

HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE  
SOUTHERN BERKS JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
AUGUST 17, 2020 6:45 P.M.  
(Hearing held Teleconference)

President McCauley called the public meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and then turned the meeting over to Solicitor Weiler for the public hearing for the adoption Southern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan. Comment was received by Council members and the Borough Engineer. The admission of Exhibits A and B were approved. A transcription of the hearing was prepared by Berks Courting Reporting.

The hearing concluded at 7:14 p.m.

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MINUTES OF THE BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 17, 2020 7:00 P.M.  
(Meeting held Teleconference)

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

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

**Call to Order:** President McCauley called the meeting to order at 7:14 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– July 20, 2020 Council Meeting**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Welch and seconded by Vice President Cotter to approve the July 20, 2020 council meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**Bills List**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Scioli and seconded by Councilwoman Kauffman to approve the Bills List dated August 17, 2020 and Checks for Ratification dated July 21, 2020 – August 16, 2020. Motion carried 7-0.
  - Vice President Cotter inquired about Check #29054 with a zero balance, it was noted the check was voided. Councilman Myers inquired about the two payments to Robert Takacs and it was for two separate visits to the Streets Department for air conditioning repairs.

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Welch and seconded by Councilman Happel to approve the Treasurer's Report dated August 17, 2020. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Manager's Report**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Happel and seconded by Councilwoman Kauffman to advertise amending the Sewer Use Ordinance to replace the Local Discharge Limitations in accordance with Table 1 provided by Entech Engineering. Motion carried 7-0.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Happel and seconded by Councilman Welch to accept the suggested changes to the recycling bid specifications and advertise for bid the Recycling Program for 2021, 2022 and 2023. Motion carried 7-0.
- Manager Yanos noted the next Council meeting and Birdsboro Municipal Authority meeting fall on the same evening with the Authority meeting at 6:30 p.m. and the Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. The Authority plans to complete the Authority meeting by 7:00 p.m.
- Manager Yanos noted work on the crosswalks is to begin this week.
- Manager Yanos noted the Birdsboro Municipal Authority received the loan monies from Maple Springs Swimming Association.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Welch and seconded by Councilman Scioli to appoint Christen Thompson and Ryan Acevedo to the Recreation Board. Motion carried 7-0.

Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:08 p.m. for the purpose of real estate, potential litigation. Council returned from Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. and the regular meeting resumed. The meeting was to discuss the Motta property with Joan London, representative for the Berks Redevelopment Authority. No action was taken.

### **Engineer's Report**

- Engineer Boyer noted that the pricing for Legion Ball Field is be worked on, it is projected to have the foundation complete in by winter. Authority staff to do a wet tap at the concession stand. The school is in charge of removing/replacing the backstop and for the fencing work.
- The Haycreek Pedestrian Bridge Road specifications were sent to DCNR.
- The Armorcast Road Bridge Project bids are expected to be received prior to the September 21 Council meeting. **MOTION** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Vice President Cotter to approve bidding the Armorcast Road Bridge Road Project. Councilman Myers and Vice President Cotter agreed to amend the motion to approve soliciting bids for the Armorcast Road Bridge Project. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Mayor/Police Reports**

- Mayor Peterson noted concern regarding a violation letter sent to Glen Miller regarding the camper on Industrial Way.
- Chief Trupp noted issues with children at the American Legion Ball Field and noted the police continue to patrol the property. Patrolling of the watershed continues. Chief Trupp noted the potential of recuperating protest costs from PEMA, such as overtime.
- Councilman Happel asked if there has been complaints of tire burnouts and Chief Trupp noted one complaint was received regarding W. 1st Street about two months ago. Patrolling of the brush pile is taking place.

### **Emergency Management**

- Ken Imes noted that the emergency declaration has not been lifted by the Governor and the Borough has met the threshold for PEMA reimbursement. Mr. Imes explained that the previous motion for the EMS monthly stipend authorized payments to the end of May but since the emergency declaration is still in force Mr. Imes asked if Council would consider a motion to extend the stipend. **MOTION** was made by Councilman Scioli and seconded by Councilman Welch to rescind the original motion and continue Mr. Imes' EMC stipend until the emergency declaration is lifted and ratify the June stipend payment. Motion carried 7-0.

**Fire Department:** No new report.

### **Solicitor's Report**

- Solicitor Weiler noted the memorandum dated August 4, 2020 regarding the American Legion Ball Field License Agreement.
- Councilman Happel noted the public gathering ordinance and Solicitor Weiler noted there could be a slippery slope if not worded properly.
- Councilman Myers asked if anyone has contacted someone from the School District regarding the Legion Ball Field and Solicitor Weiler noted the School District has not been contacted.

### **Council/Committee Reports**

- Councilman Happel asked if the September meetings will be held teleconference and President McCauley confirmed that is correct.
- Vice President Cotter noted that Senator Schwank issued a statement that Birdsboro Borough received a \$50,000 for the Haycreek raw water pump station pump replacement project. Vice President Cotter thanked all of those in attendance this evening.
- President McCauley noted the Pioneer Crossing Landfill Committee will meet Wednesday evening.

### **Public Comment**

- Tom Brungard, 908 Union Street, inquired about the status of the Birdsboro Elementary Center and Mayor Peterson noted he spoke to a school superintendent and the school approved the expenditure to have an appraisal done of the facility.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco  
Borough Secretary