

MINUTES OF THE BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2021 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
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

Visitor(s): Bruce Godfrey, Tom Brungard, and Matt Elgonitis

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Minutes– January 18, 2021 Council Meeting

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Scioli and seconded by Councilman Myers to approve the January 18, 2021 council meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Bills List

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Happel to approve the Bills List dated February 1, 2021 and Checks for Ratification dated January 19, 2021 – January 30, 2021. Motion carried 7-0.

Manager’s Report

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilman Welch to approve the anti-virus Sophos FullGuard for the Water and Sewer departments at a cost of \$569.00 per department. Motion carried 7-0.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Welch to approve the streetlight pole replacements on the east side of the Borough, on 5th to 9th Street to include a total of 8 poles at a cost in accordance with the quote from A.N. Lynch for a cost of \$7,800.00. Motion carried 7-0.
- In consideration of the Commercial Inspection Program, Council has requested the opportunity to review the commercial inspection list for input and discuss at the next Council meeting.

Mayor/Police Reports:

- Chief Trupp noted a request from New Life Church to do a bucket drive at pertinent intersections in the Borough and the consensus of Council is to not approve the bucket drive as it could become a safety issue.
- Chief Trupp noted the scheduling of a Civil Service Commission meeting to address the process that will need to begin due to Sergeant Riegel’s June 2022 retirement.

- Chief Trupp noted he has received positive feedback from residents regarding the stop sign at W. 1st and Jefferson Street.

Emergency Management: No new report

Fire Department: The corrected Fire Department financial report is in the packet.

Solicitor's Report:

- Solicitor Weiler noted the Resolution for the Surplus Property Sales was approved at the last meeting. Sample language for the recycling bids specifications has been sent to Council for review and the American Legion 626 ball field agreement has been provided and comments may be sent to Solicitor Weiler.

Recreation Board

Bruce Godfrey covered the below Recreation Board matters.

- Mr. Godfrey is serving as interim Chair as the election of the Recreation Board has been postponed.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Welch to give the Recreation Board approval to purchase a movie screen at a cost not to exceed \$200.00. Motion carried 7-0.
- The Recreation Board has proposed the unused basketball court to be turned into a sensory board (to include games such as hopscotch and four square). Boy Scout John Schnobel is interested in participating in this project and would like to present the project to Council at the next meeting.
- The planned Craft Show for the 2nd Saturday in March has been cancelled due to lack of interest.
- A yard sale in Main Bird Park is planned for Earth Day in April. Planned for May is music and food and June a baseball themed event.
- Councilman Scioli inquired about the Lynn Decker project and Mr. Elgonitis noted it is scheduled to be done in the Spring.

Council/Committee Reports

- Councilman Myers noted the town clock is a worthwhile project and suggested soliciting monies from civic organizations and asked Manager Yanos to reach out to those organizations. Councilman Myers inquired about the status of the Motta property and Solicitor Weiler noted he has not heard from Attorney London but will make contact.
- Councilman Happel suggested using funds from Harms Benefit to repair the town clock.
- Councilwoman Kauffman noted the Hometown Hero banner program is starting back up and there have already been 4 inquiries.
- Councilman Welch wished all well in the inclement weather.
- Councilman Scioli asked about power plant tours and Manager Yanos will set up tours for Council. Councilman Scioli asked when the auto museum is scheduled to open and Manager Yanos noted she had inquired about that but has not received a response yet.
- Vice President Cotter requested the recycling letters go to the additional municipalities that she had identified.
- President McCauley noted an Executive Session is needed after Public Comment.

Public Comment

- Tom Brungard, 908 Union Street, inquired about the status of the Borough website and Manager Yanos noted it is in the process of being migrated to a different host.
- Mayor Peterson noted that Daniel Boone School District received bids for the Birdsboro Elementary Center and the successful bidder was Ed Satiro, owner of Italian Delite. A meeting is planned to be set with Council to discuss the potential uses for that property.

Executive Session

Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:11 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter and the regular meeting reconvened at 8:24 p.m. Solicitor Weiler noted the Executive Session was to discuss the manner in which the Birdsboro Municipal Authority awarded bonuses to staff. Council has requested that Solicitor Weiler meet with Dan Becker, Solicitor for the Authority, to discuss this matter.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Borough Secretary