

MINUTES OF THE BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 16, 2018 7:00 P.M. – BOROUGH HALL

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

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

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 Aaron Cassagrande.

PRESENTATION BY AMERICAN LEGION POST 626

- A letter from Donna Baer was read and it was noted there were 10,000 visitors to the Wall that Heals. The event was overfunded and the Legion will be refunding the Borough \$2,500.00 and also presented the Borough with a commemorative bench. Bob Mealand thanked the Borough for their support, and also noted that the Legion is sending the Police Chief's son a care package.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: There was no public comment at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2018 regular meeting, as presented was made by Councilman Blank and seconded by Vice President McCauley. Motion carried 7-0.

BILLS LIST

- **MOTION** to approve the Bills List dated July 16, 2018, and the Checks for Ratification dated June 18, 2018 through July 15, 2018, as presented was made by Councilman McCauley and seconded by Councilman Peterson. Motion carried 7-0.
- **MOTION** to approve the Treasurer's Report dated July 16, 2018, as presented was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Blank. Motion carried 7-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT

RAWA Waterline Update

- Manager Durso provided an update of the RAWA waterline and provided target dates.

Spotted Lantern Fly

- Manager Durso noted the stage at which the Spotted Lantern Fly is and encouraged residents to exterminate them when possible.

Dallas Data Grant Opportunity

- Manager Durso shared information regarding the Dallas Data Commitment to Community grant opportunity and the link will be posted on the Borough website.

BMA/Council Wastewater Treatment Plan (WWTP) and Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Tours

- Manager Durso noted that he is establishing times for Council to tour the WWTP and WTP.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Borough Engineer Brian Boyer reviewed his written report, a copy of which is kept on file in the Borough Office.
- Councilwoman Cotter inquired about the paving of the pavilions at Rustic Park and Engineer Boyer responded.

MAYOR/POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Chief Roth reviewed his report with Council, noting noted that graffiti offenders were caught and there was an incident at Turkey Hill.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES/DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Reports provided in Council packets

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No new report

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Jonathan Barnes provided the Fire Department report

- **MOTION** to approve Birdsboro Union Fire Department's purchase of the 1995 Pierce Sabor in the amount of \$20,000.00 contingent upon the sale of the Tower 7 by August 31, 2018 was made by Councilman Blank and seconded by Councilman Scioli. Motion carried 7-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Solicitor Weiler noted the checks were received for the RAWA Right of Ways.
- Solicitor Weiler reviewed the Police Chief ad with Council with resumes being due August 8, 2018.
- **MOTION** to advertise the Police Chief ad was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Peterson. Motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Councilman Scioli said the Wall that Heals was a great event for the community.
- Councilwoman Cotter suggested changing the locks on all the Borough Hall doors and keep a record of who has keys and suggested getting Dennis Ewing look into it. Also suggested was for staff to keep a log book documenting who comes into Borough Hall.
- Councilman McCauley noted the next Pioneer Crossing Landfill Advisory meeting is July 25, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., if anyone has any issues to pass along please contact him, and suggested that the Pioneer Crossing Landfill Hotline information be placed on the Borough website.
- Councilman Peterson noted the Maple Springs Pool spaghetti dinner is July 18, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.
- Councilman Blank noted there is a lot of brush on the brush pile.
- Mayor Peterson noted that there has been interest in the Alice Focht Church property.
- **MOTION** to approve the Rotary Club Halloween Parade dates of October 18, 2018 with a rain date of October 25, 2018 and Trick or Treat night to be October 31, 2018 was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman McCauley. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Michael Cotter, 524 E. 8th Street, requested that Borough Council rescind the motion that was made at the last Council meeting to close Borough Hall on Wednesdays for half day.

- **MOTION** to rescind the to close the Borough Hall on Wednesdays for half day was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman McCauley. Motion failed 3-4.
- Cindy McGee, 101 N. Spruce Street, voicing concern about Turkey Hill getting the liquor license when they are not fully cooperating with the Police Department.
- Don Wary, 511 Jefferson Street, inquired about the reversal of the original denial of the Turkey Hill liquor license transfer and Mayor Peterson and Solicitor Weiler responded.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Birdsboro Municipal Authority	Tuesday, August 14, 2018, at 6:30 PM
Borough Council	Monday, August 20, 2018, at 7:00 PM
Planning Commission	Tuesday, July 24, 2018, at 7:00 PM (<i>if needed</i>)

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron J. Durso
Borough Manager