

MINUTES OF THE BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2018 7:00 P.M. – BOROUGH HALL

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

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

Absent: Richard Happel, President Brian Boyer, Engineer

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

Opening prayer was led by Councilwoman Cotter.

Mayor Peterson swore in the new Chief of Police, Todd Trupp.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

- Steve Lusky, 211 Caravan Drive, inquired about the minutes of the most recent special meeting and Vice President McCauley and Solicitor Levensood responded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Blank and seconded by Councilman Scioli to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2018 regular and budget meeting minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

BILLS LIST

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilman Peterson to approve the Bills List dated October 15, 2018, and the Checks for Ratification dated October 2, 2018 through October 14, 2018. Motion carried 6-0.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Scioli to approve the Treasurer's Report dated October 15, 2018. Motion carried 6-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT

MS4 Update and Review

- Manager Durso provided an overview of the MS4 Program and ways to prevent illicit discharges into the storm water system. He informed residents how they can report illicit discharges to the Borough.

Grant Updates

- Manager Durso noted the grant applications for Old River Road and Schuylkill River Trail and stated the Borough will receive the results on October 31, 2018

Birdsboro Power Meeting

- Manager Durso reminded Council that there will be a meeting with Birdsboro Power on November 5, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- The Engineer's report is in the Council packet.

MAYOR/POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Mayor Peterson read a thank you letter to Chief Roth and the Police Department received from the American Legion Riders Post 626, the escorts for the Wall that Heals.
- A thank you letter from St. Paul's UCC was read thanking Chief Roth.
- Mayor Peterson thanked Chief Roth for his service.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. Water Department: Report provided in Council packet
2. Sewer Department: Report provided in Council packet
3. Streets Department: Report provided in Council packet

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No new report

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No new report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Solicitor Levensgood requested an Executive Session.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Councilman Myers joined Chief Roth at the Daniel Boone High School on October 12, 2018 for the induction of Chief Roth onto the Wall of Honor. Councilman Myers noted he has attended many meetings at the CLEG and noted that the one meeting was about the Animal Rescue League. Councilman Myers noted he has set up a meeting with Bob Folwell, of the Schuylkill River Heritage Area and asked Manager Durso to send an e-mail invite to Council.
- Councilman Peterson thanked Chief Roth for his service.
- Councilwoman Cotter asked the status of the two exterior doors in the meeting room and Manager Durso responded. Councilwoman Cotter asked for follow up with Cindy McGee for the Recreation Board documents.
- Councilman Scioli thanked Chief Roth for his service.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A local resident Mr. Synder of Drew Ct. inquired about the presence of fire police after the Daniel Boone football games and Manager Durso noted he will contact the Daniel Boone School District.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council recessed into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. and reconvened the regular meeting at 9:15 p.m. A consultant's agreement with Chief Roth was discussed.

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Peterson to extend the consulting agreement with Chief Roth for an amount of \$35,000 gross, subject to ordinary payroll deductions. Motion carried 6-0.
- There will be a comprehensive agreement drafted and signed by Borough Council and Chief Roth.
- Chief Roth's health insurance for himself and his spouse will be extended to November 30, 2018.

- Chief Roth will retain his Borough issued laptop.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Birdsboro Municipal Authority

Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 6:30 PM

Borough Council

Monday, November 5, 2018, at 7:00 PM, Budget Workshop

6pm

Planning Commission

Tuesday, October 23, 2018, at 7:00 PM (*if needed*)

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron J. Durso
Borough Manager