

MINUTES OF THE BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 17, 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 Absent: Ashley Gieringer

Staff & Professionals: Todd E. Trupp, Chief of Police
Terry Weiler, Solicitor
Brian Boyer, Engineer
Bonnie L. Frisco, Administrative Assistant

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 Councilwoman Cotter.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Engineer Boyer reviewed his report with Council. Engineer Boyer noted the MS4 permit has been received and annual inspections can begin and the requirements in the permit must be completed within five (5) years and residents will be contacted in advance.
- Engineer Boyer noted the concrete asphalt submittals of the revised Birdsboro Power plan, noting minor adjustments since November. There is a line bump-out for the concrete pad at the Union Township line. **MOTION** was made by Councilman Peterson and seconded by Councilman Blank to approve the revised Birdsboro Power plan contingent upon compliance with Engineer Boyer's letter dated May 23, 2019. Motion carried 7-0.
- The Green Light Go grant application for the Motta property is to go to the attorney.
- The VFW is to get a parking lot between the trailhead and the small gravel parking lot and cinder block building. **MOTION** was made by Councilman Blank and seconded by Vice President McCauley to allow Engineer Boyer prepare the design for the parking lot with all Engineer Boyer's expenses to be paid by MB Investments. Motion carried 7-0. Councilwoman Cotter asked if that was a conflict of interest and Solicitor Weiler noted it was not a conflict as there is no cost to the Borough and it is an independent review.
- Councilman Myers asked what the next step is expected from Borough Council regarding the MS4 program and Engineer Boyer noted the Solicitor would need to be authorized to prepare agreements with the property owners. Solicitor Weiler noted that Engineer Boyer and Manager Durso are to provide an MS4 presentation at the next meeting. Mayor Peterson inquired about problems with the basins and Engineer Boyer noted that yards will not be destroyed in the process.

- Councilman Myers asked about the structural integrity of the Armorcast Road Bridge and Engineer Boyer responded that the bridge should be rehabbed or rebuilt but it is not in the finances.
- Councilman Scioli asked about the drainage at Legion Field and Engineer Boyer noted that Legion Field needs improved drainage.
- Councilman Myers noted a \$19,500 Schuylkill River Trailhead grant and in-kind work can be applied to the grant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Peterson and seconded by Councilman Scioli to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2019 council meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

BILLS LIST

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilwoman Cotter to approve the Bills List dated June 17, 2019, and the Checks for Ratification dated May 21, 2019 through June 16, 2019. Motion carried 7-0.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Vice President McCauley to approve the Treasurer's Report dated June 17, 2019. Motion carried 7-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Exeter Library Donation Request

- No action was taken on the Exeter Library donation request and it will be taken under advisement. Council requested further clarification of the resident addresses.

MAYOR/POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Chief Trupp noted the Police Department received a \$1,000.00 donation from the Woman's Club of Birdsboro. Chief Trupp noted an elderly man reported his wife missing and due to the efficient investigating by Officer Borz the woman was back home by 11:00 p.m. that evening. Chief Trupp noted he is working on the watershed agreement and pistol range agreement and noted an increase in parking violations due to street sweeping.

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: Councilman Myers asked who is acting Chief for the Birdsboro Union Fire Department and it was noted the Deputy Chief is the acting Chief at this time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Solicitor Weiler reviewed his report with Council.
- **MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Blank to approve the pistol range use agreement with the fee per year to be changed from \$1,000.00 to \$500.00. Motion carried 7-0.
- Solicitor Weiler noted he is reviewing the Inter-Municipal Policing agreement for the watershed land in Robeson Township. Solicitor Weiler has prepared a draft license agreement for the American Legion Ball Field.
- The commercial inspection ordinance needs inspection frequency clarification. Vice President McCauley noted a correction to be made to the fireworks ordinance where it addresses 'grains' at the top of Page 2.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Councilman Scioli thanked the Streets Department for installing the bench at the American Legion Ball Field.
- Councilwoman Cotter thanked Manager Durso, Keith Myers, Jeff Klick, and Kenneth Templin for working on the water main break at Rustic Park at 2:00 a.m. Councilwoman Cotter thanked the members of the American Legion, VFW and other organizations and individuals for their participation in the Memorial Day Parade. Councilwoman Cotter thanked President Happel for his first pitch at the opening game at the American Legion Ball Field.
- Vice President McCauley noted that the Pioneer Crossing Landfill Committee has been moved to Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Diana Quinter, 222 S. Walnut Street, provided a presentation regarding a skate/bike park. There was discussion, possible locations mentioned were, Vest Pocket Park, although the consensus was to not eliminate a tennis court as they have been recently renovated, and Rustic Park and Water Street were mentioned as well. Councilman Myers suggested looking into the Maple Springs Pool location. Councilman Blank asked the status of the Recreation Board Ordinance, the ordinance is still under review. The issue of liability will need to be examined. The skate/bike park committee will consist of Councilmen Blank, Peterson and Scioli.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Administrative Assistant