

MINUTES OF THE BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2019 7:00 P.M. – BOROUGH HALL

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

Jr. Council Member Present: Ashley Gieringer

Staff & Professionals: Todd E. Trupp, Chief of Police Kelly J. Yanos, Borough Manager
Terry Weiler, Solicitor Bonnie L. Frisco, Borough Secretary

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.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOONE AREA LIBRARY DIRECTOR – REBECCA MAYS

Lisa Kraljevich, Boone Area Library Trustee, provided an overview of the Boone Area Library and the services the library provides, and introduced Rebecca Mays the new Library Director. Ms. Mays possesses a Master’s Degree in Library Science with a background in non-profits, grant writing and freelance writing. Councilman Blank inquired about the state of the library’s roof and he noted he will contact J.P. Mascaro regarding the roof.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Blank and seconded by Vice President McCauley to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2019 council and budget meetings. Motion carried 7-0.

BILLS LIST

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Vice President McCauley to approve the Bills List dated November 18, 2019, and the Checks for Ratification dated November 5, 2019 through November 17, 2019. Motion carried 7-0.

TREASURER’S REPORT

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Blank and seconded by Vice President McCauley to approve the Treasurer’s Report dated November 18, 2019. Motion carried 7-0.
- Councilman Myers noted the donation request from Exeter Library and noted the Borough’s focus should remain on our local library, Boone Area Library.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Crime Alert Berks County

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Scioli and seconded by Councilman Myers to donate \$750.00 from Harms Benefit to Crime Alert Berks County. Motion carried 7-0.

Halter Landscaping Christmas Lighting Proposal

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Vice President McCauley to pay the \$6,000.00 invoice to Halter Landscaping for the Christmas Lighting. Motion carried 7-0. Halter Landscaping is to provide the Borough with an accounting and inventory of the Christmas lights that have either been purchased or leased by the Borough.

2020 Mission Birdsboro 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run

- Holly Bretzius noted the 2020 Mission Birdsboro 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2020, the fun run will be 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and the 5K will start at 9:30 a.m. Patrol car, if available, will lead the runners.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Peterson and seconded by Vice President McCauley to approve the 2020 Mission Birdsboro 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run for Saturday, April 18, 2020 utilizing the run route as provided. Motion carried 7-0.

Stop Sign at VFW Way and Armorcast Drive

- Chief Trupp to evaluate other intersections in the Borough that may benefit from additional signage with the stop sign request at VFW Way and Armorcast Drive to be revisited.

2020 Road Projects

- Manager Yanos noted a meeting with Engineer Boyer and Public Works to discuss 2020 Road Projects and the east side of town was identified with the project to be paid out of Liquid Fuels. Engineer Boyer to establish cost estimates.

Douglass Drive and Cocalico Road

- Manager Yanos noted illegal parking, which has been flagged by the DCNR Forestry Bureau, on Municipal Authority property located at Douglass Drive and Cocalico Road. The property will need to be posted for No Parking/Trespassing and the Police Department has already sent letters to those parking their vehicles on the property.

Proposed 2020 Budget

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Peterson and seconded by Councilman Blank to advertise the proposed 2020 budget with a budget amount of \$3,443,602 with a .75 mill increase. President Happel called for a roll call vote:

Councilman Scioli – no	Councilwoman Cotter – no
President Happel – no	Vice President McCauley – no
Councilman Peterson – yes	Councilman Blank – yes
Councilman Myers – no	

Motion failed 2-5.

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Vice President McCauley to advertise the proposed 2020 budget with a budget amount of \$3,443,602 with a .3 mill increase. President Happel called for a roll call vote:

Councilman Scioli – no	Councilwoman Cotter – yes
President Happel – no	Vice President McCauley – no
Councilman Peterson – yes	Councilman Blank – no
Councilman Myers – yes	

Motion failed 3-4.

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Scioli and seconded by Vice President McCauley to advertise the proposed 2020 budget with a budget amount of \$3,443,602 with no tax increase. President Happel called for a roll call vote:

Councilman Scioli – yes	Councilwoman Cotter – yes
President Happel – yes	Vice President McCauley – yes
Councilman Peterson – no	Councilman Blank – no
Councilman Myers – no	

Motion carried 4-3.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Engineer Boyer reviewed his report with Council at the November 4, 2019 meeting.

MAYOR/POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Chief Trupp welcomed Manager Yanos.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No new report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No new report.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Ordinance No. 487 – Dedication of Armorcast Road

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Vice President McCauley to adopt Ordinance No. 487 for the acceptance and dedication of Armorcast Road, a private street within the Borough limits. Motion carried 7-0.

Recreation Board Ordinance

- Discussion of Recreation Board Ordinance is tabled to the December meeting.

Board of Health

- Solicitor Weiler to investigate alternate agencies to perform health inspections.

Administrative Board of Appeals

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Scioli to appoint Randy Walker to the Administrative Board of Appeals. Motion carried 7-0. Councilman Blank to join the Board of Appeals in January.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Councilman Myers noted a new proposal from the Animal Rescue League and requested Manager Yanos asked the Animal Rescue League Director to attend the next Council meeting to clarify the proposal.
- Vice President McCauley noted the Pioneer Crossing Landfill Committee will meet December 4 at 5:00 p.m.
- Councilman Peterson thanked Councilman Scioli and members of the Legion who spoke at the Social Studies classes at Daniel Boone School.
- Councilwoman Cotter thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and providing input.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Tom Brumgard, 908 Union Street, noted visibility issues at 1st Street Bridge and S. Water Street.
- Nancy Kauffman, 7 Mansion Court E, discussed the handling of expense approvals for the Birdsboro Hometown Christmas event. It was noted that as long as it is an approved expense it may be processed.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilman Scioli to approve expenses for the Birdsboro Hometown Christmas event not to exceed the approved budget amount of \$20,000. Motion carried 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:52 p.m. and reconvened at 9:06 p.m. The Executive Session was to discuss personnel.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Blank and seconded by Councilwoman Cotter to appoint Bonnie L. Frisco to the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried 7-0.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilwoman Cotter to extend a job offer to Carol McAllister to the position of Receptions/Administrative Clerk for \$15.00/hour to include benefits. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Borough Secretary