**

**2018 MMO Obligations**

A **motion** was made by Councilman McCauley and seconded by Councilman Happel accept notification of and authorize signature of the 2018 MMO Obligations. **Motion** carried 7-0.

**UGI Right of Way Request**

A **motion** was made by Councilman McCauley and seconded by Vice President McGee to approve the UGI Right of Way Request for the Birdsboro Power Project. **Motion** carried 7-0.

MS4 Permit Hearing and Discussion

There was a Hearing and discussion of the MS4 Permit. Valerie Pyle, 6 Mansion Court W, had a question about a retention basin on Washington Street. She also noted she would like to plant a rain garden.

Birdsboro Community Memorial Center

The Birdsboro Community Memorial Center asked Council if they would visit the Community Center to show them the building projects that need to take place.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Boyer reviewed his report with Council.

998 Cocalico Road

A **motion** was made by Councilman Uhniat and seconded by Councilman Happel to approve the Stormwater Management Agreement for 998 Cocalico Road. Motion carried 7-0.

503 Farmer Street

A **motion** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilman Happel to approve the Stormwater Management Agreement for 503 Farmer Street. Motion carried 7-0.

Liberty Bell Auto Museum

Ryan Inch of MB Investments reviewed the Liberty Bell Auto Museum Plan with Council. Councilman Myers asked questions about the plan and process.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Lusky and seconded by Councilman Uhniat to approve the final/preliminary plan waiver for the Liberty Bell Auto Museum Project. Motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Lusky and seconded by Councilman Uhniat to approve the final/preliminary plan for the Liberty Bell Auto Museum Project contingent upon the comments in Engineer Boyer's August 21, 2017 letter being satisfactorily addressed. Motion carried 7-0.

Emergency Management

N/A

Fire Department

N/A

Mayor/Police Reports

Chief Roth reviewed his report with Council.

Municipal Services/Department Reports

Water Department: Report included in the Council packet

Wastewater Treatment Department: Report included in the Council packet

Public Works Department: Report included in the Council packet

**Solicitor's Report**

**Stormwater Discharges Ordinance**

A **motion** was made by Councilman Lusky and seconded by Councilman Happel to approve Ordinance No. 470 Regulating Non Stormwater Discharges into the Borough Stormwater Drainage System. Motion carried 7-0.

**Refuse Disposal and Collection Ordinance**

Action on the Refuse Disposal and Collection Ordinance has been tabled.

**Council Reports**

**Councilman Uhniat** – Councilman Uhniat showed Council the PA Americana ¼ page ad for Christmas in Birdsboro and discussed the brochure distribution. The Rotary Club Halloween Parade will be on the PA Americana website calendar. Councilman Uhniat thanked the Public Works Department for the work they do.

**Vice President McGee** – Vice President McGee reviewed the Community Yard Sale with Council and noted the Love Loud Ministry Outreach scheduled for September 23.

**President Blank** – President Blank noted a letter from the Schuylkill River Heritage Association. A **motion** was made by Councilman McCauley and seconded by Councilman Lusky to give a \$300 donation to the Schuylkill River Heritage Association from the Harms Benefit Fund. Motion carried 6-1.

**Public Comment**

Borough resident, Donald Wary, noted sign issues at W. Main Street and Jackson Street in front of VIST Bank.

Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. Council reconvened at 9:10 p.m. Solicitor Weiler noted the Executive Session was to discuss Police Department Contract Negotiations and potential litigation.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron J. Durso  
Borough Secretary