

MINUTES OF THE BIRDSBORO BOROUGH REORGANIZATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 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 Happel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Opening prayer was led by Pastor Joe Motz of St. Paul's UCC.

Public Comment of Agenda Items

St. Paul's UCC – Mission Trip Birdsboro 5K

Manager Durso noted the proposed Mission Trip Birdsboro 5K and breakfast at the Masonic Lodge is 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and the event offers free family friendly games.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilwoman Cotter to approve the Mission Trip Birdsboro 5K event to be held Saturday, April 21. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes–January 15, 2018 Council Meeting

A **motion** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Scioli to approve the January 15, 2018 Council Meeting minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

Bills List

A **motion** was made by Councilman Peterson and seconded by Councilman Myers to approve the Bills List dated February 5, 2018 and Checks for Ratification dated January 16, 2018 – February 4, 2018. Motion carried 7-0.

Manager's Report

MOCK DUI

Manager Durso noted a request from the Daniel Boone School District to film a mock DUI on Water Street on March 21. Manager Durso will contact Daniel Boone School District and the issue will be discussed further at the February 19 Council meeting.

Relay for Life

A motion was made by Councilman Blank and seconded by Councilman Myers to approve the donation of \$100.00 to the American Cancer Society for the Relay for Life. Motion carried 7-0.

Birdsboro Power Sewer Module

A **motion** was made by Councilman Blank and seconded by Vice President McCauley to approve and authorize signature of the Sewer Planning Module Exemption form for the

Birdsboro Power Combined Cycle Subdivision Plan and forward to the DEP. Motion carried 7-0.

MS4

Manager Durso noted the Berks County MS4 Steering Committee and Berks County Conservation District Seminar to be held March 8 in Leesport.

Clock

Manager Durso noted the new clock in the meeting room that was provided by Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs.

Mayor/Police Reports

Chief Roth reviewed his monthly report with Council. Chief Roth provided an update of the egging incidents and noted an accident on February 5 at Haycreek and Cocalico Roads. Chief Roth distributed two proposed Standard Operating Procedures for Council to review.

Mayor Peterson noted he did not see the Birdsboro Union Fire Department donation on the agenda. Councilman Myers reviewed the Fire Department agreement between Union Township and Birdsboro and suggested the donation check could be presented at a Union Township meeting. Mayor Peterson stated he felt that Birdsboro Borough is more proactive with the Fire Department. There was further discussion and comment and Councilman Myers suggested the donation presentation take place at the Birdsboro Union Fire Department with the press invited.

Emergency Management

Ken Imes provided an Emergency Plan update and noted the update is under review. Mr. Imes stated that Act 35 has grown in size but has not been adopted by the State yet. A bi-annual resolution will need to be updated in 2018 and the NIM's need to be updated.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Peterson and seconded by Councilman Scioli to approve Resolution No. 2018-21 appointing Kenneth Templin to the position of Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion carried 7-0.

Fire Department

No new report

Parks and Recreation

Cindy McGee, Birdsboro Parks and Recreation, provided a Powerpoint presentation reviewing Christmas in Birdsboro and requested discussion regarding using DiMartino for the ice sculptures for the 2018 Christmas in Birdsboro event.

Councilwoman Cotter stated that Christmas in Birdsboro was not in the 2018 approved budget. She also noted that she had a different amount in the net surplus. Ms. Cotter also proposed having a separate checking account for Christmas in Birdsboro. The \$18,800 from Harms and the net surplus could go into the account.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Peterson and seconded by Councilman Blank to contract with DiMartino Ice for the ice sculptures for the 2018 Christmas in Birdsboro event with costs not to exceed \$30,000. A roll call vote was taken:

President Happel	no
Vice President McCauley	no
Councilman Myers	no
Councilman Blank	yes
Councilman Peterson	yes
Councilman Scioli	no
Councilwoman Cotter	no

Motion failed 2-5.

Councilman Myers suggested that Parks and Recreation consider contacting Sculpted Ice Works, the company who provides the sculptures for Reading's Fire and Ice festival. He said he would get to Ms. McGee their contact information. He also stated that he would propose that the \$1,200 that had been carved out of the amount budgeted from Harms/Benefit funds for Christmas in Birdsboro several years ago be reinstated, bringing the total budgeted for the event out of H/B funds this year to \$20,000. No action was taken on the proposal.

Solicitor's Report

A **motion** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilwoman Cotter to approve Ordinance No. 473 repealing Ordinance No. 469 (Pioneer Crossing Landfill disposal facility designation). A roll call vote was taken:

President Happel	yes
Vice President McCauley	yes
Councilman Myers	yes
Councilman Blank	no
Councilman Peterson	no
Councilman Scioli	yes
Councilwoman Cotter	yes

Motion passed 5-2.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Peterson and seconded by Councilman Scioli to ratify and confirm the legal advertising for the public hearing on February 19, 2018 for the additional

liquor licenses for Turkey Hill and JOIDA, a proposed restaurant at St. Mark's Square. Motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Blank to approve the amended easement from RAWA. Motion carried 7-0.

Council/Committee Reports

Councilman Scioli noted he participated in a chili cook-off and the money raised is going to the Wall that Heals coming to the Daniel Boone High School July 5-8.

Councilwoman Cotter thanked Chief Roth and the Police officers for shoveling snow off the sidewalks and inquired about the status of the new police vehicle.

Councilman Myers noted that the State of Financial Interests Forms is due May 1.

Vice President McCauley noted he attended the Southern Berks Comprehensive Plan meeting and also gave an update of the Pioneer Crossing Advisory Board's meeting noting there were no odor complaints for January and the overweight violations are decreasing.

President Happel noted he called Senator Schwank regarding the radar bill and also noted that Officer Seidel got a dog out from under a shed.

Public Comment

Jonathan Barnes, 310 W. 1st Street, asked if Council could get bids for the ice sculptures and Solicitor Weiler responded.

Don Wary, 511 Jefferson Street, asked for an update of the Birdsboro Power Project and Manager Durso noted he receives monthly status reports.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Durso
Borough Secretary