

MINUTES OF THE BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 2, 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:** Matthew Welch, Member

**Staff & Professionals:** Robin Levengood, 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– October 19, 2020 Council Meeting**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Welch and seconded by Councilman Myers to approve the October 19, 2020 budget meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Scioli and seconded by Councilman Welch to approve the October 19, 2020 council meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**Bills List and Treasurer’s Report**

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilman Welch to approve the Bills List dated November 2, 2020 and Checks for Ratification dated October 20, 2020 – November 1, 2020. Motion carried 7-0.

**Manager’s Report**

- Recycling bids received were reviewed. After discussion a **MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter to reject the recycling bid received by J.P. Mascaro and rebid the recycling program for 1 year utilizing 25-gallon totes for weekly or bi-weekly service. Councilman Happel seconded the motion. Vice President Cotter amended the **motion** to reject the recycling bid received by J.P. Mascaro and rebid the recycling program for 1 year, 2 years and 3 years utilizing the 25-gallon totes for weekly service. Councilman Happel seconded the motion amendment. No further action taken on the last motion. **MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilman Happel to rescind the previous motions concerning the recycling program bids and made a **MOTION** to reject the recycling bid received by J.P. Mascaro and rebid the recycling program for 1 year, 2 years and 3 years utilizing the 25-gallon totes for weekly service. Motion carried with a 5-2 with Councilman Welch and Councilwoman Kauffman voting no.

- Consideration of a donation to the Birdsboro Community Memorial Center of \$500.00 to be used toward their participation in Birdsboro Hometown Christmas was deferred to the Recreation Board for recommendation.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Welch and seconded by Councilwoman Kauffman to provide a letter of support from Council to Schuylkill River Greenways for their grant application to DVRPC Regional Trails Program-Phase VIII requesting funding for a planning study to investigate the feasibility of moving a 3.5 mile long section of Thun Trail off of public roads and establishing a new off-road trail. Motion carried 7-0.
- **MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilman Welch to enter into a one-year contract with Safety Net Sanctuary for 2021 Animal Control Services at an annual cost of \$3,500.00. Motion carried 7-0.
- Telephone quotes will be need to be obtained for the Christmas Lighting Agreement. Councilwoman Kauffman to obtain the three (3) quotes.

### **Mayor/Police Reports**

- Chief Trupp noted there will be additional police support on Election Day and the 100 foot regulations will be adhered to. Chief Trupp noted an incident of an intruder scaling the fence at Birdsboro Power and an arrest was made, Birdsboro Power to revise security procedures.

### **Recreation Board**

- Bruce Godfrey, Recreation Board President, provided an update of the Christmas Hometown Christmas event and noted that the Recreation Board is reviewing the park rental fees and will forward their recommendations to Council.

**Emergency Management:** No new report

**Fire Department:** No new report.

### **Solicitor's Report**

- Nothing new to report.

### **Council/Committee Reports**

- Councilman Happel thanked the Public Works Department for the S. Water Street repairs.
- Councilwoman Kauffman noted that the Birdsboro Hometown Christmas Committee will meet next Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and noted tomorrow is Election Day said "Please Vote".
- Vice President Cotter asked if Borough Hall is a polling place and Manager Yanos noted that it is and the meeting room has been sanitized and will be sanitized again on November 9th or 10th. Vice President Cotter thanked those involved in the repair of the 8th Street streetlight and thanked all those attending this evening's meeting.
- Councilman Welch noted discussion regarding the stop sign at 1st Street and Jefferson Street. The matter will be discussed at the next council meeting. Councilman Welch provided information regarding ambulance service, noting that Life Lion has a no subscription plan and Western Berks may be more viable with a higher level of service.

### **Public Comment**

- Tom Brungard, 908 Union Street, inquired about the cost of the Christmas lights and noted concern regarding the expense of the lights in the event that Birdsboro Hometown Christmas

cannot be held due to COVID restrictions. Councilwoman Kauffman noted that the Christmas lights would be installed even if a Christmas event could not be held.

**ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco  
Borough Secretary