

MINUTES OF THE BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 20, 2019 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

Jr. Council Member Present: Ashley Gieringer

Staff & Professionals: Todd E. Trupp, 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 Manager Durso.

HERBEIN COMPANY – CHRIS TURTELL – 2018 AUDIT - Mr. Turtell reviewed the 2018 Borough Audit Report with Council. Councilwoman Cotter asked if a formal investment policy is needed and Mr. Turtell noted it was not necessary. Councilwoman Cotter asked if the Borough's investments are diversified enough and Mr. Turtell noted that is covered under Act 72.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

- Jeff Fiant, Brecknock Township Supervisor, spoke about House Bill 390. He explained why the legislation is not good as local municipalities now have the ability to appoint their own third party agencies and two (2) code officials are not required for each community. The new legislation could cause safety issues as projects could get done cheaper and projects passed more easily. House Bill 390 passed in the House and is going to the Senate. Councilman Myers noted why he asked Mr. Fiant to speak at this meeting as this was a topic at the Municipal Officials Breakfast.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Blank and seconded by Vice President McCauley to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2019 council meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

BILLS LIST

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Vice President McCauley to approve the Bills List dated May 20, 2019, and the Checks for Ratification dated May 7, 2019 through May 19, 2019. Motion carried 7-0.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Blank and seconded by Councilman Peterson to approve the Treasurer's Report dated May 20, 2019. Motion carried 7-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Commercial Inspection Ordinance

- Councilman Myers provided comments regarding the proposed Commercial Inspection Ordinance. The proposed commercial inspection ordinance will be discussed at the June meeting.

UIS Services

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Blank to contract with UIS Services for Code Enforcement and Building Inspection services in accordance with UIS Services proposal dated April 24, 2019. Motion carried 7-0.

Resolution – House Bill 349

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Scioli and seconded by Councilman Myers to approve Resolution No. 2019-21, Opposition to House Bill 349, PA Construction Code through Utilization of Third Party Agencies to Retain Two Third Party Agencies. Motion carried 7-0.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Engineer Boyer reviewed his report with Council and reviewed the MS-4 permit. Vice President McCauley asked about the grant amount for the Trail Head and Engineer Boyer explained why he went heavy on the cost estimates. Councilman Myers asked about the Trail Project.
- Engineer Boyer reviewed the Jefferson St. bids with Council.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Blank and seconded by Vice President McCauley to award the Jefferson Street Road Project to Landis Deck and Sons in the amount of \$273,787.15. Motion carried 7-0.

MAYOR/POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Chief Trupp thanked Councilwoman Cotter for the National Law Enforcement Day gifts. It was noted that St. Marks Church provided recognition as well. Chief Trupp noted he is working on a draft agreement with Robeson Township for patrolling the watershed. Chief Trupp asked if the Range Contract was distributed and Solicitor Weiler stated he will get the final draft.

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: Manager Durso provided an Indian Run Dam update.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Report provided in Council packet

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Solicitor Weiler reviewed his report with Council.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Councilman Myers noted in the Borough News there was information regarding grants through the Commonwealth for sidewalks and streetscapes. Councilman Myers inquired about the Eric Stankiewicz request and Manager Durso noted he will follow up. Councilman Myers inquired about the Motta property and Manager Durso stated he would follow up with Attorney London.
- Councilman Blank asked a grease box question and Manager Durso provided a response referring to the Birdsboro Municipal Authority (BMA) FOG Program.
- Councilman Peterson noted the SADD Mock DUI Video and noted that Daniel Boone School District thanked the Borough for allowing the School District to film the video on a Borough Street.
- Councilwoman Cotter asked for an accounting of the Duck Race prizes and Manager Durso noted he will ask the Boone Area Library. Councilwoman Cotter asked Manager Durso for a BMA update and Manager Durso reviewed the BMA report. Councilwoman Cotter inquired about Mr. Lusky's consulting agreement and Manager Durso responded. There was discussion regarding the Borough Facebook page and Councilwoman Cotter reviewed the general opinion about disabling comments and other options will be investigated.
- Councilman Scioli asked a fireworks question and Solicitor Weiler will check into a couple draft firework ordinances. The Memorial Day Parade will be Monday, May 27 at 9:00 a.m. The American Legion Baseball home opener will be Wednesday, May 29 at 6:00 p.m.
- Vice President McCauley noted that the Pioneer Crossing Landfill Committee met and there was one radiation hit and a truck came in 5 tons overweight.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Thomas Brungard, 908 Union Street, suggested that it may be helpful to use lockboxes for the commercial inspections.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. and reconvened at 9:05 p.m. The Executive Session was to discuss a personnel matter.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron J. Durso
Borough Manager