

MINUTES OF THE BIRDSBORO BOROUGH REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2018 7:00 P.M. – BOROUGH HALL

Council Members Present: Joseph Peterson, Mayor
Richard Happel, President
Neil McCauley, Vice President
Robert Myers, Member
David Blank, Member
Austin Peterson, Member
Mary Ann Cotter, Member
Anthony Scioli, Member

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

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.

Oaths of Office were administered by District Justice David E. Glass to newly elected officials Joseph Peterson, Robert Myers, Mary Ann Cotter, and Anthony Scioli.

Mayor Peterson asked for nominations for Council President. Councilman Myers nominated Councilman Happel and there were no other nominations. Nomination carried 7-0.

President Happel asked for nominations for Council Vice President. Councilman Myers nominated Councilman McCauley and there were no other nominations. Nomination carried 7-0.

Appointments

A **motion** was made by Councilman Peterson and seconded by Councilman Blank to approve all appointments below a) through m). Motion carried 7-0.

1. Appointments

- a) Robert Myers – Civil Service Commission – 6-year term to expire 12/31/23
- b) Ken Templin – Planning Commission – 4-year term to expire 12/31/21
- c) Brenda Tucci – Parks and Recreation – 5-year term to expire 12/31/22
- d) Cindy McGee – Parks and Recreation – 5-year term to expire 12/31/22
- e) Roy Feick – Zoning Hearing Board – 3-year term to expire 12/31/20
- f) David Seidel – Zoning Hearing Board Alternate – term to expire 12/31/19
- g) Keith Karlson – Shade Tree Commission – 5-year term to expire 12/31/22
- h) Terry Weiler – Planning Commission Solicitor
- i) Charlie Benson – Vacancy Board
- j) Aaron J. Durso and Kenneth Templin – Alternate Code Officers
- k) Fred Mogel – Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor
- l) Bonnie L. Frisco – Recording Secretary – Civil Service Commission
- m) Brown and Brown – Borough’s Insurance Agent

Councilwoman Cotter stated that appointees should be subject to 6 month and 1 year reviews to ensure that Council's expectations are being met and that everyone is working with Council for the benefit of the community and it is being proposed at this time because there were appointees there who could be affected by it.

Resolutions

A **motion** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilwoman Cotter to adopt Resolution Nos. 2018-01 through 2018-18 with the exception of Resolution Nos. 2018-05 and 2018-17. Motion carried 7-0.

- 2018 -01 - No Employee Contribution to Police Pension Plan
- 2018-02 – Appoint Aaron J. Durso as Borough Manager and Secretary
- 2018-03 – Appoint Berks EIT Tax Bureau as EIT and LST Tax Collector
- 2018-04 – Appoint Brian Boyer of Boyer Engineers as Borough's Engineer
- *2018-05 – Appoint Kenneth J. Imes, Jr. as Emergency Management Coordinator*
- 2018-06 – Appoint Kelly J. Yanos as Borough Treasurer
- 2018-07 – Appoint BB&T as the Investment Institution
- 2018-08 – Appoint Tom Wargo of Boyer Engineering as the Zoning and Codes Officer
- 2018-09 – Appoint Herbein & Company as the Independent Auditor
- 2018-10 – Appoint Huckabee, Weiler and Levengood, PC as the Borough Solicitor
- 2018-11 – Appoint Vist Bank as the Depository for Operating Funds
- 2018-12 – Re-enacting the Per Capita Tax
- 2018-13 – Re-enacting the Real Estate Transfer Tax
- 2018-14 – Appoint Aaron J. Durso as the Admin Officer of the Borough Pension Plans
- 2018-15 – Appoint Kenneth Templin as the Fire Marshal and Fire Code Inspector
- 2018-16 – Appoint Barry Katzin and Kenneth Imes, Jr. as the Deputy Fire Marshals and Deputy Fire Code Inspectors
- *2018-17 – Reappoint Deborah Murphy to the Birdsboro Municipal Authority for a 5-year term to expire 12/31/22*
- 2018-18 – Appoint Kenneth Imes as the Borough's Assistant Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer and the Building Inspector

A **motion** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Myers to withhold Resolution No. 2018-05, appointment of Kenneth Imes, Jr. as Emergency Management Coordinator until the newly elected Council Members have an opportunity to speak with Mr. Imes. Motion carried 5-2 with Councilman Peterson and Councilman Blank voting no.

There was a discussion regarding the appointment of Deborah Murphy to the Birdsboro Municipal Authority and positive feedback regarding Mrs. Murphy's service was voiced by Councilman Peterson, Councilman Blank and Mayor Peterson. Councilwoman Cotter voiced concern regarding Mrs. Murphy's voting decisions and Mrs. Murphy's support of the loan to the Maple Springs Swimming Pool.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Peterson and seconded by Councilman Blank to approve Resolution No. 2018-17 reappointing Deborah Murphy to the Birdsboro Municipal Authority for a 5-year term to expire 12/31/22. The motion carried 5-2 with Councilman Scioli and Councilwoman Cotter voting no.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Peterson and seconded by Councilman Myers to prepare and approve Resolution No. 2018-19 appointing Anthony Scioli as the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion carried 7-0.

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Executive Session: Council recessed into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. and reconvened at 8:10 p.m. Solicitor Weiler noted the purpose of the Executive Session was potential litigation relating to an ordinance. No action was taken.

Minutes–December 18, 2017 Council Meeting

A **motion** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Peterson to approve the December 18, 2017 Council Meeting minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

Bills List

A **motion** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Peterson to approve the Bills List dated January 1, 2018 and Checks for Ratification dated December 19, 2017 – December 31, 2017. Motion carried 7-0.

Manager’s Report

Grant Workshop

A **motion** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Vice President McCauley to approve Manager Durso’s attendance at a Grant Workshop for costs not to exceed \$250.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor/Police Reports

Chief Roth reviewed his monthly report with Council. Chief Roth reported that numerous vehicles in the Borough have been egged and they are reviewing the egg packages and Redner’s security tapes. Also reported were two vehicle thefts. Chief Roth urged everyone to lock their vehicles. Also noted were two burglaries one on S. Walnut Street and one on E. 6th Street.

Mayor Peterson noted that the rental ordinance needs to be reviewed.

Emergency Management

No new report.

Fire Department

No new report

Solicitor's Report

A **motion** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilwoman Cotter to approve Ordinance No. 472, the 2018 Tax Ordinance with no tax increase with a millage of 6.86. The motion carried 7-0.

Council/Committee Reports

Councilman Myers noted the lack of security at Borough Hall and asked it be looked into to get a magnet lock on the door. Councilman Myers also noted the transition that will take place with the recycling service.

Councilwoman Cotter noted the letter from Mr. Fox regarding Steve Lusky being the community liaison with J.P. Mascaro. Councilwoman Cotter noted the erroneous Birdsboro Borough Facebook page and requested Facebook be notified of such. Councilwoman Cotter commended staff on the information provided to residents about the frozen meters issue.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Durso
Borough Secretary