

MINUTES OF THE BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 2, 2020 7:00 P.M. – BOROUGH HALL

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

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

Call to Order: President McCauley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Opening prayer was led by Vice President Cotter.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Minutes– February 17, 2020 Council Meeting

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Welch and seconded by Councilman Happel to approve the February 17, 2020 council meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried 7-0. Amendments:
 - Motions taken after swearing in of Councilwoman Kauffman, all motions carried 7-0.
 - Third bullet point under Council/Committee Reports to note Joe Motz should be given a commendation not an accommodation.

Bills List

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Myers to approve the Bills List dated March 2, 2020 and Checks for Ratification dated February 18, 2020 – March 1, 2020. Motion carried 7-0. Bills List inquiry:
 - Clarification was made that the All Traffic Solutions \$1,425.00 bill was for repair to the traffic speed sign.

Manager’s Report

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilwoman Kauffman to approve the planting of a memorial tree and ferns in Rustic Park. Motion carried 7-0.
- Manager Yanos provided a meeting update of the American Legion 626 Field concession building.
- Manager Yanos noted the potential for grant monies for a 2020 overlay project on Peach, Pear (500 block) and Demmon Streets. The resurfacing work can be used towards MS4 credits. The EMS training for the Manager and Public Works Foreman would need to be moved up to 3/25-3/26. The item was tabled to the next meeting

Mayor/Police Reports

- Chief Trupp inquired about the Daniel Boone School District mock accident and it was noted it was not scheduled yet this year. Chief Trupp recommended that at least one officer be present at this event due to public interest and traffic issues.

- The Robeson policing agreement is almost complete, EMS is close to finishing the mapping.
- Chief Trupp noted the quotes for the new police vehicle, a Ford 150 Super Crew pickup for use policing the watershed. The Birdsboro Municipal Authority will pay half the costs which are \$38,321 for the truck, \$10,556 for the outfitting and \$1,800 for decals. **MOTION** was made by Councilman Welch and seconded by Councilman Scioli to approve the purchase of the new police Ford 150 Super Crew pickup truck, outfitting and decals with a cost not to exceed \$51,000 with the Birdsboro Municipal Authority paying half the costs and the other half from the Harms Benefit Fund with the General Fund reimbursing the Harms Benefit Fund in due course. Motion carried 7-0.

Emergency Management

Ken Imes, Emergency Management Coordinator, noted the County Tier 2 reports were submitted and noted he met with Emergency Representatives Councilmen Welch and Scioli. There will be no significant changes to the Emergency Plan and the plan may be discussed in Executive Session at the next council meeting. Vice President Cotter asked if the Borough is prepared for a worst case pandemic and Mr. Imes responded yes. Vice President Cotter stated the local Health Officer should be consulted with.

Fire Department

No new report.

Solicitor's Report

- Solicitor Weiler noted a draft of the Board of Health ordinance has been done. Solicitor Weiler confirmed that a letter of intent is not needed for the Haycreek Pedestrian Bridge project.

Council/Committee Reports

- Councilman Myers asked if the applications to the Council can be converted to applications for the Recreation Board and it was noted that would be acceptable. Councilwoman Kauffman noted she has sent e-mails to the Recreation Board applicants to confirm that they were agreeable to the member terms. Recreation Board members to be appointed at the next council meeting.
- Councilman Welch noted the Emergency Management meeting and stated it was very productive and the Emergency Plan is a solid document.
- Vice President Cotter noted a draft resolution from PSAB regarding meeting decorum and she would distribute to Council. Vice President Cotter also noted a commendation for Reverend Motz and the Immaculate Conceptions students project presentation. Both items to be placed on the next council meeting agenda.
- Vice President Cotter noted a resolution expressing opposition against proposed Pennsylvania State Police funding and it was recommended the resolution not be sent as a group but individuals may contact local senators and representatives. Vice President Cotter noted disappointment in the manner the Jr. Council Member situation was handled, noting the abrupt suspension of the Jr. Council Member program and removing Ms. Gieringer from roll call.
- Councilwoman Kauffman noted Public Works Foreman Keith Karlson's 45 years of employment with the Borough and suggested Mr. Karlson be recognized in September, his anniversary date.
- Councilman Scioli noted the Emergency Management Coordinator has a good handle on the Emergency Plan. Councilman Scioli noted the possibility of a memorial garden for Lynn Decker.

Public Comment

- Tom Brungard, 908 Union Street, noted a public garden in the Borough would be nice.
- Roy Feick, Chair of the Zoning Hearing Board, asked if the Borough had plans to abandon the alley behind the 600 block of W. 3rd and W. 4th Street. Solicitor Weiler stated a fair answer is that Council has not considered it.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Borough Secretary