

MINUTES OF THE BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 20, 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  
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, Chruce Godfrey

**Agenda Amendments:** Councilwoman Cotter asked if discussion of virtual meetings could be added to the agenda and it was noted that Council cannot take action on this item due to the fact that virtual meetings for Boroughs is not allowed under Act 65.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None

**Minutes– September 7, 2021 Council Meeting**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Scioli and seconded by Councilwoman Kauffman to approve the September 7, 2021 council meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried 7-0.
  - Amendment is to note that Councilman Welch was ‘present’ not ‘absent’

**Bills List**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Welch to approve the Bills List dated September 20, 2021 and Checks for Ratification dated September 8, 2021 – September 19, 2021. Motion carried 7-0.
  - Councilman Myers requested staff get quotes for the insurances for the next renewal.

**Treasurer’s Report**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Scioli to approve the Treasurer’s Report dated September 20, 2021. Motion carried 7-0.

**Manager’s Report**

- **Water Department Superintendent – MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilman Welch to hire Derrick Rubin for the position of Water Department Superintendent with compensation and benefits consistent with the current Teamster’s contract pending the successful completion of the required pre-employment testing. Motion carried 7-0.
- **Animal Control Services – MOTION** was made by Councilman Happel and seconded by Councilwoman Kauffman to execute the 2022 Animal Control Services Agreement with Safety Net

Sanctuary for an annual cost of \$3,500. The vote was then tabled until the response time issue is resolved.

- **2022 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) – MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilman Welch to acknowledge receipt of the 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligation calculations for the pension plans for the following amounts:
  - Non – Uniform - \$22,906
  - Teamsters - \$59,760
  - Police Department - \$49,669

Motion carried 7-0

- **Holiday Schedule – MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilman Welch to approve the modification of the 2021 holiday schedule to reflect:
  - New Year’s Eve holiday (1/2 day) – Thursday, December 30, 2021
  - New Year’s Day holiday – Friday, December 31, 2021

Motion carried 7-0

- **Fulton Road Update:** The Public Works Department will clear the vegetation from the storm drain, with possible follow-up by the WWTP vacuum truck. Vice President Cotter expressed concern regarding Windstream washing their trucks on Fulton Road as it is not in compliance with MS4.
- **COVID Sick-Day Reinstatement**– It was requested a survey be done to determine what and if other municipalities have a COVID Sick-Day Reinstatement policy. The subject was tabled.

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

- Chief Trupp noted the theft from Italian Delite and the subject was identified. Curb street numbering is to take place October 9 on Mansion Court East and West.

**Emergency Management:** No new report

**Fire Department:** No new report

#### **Solicitor’s Report**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Scioli and seconded by Councilwoman Kauffman to authorize advertising of the ordinance removing the stop signs at W. 6th Street contingent upon correction of the ordinance where necessary, particularly the street specifics. Motion carried 7-0. Vice President Cotter expressed concern that the stops signs were removed prior to the ordinance being advertised and approved.
- **MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilwoman Kauffman to authorize advertising of the ordinance repealing the Transfer U/O Certificate ordinance. Motion carried 7-0.

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

- Councilwoman Kauffman noted the Birdsboro Rotary Club Halloween Parade is October 28, 2021.
- Vice President Cotter inquired if the damages on Schuylkill Road due to recent storms will be repaired and Manager Yanos responded that plans to repairs are in place. Vice President Cotter thanked all involved with the Historic Tours and commended the Recreation Board.

- Councilman Myers commended the Recreation Board on the a job well done with the Historic Tours. Councilman Myers noted that Muhlenberg Township’s Athletic Association received \$29,000 from DCED for ball fields and recommended such grant opportunities be kept in mind.
- Councilman McCauley noted the Schuylkill River Greenway Ride will take place this Saturday and also noted that Pioneer Crossing Landfill Advisory Committee has received complaints regarding the tarp on the top of the landfill. Councilman McCauley inquired about the timing of the removal of the building at the Motta property, Mayor Peterson will check into that.

**Public Comment:**

- Tom Brungard, 908 Union Street, thanked everyone who helped with the Historic Tours and noted the event was a success.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco  
Borough Secretary