

MINUTES OF THE BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 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 – absent
Robert Myers, Member - present	Nancy Kauffman, Member - present
Richard Happel, Member - absent	Joe Peterson, Mayor - present

Staff and Professionals Present:

Terry Weiler, Solicitor
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): Matt Elgonitis, Chruce Godfrey, Al DeGennaro and Russell and Susie Landers

Agenda Amendments: **MOTION** was by Councilman Scioli and seconded by Councilwoman Kauffman to amend the agenda to add Descoco payment for the Haycreek Pedestrian Bridge under the Engineer’s Report. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Al DeGennaro, representative for J.P. Mascaro, was present to discuss the recycling bids. Attorney DeGennaro provided a brief overview of J.P. Mascaro’s recycling program.

Minutes– September 20, 2021 Budget and Council Meeting

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Scioli and seconded by Councilwoman Kauffman to approve the September 20, 2021 budget and council meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried 5-0.
 - Council Meeting - Solicitor’s Report – relating to the stop sign removal on W. 6th Street note that Vice President Cotter expressed her concern that the stop signs were removed prior to the ordinance being advertised and approved.
 - Council Meeting - Manager’s Report, subheading Fulton Road Update - note that Vice President Cotter expressed concern regarding Windstream washing their trucks on Fulton Road as it is not in compliance with MS4.
 - Budget Meeting – note that Councilman Myers stated the need for discussion as to how the funds are distributed between the Birdsboro Municipal Authority and the Borough as it relates to the agreement with Birdsboro Power.

Bills List

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Scioli to approve the Bills List dated October 4, 2021 and Checks for Ratification dated September 21, 2021 – October 3, 2021. Motion carried 5-0.

Manager's Report

- **Animal Control Services – MOTION** was made Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilman Myers to approve the 2022 Animal Control Services Contract Agreement with Safety Net Sanctuary for an annual cost of \$3,500. Motion carried 5-0.
- **COVID Recovery Reimbursements** – request for a motion to disburse \$5,416.97 to Abundant Life Church and \$2,611.28 to St. Mark's Church from the COVID Recovery funds for expenses incurred through their joint venture to provide food distribution through the food pantry as well as delivering hot meals to community members in quarantine. Vice President Cotter suggested this request go through Emergency Management Coordinator Ken Imes as he was facilitating the needs effort during COVID. Councilman Myers asked if other churches and non-profits in the community provided like services and Councilwoman Kauffman inquired if only Birdsboro residents were included in the services. A committee will be formed to address the spending of the COVID Recovery monies and Councilwoman Kauffman expressed interest in being on the committee.
- **Recycling Bids** – Al DeGennaro, represented from J.P. Mascaro, pointed out that the bid documents provided by Hollenbaugh's Trash and Recycling LLC were not in accordance with the recycling bid specifications as prescribed by the Borough. Solicitor Weiler explained the bidding process and agreed with Attorney DeGennaro that the Hollenbaugh's Trash and Recycling LLC bid documents were not in accordance with the recycling bid specification prescribed by the Borough. **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Vice President Cotter to reject Hollenbaugh's Trash and Recycling LLC's recycling bid due to the fact that the bid package was not in conformance with the bid specifications prescribed by the Borough. Motion carried 5-0. **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Scioli to award a 2-year contract to J.P. Mascaro for recycling services for the cost of \$244,200 in accordance with J.P. Mascaro's recycling bid. Motion carried 5-0.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Boyer noted the Haycreek Pump Station Permit Intake Relocation Municipality Land Use Letter that needs to be completed and sent.

Descoco Payment No. 1 - MOTION was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Myers to authorize Payment No. for the Haycreek Pedestrian Bridge Project to Descoco for the amount of \$45,785.20. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor/Police Reports

- Mayor Peterson distributed a sketch of a possible use for the Motta property at S. Furnace and W. 1st Street. The sketch depicted a memorial honoring each branch of the U.S. Armed Forces along with a parking area. The potential for providing room for fire truck passage was mentioned.

Recreation Board

Chruce Godfrey, Recreation Board President, noted that they have received quotes for the Christmas Lighting. Halter Landscaping provided the best price. Approval of the lighting contract to be tabled to the next meeting. The Recreation Board will look into fireworks with an estimated cost of \$5,000 to be potentially funded by donations and unexpected Recreation Board income from various Recreation Board events. The next Christmas in Birdsboro meeting will be held at Borough Hall on October 26 at 8:45 a.m. The next Recreation Board meeting will be held October 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., meeting was changed due to the Rotary Club Halloween Parade being held October 28, 2021.

Councilwoman Kauffman suggested guidelines be established for reimbursement to organizations for cost incurred during community events and Mr. Godfrey suggested those items be at the discretion of the Recreation Board.

Emergency Management: No new report

Fire Department: No new report

Solicitor's Report

- **Approval of Ordinance No. 493 - MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Scioli to approve Ordinance No. 493 - Amending Section 366-20 of the Vehicle and Traffic Code of the Borough of Birdsboro entitled "Stop Intersections" by the elimination of stop signs controlling traffic at the East and West sides of West Sixth Street at the Intersection of West Sixth Street and Silver Brook Drive. Motion carried 4-1 with Vice President Cotter voting no, stating that she represents the people and feels the signs were taken down prematurely as they were taken down prior the ordinance being advertised or approved and suggested that in the future such matters should be done on a trial basis. Vice President Cotter does not feel that the public was given the opportunity to express their concerns regarding the stop sign removal.
- **Approval of Ordinance No. 494 - MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilwoman Kauffman to approve Ordinance No. 494 – Repealing Ordinance No. 395 which created use and occupancy permits and inspections relative thereto regarding property transfers within the Borough of Birdsboro. Motion carried 5-0.

Council/Committee Reports

- Councilman Myers noted that next year is the American Legion Post 626's 100th Anniversary and an event is being scheduled for late July/early August to be held at Main Bird Park. Mr. Godfrey offered the Recreation Board's assistance with the event and noted that a member of the Recreation Board would be willing to serve on the planning committee.
- Vice President Cotter thanked all of those in attendance and thanked the Recreation Board for all of their excellent work. Vice President Cotter noted that Schuylkill Road was flooded again and Manager Yanos noted that Schuylkill Road will be repaired.
- Councilman Scioli commended the Recreation Board and Councilman Myers added that the snack bar plumbing has been installed at the American Legion Post 626 ball field.
- Councilwoman Kauffman asked when the Car Museum will open and it was noted that they are working on ADA requirements.
- President McCauley noted the complaints regarding the tarp at the Pioneer Crossing Landfill and that the agreement between the landfill and Borough does address aesthetics. J.P. Mascaro was asked to place dirt on the landfill but it was deemed a large expense and the tarp was installed without the consent from the Pioneer Crossing Landfill Advisory Committee causing the Committee dismay.

Public Comment: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Borough Secretary