

MINUTES OF THE BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 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
Nancy Kauffman, Member

Not Present: Matthew Welch, 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– September 21, 2020 Council Meeting

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Happel and seconded by Councilman Myers to approve the September 21, 2020 budget meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Scioli and seconded by Councilman Myers 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 Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilwoman Kauffman to approve the Bills List dated October 5, 2020 and Checks for Ratification dated September 22, 2020 – October 4, 2020. Motion carried 6-0.

Manager’s Report

- Recycling bids were re-advertised for an opening date of October 15, 2020 at 2:15 p.m.
- Pioneer Crossing Landfill Fall Clean Up is October 31, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- At the request of Bob Folwell, Schuylkill River Greenway, a 2½ “ layer of screenings (donated by H&K) was spread over the unpaved area of the Schuylkill River Trail behind the American Legion Ballfield.
- Manager Yanos and Road Foreman Karlson will attend certification training for Dirt & Gravel grant funding on November 4, 2020.
- Celebration is being planned for Road Foreman Karlson’s 45th year with the Borough.
- Council permitted the sale of the lego type RCB units for \$250.00 and agreed to allow the Borough Manager to approve the sale of items with a sale price not to exceed \$1,000.00.
- **MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilman Happel to authorize Solicitor Weiler to prepare a resolution to authorize the Township Manager to approve the sale of items with a sale price not to exceed \$1,000.00. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor/Police Reports

- Chief Trupp provided an overview of a recent incident that resulted in the suspect being tased and assured residents that the Police Department does everything they can but once cases are turned over to the court system it is the court's decision. The Police Department will be participating in 'no-shave' November, proceeds to go to Cancer.org.

Recreation Board

- Bruce Godfrey, Recreation Board President, noted that movie night is October 9, 2020 and thanked President McCauley for the movie screen. Mr. Godfrey requested that Public Works check on the dead trees in the parks.

Emergency Management: No new report

Fire Department: No new report.

Solicitor's Report

- Solicitor Weiler noted that Judge Reilly has scheduled a pretrial conference for the Motta property eminent domain.

Council/Committee Reports

- Vice President Cotter noted concern regarding Trick or Treat night as it relates to CDC Guidelines. Solicitor Weiler stated that the Borough is not endorsing or sanctioning Trick or Treat night and it is up to each parent and individual who participates to adhere to CDC Guidelines.
- President McCauley noted concern about the high cost of recycling and the recycling mandates and asked Manager Yanos to contact local legislators.

Public Comment

- Tom Brungard, 908 Union Street, suggested Kutztown Borough be contacted regarding the recycling issue as they have about the same amount of residents.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Borough Secretary