

MINUTES OF THE BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 7:00 P.M. – BOROUGH HALL

Birdsboro Borough Council (the “Council”) Members Roll Call:

Neil McCauley, President - present	Anthony Scioli, Member - present
Mary Ann Cotter, Vice President - present	Matthew Welch, Member – present
Robert Myers, Member - present	Nancy Kauffman, Member - present
Richard Happel, Member - present	Joe Peterson, Mayor - present

Staff and Professionals Present:

Terry Weiler, Solicitor  
Brian Boyer, Engineer  
Todd Trupp, Police Chief  
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, Matt Elgonitis, Robert Chafin

**Presentation of Proclamation:** **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Welch to approve Resolution No. 2021-23 for the recognition of Girl Scout Caitlyn Dillon for her community service for her Girl Scout Silver Award. Ms. Dillon’s project consisted of fifty (50) hours of eliminating graffiti and refurbishing equipment in the Borough’s recreational parks. Motion carried 7-0.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None

**Minutes– August 16, 2021 Council Meeting**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Vice President Cotter to approve the August 16, 2021 council meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried 7-0.
  - Under the report concerning US Representative Chrissy Houlahan Office’s Jeromy Pacana’s presentation; add the following topics presented by Councilman Scioli: Economy, Afghanistan, the Border and Voter ID Changes

**Bills List**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Welch and seconded by Councilman Happel to approve the Bills List dated September 7, 2021 and Checks for Ratification dated August 17, 2021 – September 6, 2021. Motion carried 7-0.

**Manager’s Report**

- **PFM Assessment Management LLC – MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilwoman Kauffman to approve the Deemed Assignment of Investment Advisory Agreement(s) with PFM Asset Management LLC due to US Bank’s acquisition of PFM Asset Management LLC. Motion carried 7-0.
- **Recycling Services Bid – MOTION** was made by Councilman Happel and seconded by Councilman Welch to authorize the advertising of the invitation to bid for recycling services. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Budget Meeting Reminders** – Budget meetings will commence the second meeting in September through the second meeting in October at 6:00 p.m.
- **Christmas Event** – The annual Christmas Event will take place Saturday December 11, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **Use and Occupancy Transfer Inspection Program** – **MOTION** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilman Welch to authorize Solicitor Weiler to prepare an ordinance repealing the Certificate of Use and Occupancy ordinance, Chapter 122 of the Birdsboro Code of Ordinances. Motion carried 7-0.
- **Water Department Superintendent** – **MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilman Welch to authorize Manager Yanos to extend an offer of employment in accordance with the PA Central Teamsters Local No. 429 contract to the Water Department Superintendent candidate interviewed on September 1, 2021. Motion carried 7-0.
- **Meeting Agenda Procedures** – The meeting agenda procedures in accordance with Senate Bill #554 were reviewed.
- **9/11 Memorial** - A 9/11 Memorial will be held Saturday, September 11, 2021 at the Abundant Life Church at 2:00 p.m.

#### **Engineer's Report**

Engineer Boyer reviewed his report with Council, a copy of which will be kept on file. Noted was the Borough Manager and Road Foreman will be establishing a plan to repair the damage done to the Schuylkill Road project. Councilman Myers asked if repairs will be made to the Armorcast Road Bridge sidewalk and Engineer Boyer noted that the sidewalk will be rehabbed. Councilman Myers asked if there will be a temporary bridge constructed at the Haycreek Pedestrian Bridge site and Engineer Boyer noted that there will not be a temporary bridge constructed. Councilman Myers inquired about the possibility of addressing the flooding on Fulton Street.

#### **Mayor/Police Reports**

- Chief Trupp noted the curb street numbering project is to begin on October 9. Chief Trupp noted the speed sign at E. 1st Street and Spruce Street, and not much speeding was observed. Councilman Happel requested the speed sign be placed on Chestnut Street heading southbound and Chief Trupp noted he will do that. Chief Trupp noted that quality of life calls continue to exceed the number of other calls.

**Emergency Management:** No new report

**Fire Department:** No new report

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

- Councilwoman Kauffman noted case law that text messages are being treated as e-mails as they relate to Right to Know requests.

#### **Council/Committee Reports**

- Councilman Scioli noted that follow up is needed in regards to his inquiries to US Representative Chrissy Houlahan's office.
- Vice President Cotter wished the Recreation Board good luck with the upcoming Historic Tours and the Farmer's Market.

- Councilman Happel noted the 100th anniversary of the American Legion Post 626 is October 1, 2022 and plans are being made for a celebration program. Councilman Happel inquired if the microphones on the meeting table are in working order, Borough staff will look into that.
- Councilman Welch asked all to remember the 20th anniversary of 9/11 and remember the days following the event and encourage all to come together and stay safe.
- Councilman Myers noted it appeared in an article that the new passenger line to run from Philadelphia to Reading seems to be gaining speed. An authority has been assembled to begin discussions regarding the passenger line and strongly encouraged that someone from the Borough be involved with the discussions and Councilman Myers agreed to attend the discussions.
- Councilman Myers noted the obscene flag at 436 W. 1st Street, with particular concern about the impact the obscenity may have upon our youth, as school buses drive by this address. Councilman Myers expressed his contention that some type of official action should be taken, in light of the Borough's Zoning Ordinance, Article XV, Section 395-16 which addresses Prohibited Signs.
- President McCauley noted an unhooked trailer at 412 W. 1st Street and Chief Trupp noted that the Police Department would treat that as an abandoned vehicle. President McCauley noted concern of upholstered indoor furniture on porches and asked that Codes handle the matter.

#### **Recreation Board**

Chruce Godfrey, Chairman of the Recreation Board, noted the following:

- Christmas lighting companies are being contacted for quotes.
- At a recent Recreation Board meeting, the Recreation Board agreed to change the name of the Christmas event to Christmas in Birdsboro. After discussion with Council, a **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Happel to change the Christmas event name to Christmas in Birdsboro. Motion carried 7-0.
- Request to move the Recreation Board on the agenda to after the Mayor/Police Report was noted.
- The Recreation Board will be helping the Rotary Club with the Halloween Event due to the Rotary Club's lack of volunteers.
- Attendance of the Historic Tours is encouraged.

#### **Public Comment:**

- Robert Chafin, 127 S. Mill Street, noted concern of the flooding at Fulton Street. Manager Yanos noted that was looked at and herself and the Road Foreman will meet with the resident to discuss.
- Tom Brungard, 908 Union Street, noted he is disgusted with the obscene flags in the Borough but as a taxpayer he would not want the Borough to get involved in a lawsuit.

**ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco  
Borough Secretary