

MINUTES OF THE BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 16, 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

**Staff & Professionals:** Terry Weiler, Solicitor  
Brian Boyer, Engineer  
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):** Tom Brungard, Susy and Russell Landers, Christine Mittura, Todd Sheridan  
Malcolm Cole, Matthew Elgonitis, Anthony Martin, Kim Unger, Bruce Godfrey,  
Anthony Tucci, H. David Miller, Steve Lusky

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None

**Boone Area Library Presentation**

Christine Mittura (Boone Area Library Trustees Vice Chair) and Kim (Boone Area Library Secretary) provided an overview of the Library. The new Director is Crescenda Long and she is working towards a Library Sciences Master. Sarah Terry is the Youth Coordinator and noted was restricting of staff. The Treasurer secured a PPE loan for \$20,000. Programs have included Zoom story time, summer reading program which there were 454 participants, youth book club, Eagle Eye book club. Curbside pickup was instated June 15, 2020 and the library opened to the public in August with reduced hours. Support was received by area business such as the Angry Anvil, Kimberton Whole Foods, Rita's Water Ice and Boscov's. The virtual duck pool party earned over \$1,000. Councilman Myers asked if the Library will be open during the Christmas Hometown Christmas event and the Library will follow up regarding that.

**Minutes– November 2, 2020 Budget and Council Meeting**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Welch and seconded by Councilman Happel to approve the November 2, 2020 budget meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Scioli and seconded by Councilman Welch to approve the November 2, 2020 council meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried 7-0. Amendment: remove Councilman Welch from the Not Present list.

**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 16, 2020 (with the amended total amount of \$10,861.34 adding the

\$475.00 under Boyer Engineering LLC for the Modal grant expenses) and Checks for Ratification dated November 3, 2020 – November 15, 2020. Motion carried 7-0.

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Scioli to approve the Treasurer’s Report dated November 16, 2020. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Manager’s Report**

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilman Welch to approve the \$1,500.00 donation to VFW Post 411 from the Harms Benefit Fund. Motion carried 7-0.
- Councilman Welch provided an evaluation of the EMS and will make recommendation at the next Council meeting.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Happel and seconded by Councilman Welch to install a 3-way stop sign at W. 1st and Jefferson Street. President McCauley requested a roll call vote:
  - President McCauley – no Vice President Cotter – no
  - Councilman Happel – yes Councilman Myers – no
  - Councilman Scioli – yes Councilman Welch – yes
  - Councilwoman Kauffman - yes

Motion carried 4-3.

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilman Welch to approve the repairs to the Public Works Department pole building for a cost not to exceed \$11,300.00. Motion carried 7-0.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Happel and seconded by Councilwoman Kauffman to advertise for public inspection the 2021 Proposed Budget with no tax increase. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Engineer’s Report**

- Engineer Boyer reviewed the Engineer’s Report, a copy of which will be kept on file. Engineer Boyer noted that the Armorcast Road Bridge Project bids are in and the low bidder paperwork is under review. Item to be discussed at the next meeting.

### **Mayor/Police Reports**

- Chief Trupp thanked Vice President Cotter, Pastor Farnsworth and Dave Seidel for the No Shave November donations which will be towards homeless veterans. Extra patrol was provided on Election Day and everything ran smoothly. Chief Trupp thanked EMC Coordinator Ken Imes for the large amount of PPE received from the County.

### **Birdsboro Hometown Christmas**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Scioli to approve the \$500 donation to the Birdsboro Community Memorial Center for expenses for the Birdsboro Hometown Christmas event. Motion carried 7-0.
- After review of the Christmas lighting bids, a **MOTION** was made by Councilman Scioli and seconded by Councilman Myers to award the 2020 Christmas lighting contract to Halter Landscaping for a cost of \$12,000. Motion carried 6-1 with Councilwoman Kauffman voting no.

### **Emergency Management:**

- Kenneth Imes noted the FEMA/PEMA funding for the EMC stipend and asked if Council wanted the Borough to follow the Governor's or the President's Emergency Declaration. **MOTION** was made by Councilman Happel and seconded by Councilman Welch to extend the EMC stipend until both Emergency Declarations are lifted. Motion carried 7-0. Coordinator Imes noted that when the vaccine becomes available he will need essential personnel information.

**Fire Department:** No new report.

**Solicitor's Report:** No new report.

### **Council/Committee Reports**

- Councilman Myers noted that the former Birdsboro Historical Commission has unclaimed property from the PA State Treasury in the amount of \$2,081. Councilman Myers arranged the paperwork for the release of the funds to be used for historical signs.
- Councilman Welch wished all a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.
- Councilman Scioli wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Vice President Cotter suggested a letter be drafted to send to Senator Schwank and Representative Maloney regarding the burden of recycling. Vice President noted the historical signs are beautiful additions to the community. Councilman Myers thanked Vice President Cotter and noted that Bruce and Mary Hoffman, Nancy Kauffman, Tom Keim and others had input regarding the historical signs.

### **Public Comment**

- Steve Lusky inquired about the recycling contract and it was noted that bids are to be received December 3, 2020.
- Tom Brungard, 908 Union Street, thanked Councilman Welch and Coordinator Imes for their service in these difficult times.
- Bruce Godfrey thanked the Borough Manager for the excellent job she does.
- Anthony Tucci informed Council of the issues the Birdsboro Municipal Authority is encountering with the DEP regarding them to not allow water to come from Indian Run. Councilman Happel suggested contacting State representatives.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco  
Borough Secretary