

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

Council Members Present: David Blank, President
Cindy McGee, Vice President
Robert Myers, Member
Richard Happel, Member
Joseph Peterson, Mayor
Neil McCauley, Member
Peter Uhniat, Member
Austin Peterson, Member

Staff & Professionals: Theodore Roth, Chief of Police
Aaron J. Durso, Borough Manager
Terry Weiler, Solicitor
Brian Boyer, Engineer

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.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Minutes – December 4, 2017

A **motion** was made by Councilman Uhniat and seconded by Councilman Happel to approve the December 4, 2017 Council Meeting minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

Bills List

A **motion** was made by Councilman McCauley and seconded by Councilman Peterson to approve the Bills Lists dated December 18, 2017 and checks for ratification dated December 5, 2017 – December 17, 2017. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Manager's Report

2018 Budget

A **motion** was made by Councilman Happel and seconded by Councilman McCauley to approve the 2018 Budget. Motion carried 6-1 with Councilman Myers voting no.

Police Contract

A **motion** was made by Councilman Uhniat and seconded by Councilman Happel to approve the 2018-2022 Police Contract. Motion carried 7-0.

Energy Pricing

A **motion** was made by Councilman Happel and seconded by Councilman McCauley to approve the energy procurement agreement with IGS for a 26-month term. Motion carried 7-0.

Regional Comprehensive Plan Meeting

Manager Durso noted the Regional Comprehensive Plan Meeting to be held January 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Township building.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Boyer reviewed his report with Council. Engineer Boyer answered a question about the Auto Museum project and Vice President McGee noted the item of Engineer Boyer's preparing bid specifications for the pavilions at Rustic Park.

A **motion** was made by Vice President McGee and seconded by Councilman Uhniat to authorize Engineer Boyer to draft bid specifications for the Rustic Park pavilions. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor/Police Reports

Chief Roth reviewed his report with Council. Chief Roth noted that he and Officers Kasopsky and Reinhart participated in the shop with a cop program.

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

Emergency Management

N/A

Fire Department

N/A

Solicitor's Report

A **motion** was made by Vice President McGee and seconded by Councilman Myers to advertise the 2018 Tax Ordinance with no tax increase with a general tax of 5.86 mills and fire tax of 1.00 mills. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Myers had a question regarding the BCSW letter from Doug Rauch and Solicitor Weiler responded.

Council Reports

Councilman Uhniat read a PA Americana e-mail and also read a farewell letter.

Councilman Myers noted he received a letter from Deb Olivieri.

Councilman Peterson thanked Vice President McGee and Councilman Uhniat for serving. Also noted was the Daniel Boone Blood Drive to be held Tuesday December 19, 2017.

Vice President McGee provided a Christmas in Birdsboro recap and thanked all the volunteers and participants and Vice President McGee then thanked everyone for her time on Borough Council.

President Blank read a letter from William Fox, solicitor for JP Mascaro, which relayed that JP Mascaro would like Steve Lusky to act as the community's liaison with JP Mascaro.

Public Comment

Steve Lusky, 211 Caravan Drive, asked Councilman Myers why he was a 'no' vote on the 2018 budget. Councilman Myers answered Mr. Lusky's question and referenced the Administrative Staff 2018 salary raise.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron J. Durso
Borough Secretary