

MINUTES OF THE BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 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
Anthony Scioli, Member
Matthew Welch, Member
Nancy Kauffman, Member

Not Present: Richard Happel, Member

Staff & Professionals: Terry Weiler, 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

2019 Audit Presentation –Herbein and Company

Chris Turtell of Herbein and Company provided a presentation of the 2019 Borough Audit.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Minutes– September 21, 2020 Council Meeting

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Welch to approve the September 21, 2020 council meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Bills List and Treasurer’s Report

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilman Welch to approve the Bills List dated September 21, 2020 and Checks for Ratification dated September 9, 2020 – September 20, 2020. Motion carried 6-0.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Scioli to approve the Treasurer’s Report dated September 21, 2020. Motion carried 6-0.

Manager’s Report

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilwoman Kauffman to reject the sole bid received from Ed Holland Trash for the total contract bid of \$448,190 for the 25-gallon totes and \$473,971 for the 65-gallon totes for the 2021-2023 Recycling Program and authorize the invitation to bid to be re-advertised for award of bid at the October 19, 2020 Council meeting. Motion carried 6-0. Bid packages to be sent to potential bidders.
- There was review of the key points of two animal control services contracts, one from Animal Rescue League of Berks County (ARL) and Safety Net Sanctuary. Chief Trupp will confer with municipalities utilizing Safety Net Sanctuary and report his findings at the next Council meeting.
- Based off of the estimates the Borough will have a liability this year as State Aid will not cover the full amount of the 2021 MMO’s (Minimum Municipal Obligation). The estimated amounts of each plan’s liability are:
 - Non-Uniform: \$2,062.00 Police: \$2,249.00 Teamsters: \$4,560.00

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilman Welch acknowledging receipt of the 2021 MMO Obligations. Motion carried 6-0.
- **MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilman Myers to approve the replacement of the bed of the Public Works Department Louisville Dump Truck for an amount not to exceed \$13,500.00. Motion carried 6-0.
- Emergency Service discussions will continue and Councilman Welch suggested looking into services from Life Lion and Western Berks emergency services.
- A celebration for Keith Karlson's 45-year tenure is to be planned and proclamation to be prepared.

Engineer's Report

- Engineer Boyer noted the MS4 reports are ready for submission. The DEP letter regarding the Haycreek Pedestrian Bridge was received and had one comment and Senator Schwenk is working on a project extension for the Haycreek Pedestrian Bridge. The Armorcast Road Bridge project documents are being prepared for bid. The building permit for the American Legion Field Upgrades has been secured.
- Vice President Cotter inquired about the Glen Miller discussion that appeared on the Engineer's Report and Engineer Boyer noted there was a brief discussion regarding that subject during a meeting that was focused on Birdsboro Municipal Authority business.

Mayor/Police Reports

- Chief Trupp noted the Birdsboro Memorial Community Center will hold a drive-thru Trick or Treat event on October 24, 2020 in Main Bird Park on Water Street which will be from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and St. Mark's Lutheran Church will have Trunk or Treat event the same evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- President McCauley asked if there will be an outgoing vehicle with the purchase of the 2020 F-150 Pickup Truck for the Police Department and Chief Trupp noted there may be a Borough use for the older Police Department Ford Explorer.

Recreation Board

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Scioli and seconded by Councilman Welch to authorize the Birdsboro Hometown Christmas Committee to proceed with the 2021 Birdsboro Hometown Christmas event to be held December 12, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Emergency Management:

- Kenneth Imes noted that Birdsboro has passed Phase 2 of the COVID funding process and noted the EMC stipend should be reimbursed up until November but the police overtime expenses have not been approved as of yet.

Fire Department: No new report.

Solicitor's Report

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilman Myers to approve Ordinance No. 490 for the amendment of the ordinance titled Sewers and Sewage Disposal and in particular amending Section 303-38, Local Discharge Limitation and Strong Waste Surcharge. Motion carried 6-0.

Council/Committee Reports

- Councilman Scioli thanked everyone for attending this evening and noted the \$400 donation from the American Legion Post 626 for the Recreation Board's movie night event.
- Vice President Cotter thanked all those in attendance.
- Councilman Welch noted emergency services discussion will continue.
- Councilman Myers noted the Sons of the American Legion adopt-a-highway project and stated that two large garbage bags of trash were collected and requested they be picked up by Borough staff.
- President McCauley noted the Pioneer Crossing Landfill Committee met in person and noted the earth disturbance on Lincoln Road is for cover soil for the landfill. Councilwoman Kauffman asked when the next community trash day is and President McCauley will check on that.

Public Comment

- Tom Brungard, 908 Union Street, thanked the American Legion Post 626 for the movie night donation.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Borough Secretary