

MINUTES OF THE BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 3, 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, Christen Thompson, Susie and Russell Lander, Sharon Morris, Matt Elgonitis, Ken Imes, and Rick Peepers

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** No public comment

**Minutes– April 19, 2021 Council Meeting**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Welch to approve the April 19, 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 May 3, 2021 and Checks for Ratification dated April 20, 2021 – May 2, 2021. Motion carried 7-0.

**Manager’s Report**

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilwoman Kauffman to approve the American Legion Auxiliary flower sale in the Main Bird Park parking area on Saturday, May 8. Motion carried 7-0.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Welch to approve Resolution No. 2021-20, addendum to the agreement with Keystone Collections for the collection of the 2021 per capita taxes. Motion carried 7-0.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Welch to appoint Sharon Morris to the Recreation Board. Motion carried 7-0.
- **MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilman Myers to approve the Farmers’ Market Rules and Regulations. Motion carried 7-0.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Happel and seconded by Councilman Welch to approve participation in the IGS Energy “electric extend and blend plan” for 36 months and the “natural gas supply option” for 24 months in accordance with the IGS Energy proposal. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Engineer's Report**

Engineer Boyer reviewed his report with Council, a copy of which will be kept on file.

Engineer Boyer noted that the Planning Commission met and recommended no land development be required for a proposed construction project at Van Industries. **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Happel to waive the land development for the construction project at Van Industries. There have been discussions regarding repairs that will need to be made to the W. 1st Street Bridge. The Borough was not awarded the Multi-Modal grant.

### **Mayor/Police Reports**

- Mayor Peterson noted that the Planning Commission held a meeting to reorganize, Joan London to be the Solicitor and Brian Boyer to be the Engineer.
- Chief Trupp noted the following items
  - Over the weekend, the officers assisted Robeson with a domestic case and the suspect was taken into custody and transported to central processing where 12 hours later passed away. The body cams show that the suspect was cooperative and fine during the arrest. The case is in the jurisdiction of the County.
  - There have been loud music issues in the 400 block of Beacon Street and several arrests have been made.
  - There have been issues in the 300 block of W. 1st Street.

**Emergency Management:** Ken Imes noted there is no new report

**Fire Department:** No new report

### **Solicitor's Report:**

- Solicitor Weiler noted that Joan London has not heard from Motta's attorney.
- Solicitor Weiler noted that mediation was requested in the Hollis case but noted that mediation is not needed.

### **Recreation Board**

- Saturday is Beautify Birdsboro. The Girl Scouts are volunteering and St. Mark's Lutheran Church will provide lunch.
- The June event is Battle of the Bands. The July event is a walking tour of Birdsboro.
- The first movie night is May 15 at Texas Ball Field and the movie is the Princess Bride.
- The Recreation Board is partnering with the 1st Street Players and a theater presentation in the park is scheduled for August 21 and August 22, show planned is Rock of Ages.

### **Council/Committee Reports**

- Councilman Myers asked Manager Yanos to look into foul ball warning signs for the American Legion 626 Ball Field to be placed along the Schuylkill River Trail. Permission to post the signs will need to be obtained from Schuylkill River Trail Association. Councilman Myers inquired if grant monies from Act 13 could be obtained for lights at the American Legion 626 Ball Field and asked Manager Yanos to see what is involved to apply for an Act 13 grant and make contact with Denise Harner regarding the grant.
- Councilman Myers asked Susie Lander if she would consider running for Council with a write-in ballot for the 2-year seat and Mrs. Lander declined.

- Councilman Happel thanked Bruce Godfrey and the Recreation Board noting they are doing an exemplary job.
- Councilman Welch echoed Councilman Happel's sentiments regarding the Recreation Board.
- Vice President Cotter inquired about the Orange Street signage and Manager Yanos noted that Road Foreman Karlson is working on it. Vice President Cotter noted the excellent job the Recreation Board is doing and appreciated their transparency and comprehensive minutes.
- Discussion of the Health Officer is tabled pending review of the ordinance.
- President McCauley noted the Pioneer Crossing Landfill Advisory Committee met and overweight trucks and odor complaints are down.

**Public Comment**

- Susie Lander, 534 Silverbrook Drive, noted the banners across from Vinnie's are missing and asked if the banners in front of F.M Brown's will be hung. Also noted was that the flags in Main Bird Park are tattered. Manager Yanos noted the items will be addressed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco  
Borough Secretary