

MINUTES OF THE BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 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: Terry Weiler, Solicitor Todd E. Trupp, Chief of Police
Aaron J. Durso, Manager

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 Manager Durso.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

- No public comment on agenda items.

Birdsboro Union Fire Department (BUFD)

- Presentation was given by Ken Long, of the Birdsboro Union Fire Department, regarding the BUFD budget, noted was the purchase of a Pierce Rescue truck for \$671,291.00 which does not require additional funding from Birdsboro Borough or Union Township. Mayor Peterson asked about the balance of the existing Rescue 7 truck and Mr. Long responded and Mayor Peterson asked the value of the Rescue 7 truck. Councilman Myers asked what BUFD would do with the monies from the old rescue truck and Mr. Long stated the monies would be invested for future purchase. Councilman Myers asked when BUFD will be meeting with Union Township and Mr. Long responded the third Monday in November. Vice President McCauley asked a question regarding the increased funding in 2020 and Mr. Long responded. Vice President McCauley asked about selling old hydraulics and Frank Nefos, BUFD representative, responded and noted that the BUFD is applying for a grant and funds are built into financing.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Blank and seconded by Councilman Myers to provide permission to BUFD to apply for the loan for the new rescue engine. Councilman Blank asked about the prepay discount, Mr. Long responded, and Councilman Peterson asked about the turnaround time and Mr. Long noted the turnaround time is 9 months. Motion carried 7-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Vice President McCauley to approve the October 9, 2018 special meeting minutes. Motion carried 7-0.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Blank and seconded by Councilman Scioli to approve the October 15, 2018 budget meeting minutes. Motion carried 7-0.
- **MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilwoman Cotter to approve the October 15, 2018 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

BILLS LIST

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Peterson and seconded by Vice President McCauley to approve the Bills List dated November 5, 2018, and the Checks for Ratification dated October 16, 2018 through November 4, 2018. Motion carried 7-0. Vice President McCauley

asked a question about the Douglassville Ace Hardware trips and Councilman Myers asked about the OZ Properties bills. Manager Durso Answered.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Birdsboro Hometown Christmas

- Manager Durso provided an update of the Birdsboro Hometown Christmas to be held on December 8, 2018 and noted what the activities will be.

Grant Updates

- Manager Durso noted the Borough was awarded the grants for the Schuylkill Road repairs and the Storm Sewer Pipe Replacement along the trail.

Leaf Pick Up

- Manager Durso noted that leaf pick up has begun.

Executive Session

- Manager Durso requested an Executive Session to discuss employee matters.

Railroad Tracks

Councilwoman Cotter asked a question regarding the repairs to the railroad tracks and Manager Durso responded.

MAYOR/POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Mayor Peterson welcomed Chief Trupp to the meeting. Chief Trupp asked for approval to utilize the CARFAX system and provided an overview of how the CARFAX accident reporting system works and how it can benefit the Police Department with research.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Peterson and seconded by Councilman Blank to authorize the Police Department to utilize the CARFAX accident reporting system. Motion carried 7-0.
- Councilwoman Cotter asked Mayor Peterson about the recent Planning Commission meeting. Noted was review of the Motta sketch plans (1st and Furnace) and the structure is to be moved back further on the property and the Redevelopment Authority will pay for the move of the structure. Motta has to prep the property and pay for all plans and upgrades to the site. Councilman Blank asked how they will move the building and Mayor Peterson noted that is to be determined.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES/DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Reports to be provided in Council packets

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No new report

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No new report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Solicitor Weiler welcomed Chief Trupp and noted that both chief contracts have been executed. Solicitor Weiler gave an update of the Jeffrey Godon court hearing and noted the judge upheld the conviction.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Councilman Myers asked a question about the Animal Rescue League and Manger Durso responded. Councilman Myers revealed the first historic marker to Council and the public and noted the committee is working on a second sign for the "Mercantile Building, aka M&T Bank. Denise Harner

asked how many signs could there potentially be and Councilman Myers responded 20 signs. There was discussion regarding the Legion sponsoring a sign. Don Wary asked how and where will the signs be mounted and Councilman Myers provided an overview. Councilman Myers noted that himself, Manager Durso and President Happel met with Bob Folwell, of Schuylkill River Heritage, regarding the location of a kiosk at the trailhead.

- Councilman Blank read a letter from Amity Township regarding fireworks on New Year's Eve at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Blank informed Council that the final gateway sign has been installed.
- Councilman Peterson stated he visited the Angry Anvil as it has opened for business.
- Vice President McCauley noted that shrubs near Councilman Myers are encroaching into the alley. The Pioneer Crossing Advisory Committee meeting was moved to the third Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. and noted that Total Recycle is closed for public drop off.
- Councilman Scioli attended the EMA Table Top meeting about Indian Run. Councilman Scioli encouraged everyone to vote tomorrow, Election Day.
- Councilwoman Cotter asked Manager Durso about the status of the meeting room doors and Manager Durso stated that the locks have been fixed. Councilwoman Cotter inquired about the police vehicle loan and she requested to meet with Manager Durso and the Treasurer to review. Councilwoman Cotter reviewed the committee meeting with the Birdsboro Municipal Authority, thanked the Rotary Club for the Halloween Parade, thanked H&K for the Firing Range donation and thanked Birdsboro Power for the status report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No public comment.
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION** Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened the regular meeting at 8:25 p.m. Solicitor Weiler noted the purpose of the Executive Session was employee matters: one involving a Worker's Compensation insurance case and one concerning life insurance. No action was taken.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Birdsboro Municipal Authority	Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 6:30 PM
Budget Meeting	Monday, November 19, 2018 at 6:00 PM
Borough Council	Monday, November 19, 2018, at 7:00 PM
Planning Commission	Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at 7:00 PM (<i>if needed</i>)

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron J. Durso
Borough Manager