

MINUTES OF THE BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 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

Not Present: Todd Trupp, Chief of Police

Staff & Professionals: Robin Levensgood, Solicitor
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– August 17, 2020 Council Meeting

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Welch to approve the August 17, 2020 council meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Bills List

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Welch and seconded by Councilman Scioli to approve the Bills List dated September 8, 2020 and Checks for Ratification dated August 18, 2020 – September 7, 2020. Motion carried 7-0.

Manager’s Report

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilman Welch to approve Resolution No. 2020-21 for the adoption of the Southern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried 7-0.
- **MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilman Welch to approve the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation 5-Year Winter Services Agreement for the Winter Seasons 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. Motion carried 7-0.
- Motion was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Scioli to establish Trick or Treat Night to be Saturday, October 31 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Councilman Happel noted concern of Council being responsible if something happens with the COVID epidemic and would the Borough be held responsible. Solicitor Levensgood noted that while the Borough is permitting Trick or Treat night it is the decision of each individual to decide to participate and that would not be a liability to the Borough. Motion carried 6-1 with Councilman Happel being the voting no.
- Manager Yanos asked if Abundant Life Church could change their sign on the Gateway Sign to include their new address and Council was agreeable to that.

- Manager Yanos noted that there will be a meeting with Southern Berks EMS to discuss their merger with Tower Health and two council members may attend. President McCauley and Councilman Welch will attend.
- Recreation Board President Bruce Godfrey brought forth projects recommended by the Recreation Board.
 - Remove dead trees at Vest Pocket, Rustic Park between Pavilions 2 and 3
 - Replace nets at Vest Pocket and remove graffiti at Rustic Park
 - Have a movie night at Texas Field
- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Welch to authorize the Recreation Board to proceed with plans for a movie night. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor/Police Reports

- Mayor Peterson noted the Police Department received their new pickup truck.

Emergency Management: No new report

Fire Department: The Fire Department report for July is in the council packet.

Solicitor's Report

- Solicitor Levensgood noted he had nothing additional to add to the meeting.

Council/Committee Reports

- Vice President Cotter commended the Recreation Board for providing minutes to council and the Authority for providing the deferred payment option for the recent water bills.
- Councilman Scioli noted the meeting with the American Legion, Daniel Boone Athletic Association, borough representatives and Engineer Boyer to discuss the press box and concession stand at the American Legion Ball Field. Fence work has begun. Birdsboro Power donated \$500.00 to the American Legion Ball Field project. Councilman Scioli noted a golf outing at Blackwood Golf Course on September 26 to benefit the American Legion Ball Field project.
- Councilman Myers extended birthday greetings to those Borough employees appearing on the digital sign.
- President McCauley noted the Recreation Board is doing a great job and also noted the Pioneer Crossing Landfill Committee met in person and reviewed six months of reports.

Public Comment

- Tom Brungard, 908 Union Street, recommended the Recreation Board agenda and minutes be placed on the Recreation Page of the Borough website.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Borough Secretary