

MINUTES OF THE BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 15, 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
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): Bruce Godfrey, Tom Brungard, Matt Elgonitis, and Susy and Russell Landers.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Minutes– March 1, 2021 Council Meeting

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Scioli to approve the March 1, 2021 council meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Bills List

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Welch to approve the Bills List dated March 15, 2021 and Checks for Ratification dated March 2, 2021 – March 14, 2021. Motion carried 7-0.

Treasurer’s Report

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Myers to approve the Treasurer’s Report dated March 15, 2021. Motion carried 7-0.

Manager’s Report

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilwoman Kauffman to conduct the Borough Manager evaluation utilizing the form provided with the suggested changes, those changes are to add preparation of a long range budget and reword the disciplinary portion from the Human Resources Management and Workforce Engagement section. Motion carried 7-0.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Welch to approve the \$1,500.00 donation to the American Legion Post 626 from the Harms Benefit Fund. Motion carried 7-0.
- **MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilwoman Kauffman to approve the updating of the codification of the Code of Ordinances for a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Boyer reviewed his report with Council, a copy of which will be kept on file. The water issue at Beacon Container will be addressed once the water test is complete. Council asked if a presentation of the Cedar Hill Estates project could be provided and Engineer Boyer noted that nothing has changed and the plans have been approved. A copy of the plans will be at Borough Hall for review. Engineer Boyer will attend the first monthly meeting due to conflicts with the third Monday.

Mayor/Police Reports

- A Civil Service Commission meeting will be held March 17 to discuss the promotion and hiring process due to Sergeant Riegel's upcoming retirement.
- Over the weekend a vehicle drove through Haycreek, a potential DEP violation. It appeared to be an isolated incident and was most likely associated with the rock climbers, a notice is to be sent to the Rock Climbers Association.
- Forty (40) firearms were disposed of by the District Attorney's office.

Emergency Management: No new report

Fire Department: No new report.

Solicitor's Report:

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilwoman Kauffman to approve Ordinance No. 492, an ordinance which will establish the 100 block of Orange Street as a one-way street, north to south. Motion carried 7-0.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Welch and seconded by Councilman Scioli to authorize the Council President to execute the J.P. Mascaro recycling contract. Motion carried 7-0.
- The usage fees for the American Legion Ball Field were discussed and Solicitor Weiler will integrate the changes and provide Council with a clean copy of the agreement.

Council/Committee Reports

- Councilman Myers inquired about the status of the Motta Property and Solicitor Weiler noted he has not heard anything from Attorney Joan London. Councilman Myers inquired about the status of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Complaint and Solicitor Weiler noted there has not been any new activity.
- Councilwoman Kauffman requested financial statements from the Community Center.
- Councilman Scioli inquired about the Museum and Birdsboro Power tours and Manager Yanos noted it will be address in April. Councilman Scioli thanked Vice President for the prayer.
- Vice President Cotter requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel and thanked all of those who attended and thanked them for their input.

Public Comment

- Tom Brungard, 908 Union Street, noted he agreed with Mayor Peterson to have the American Legion Ball Field usage fees support an inclusive environment not an exclusive environment and noted that the parks are underused.
- Matt Elgonitis, 217 S. Walnut Street, inquired about the high curb at 215 S. Walnut Street and noted that handicapped individuals cannot utilize that portion of the sidewalk. Manager Yanos

noted that curb was checked and it is privately owned and alterations would need to be done by the homeowner.

Recreation Board

Bruce Godfrey noted the Flea Market in Main Bird will be on April 10. Matt Elgonitis spoke to Andrea Hart of the 1st Street Players and invited them to attend the Recreation Board meeting. The Lynn Decker Memorial Bench project in Rustic Park will begin the 2nd or 3rd week in May. Councilwoman Kauffman asked that the 1st Street Players be invited to participate in the Birdsboro Hometown Christmas event.

Executive Session

Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. and reconvened the regular meeting at 8:46 p.m. Solicitor Weiler noted that Council discussed a personnel matter in particular the Tax Collector seat as the current Tax Collector has not filed paperwork for reelection. Solicitor Weiler to look into alternatives.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Borough Secretary