

MINUTES OF THE BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2019 7:00 P.M. – BOROUGH HALL

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

Council Member Absent: David Blank, Member

Jr. Council Member Present: Ashley Gieringer

Staff & Professionals: Kelly Yanos, Manager Todd Trupp, Police Chief
Terry Weiler, Solicitor Bonnie L. Frisco, Secretary/Treasurer

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 President Happel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Myers to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2019 council meeting, as amended. Motion carried 6-0

BILLS LIST

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Scioli to approve the Bills List dated December 2, 2019, and the Checks for Ratification dated November 19, 2019 through December 1, 2019. Motion carried 6-0. Councilwoman Cotter inquired if the lanterns were budgeted and they were budgeted for purchase by the Birdsboro Rotary Club.

MANAGER'S REPORT

2020 Budget

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Scioli and seconded by Councilman Myers to approve the 2020 Budget for the amount of \$3,201,302 with no tax increase. Motion carried 5-1 with Councilman Peterson voting no.

2020 Holiday Schedule

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Peterson to approve the 2020 Non-Uniform Holiday Schedule. Motion carried 6-0.

2020 Council Meeting Schedule

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Vice President McCauley to approve the 2020 Council Meeting Schedule, with meetings being the first and third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m., except for the months of June, July and August when there will be one monthly meeting on the third Monday at 7:00 p.m. and when a holiday falls on a Monday the meeting will be held Tuesday. Motion carried 6-0.

Review of Reappointments

- A list of committee reappointments was provided to Council. Action to be taken at the January reorganizational meeting.

MAYOR/POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilwoman Cotter to approve the Municipal Policing Agreement with Robeson Township for policing of the Watershed. Motion carried 6-0.
- Sergeant Riegel was injured on a false alarm call where he fell and broke his finger.
- Chief Trupp noted the donations from the No Shave Event will be distributed to local organizations.
- A Penn State senior, Austin Ruffe, will be interning with the Police Department.
- Chief Trupp noted he did not find additional intersections warranting a stop sign.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Report to be provided in next Council packet.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Report to be provided in next Council packet.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Recreation Board Ordinance

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Vice President McCauley to advertise the proposed Recreation Board Ordinance with corrections. Motion carried 6-0.

Tax Resolution

- Solicitor Weiler will have a tax resolution prepared for the December 16, 2019 meeting.

Reorganization

- Solicitor Weiler noted that Council will have to reorganize at the January 6, 2020 meeting.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Councilman Scioli noted he appreciated Chief Trupp providing an internship opportunity and noted the Christmas lights look good.
- Councilwoman Cotter noted the Christmas lights look great and thanked those in attendance for being here at the meeting.
- Councilman Myers inquired about the Animal Rescue League (ARL) follow up and Manager Yanos noted she has been awaiting return contact from the ARL Director. Councilman Myers inquired about the Board of Health status and Solicitor Weiler noted he will contact Berks County for further information and the item can be discussed at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Tom Brumgard, 908 Union Street, asked if there will be a tax increase and Mayor Peterson stated there is no proposed change in the tax millage.
- Don Wary, 511 Jefferson Street, inquired about the next meeting which will be held January 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Borough Secretary