

**MINUTES OF THE BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 1, 2021 7:00 P.M. – BOROUGH HALL**

Council roll call:

Neil McCauley, President - present  
Mary Ann Cotter, Vice President - present  
Robert Myers, Member - present  
Richard Happel, Member - present

Anthony Scioli, Member - present  
Matthew Welch, Member – present  
Nancy Kauffman, Member - present

Also in attendance were:

Joseph Peterson, Mayor  
Todd Trupp, Police Chief  
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, Donna Elgonitis, Chruce Godfrey, Russell and Susie Landers, Gary Buck, Tom Brungard, and Ken Imes

**Agenda Amendments:** None

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None

**Minutes– October 18, 2021 Budget Meeting**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Welch and seconded by Councilwoman Kauffman to approve the October 18, 2021 budget meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**Minutes– October 18, 2021 Council Meeting**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Welch and seconded by Councilman Scioli to approve the October 18, 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 November 1, 2021 and Checks for Ratification dated October 19, 2021 – October 31, 2021. Motion carried 7-0.

**Manager’s Report**

- **Reading Area Transportation Study Committee** – The Reading Area Transportation Study (RATS) Coordinating Committee has a vacancy and is looking for a new member to fill the position. The member must be a Council member and be nominated by the Council President. Anyone interested please notify President McCauley or Manager Yanos.
- **Zoning Hearing – 400 W. 2nd Street – Former BEC Building** – There will be a Zoning Hearing for a variance for 400 W. 2nd Street on November 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Borough Hall.
- **Haycreek Pedestrian Bridge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** – The Haycreek Pedestrian Bridge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held November 15, 2021 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- **Leaf Collection** – Leaf collection started this week.

### **Engineer's Report**

- Engineer Boyer reviewed his report with Council, a copy of which will be kept on file.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Happel and seconded by Councilman Scioli to approve the preliminary land development plan for GEM Self Storage contingent upon the comments in the Boyer Engineering, LLC letter dated October 25, 2021 be satisfied. Motion carried 7-0.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Happel and seconded by Councilman Scioli to approve an extension to November 30, 2021 for the Armorcast Road Bridge Extension project. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Mayor/Police Reports:** Chief Trupp noted the following:

- The Halloween Parade went well, the Police Department will send thank you notes to the other departments who participated in the parade.
- There was an extensive fire on Schuylkill Road and several fire and police departments responded.
- The speed sign at Washington Street noted only one car speeding going over 40 mph during a 2-week span. Councilwoman Kauffman requested a speed sign be placed on Jefferson Street.
- The Civil Service Commission is planning to start the hiring process.

Mayor Peterson noted the Halloween Parade attracted the largest crowd so far and Councilman Myers thanked Councilwoman Kauffman and the Recreation Board for a job well done.

### **Recreation Board**

After discussion of the Recreation Board's budget of income and expenses, **MOTION** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilman Welch to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$5,000 for fireworks at the Christmas in Birdsboro event. Motion carried 6-1 with Councilman Happel voting no.

**MOTION** was made by Councilman Happel and seconded by Vice President Cotter to appoint Donna Elgonitis to the Recreation Board filling the remainder of William Quinley's term which expires December 31, 2024. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Emergency Management:**

Ken Imes noted he has started the final draft of the FEMA report. Ken Imes noted that the monies expended by the church organizations was submitted as part of the FEMA COVID expenses. Ken Imes noted the matter of his stipend being discontinued when the COVID emergency declaration was lifted, no action was taken on the stipend matter. Also, noted was that damage assessments were not submitted for the last hurricane, the County did not meet the required \$1.2M assessment.

**Fire Department:** No new report

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

**MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilman Welch to approve execution of the recycling contract with J.P. Mascaro. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Council/Committee Reports**

- Councilman Myers encouraged all to vote tomorrow.

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- Vice President Cotter noted that Thursday is National First Responders Day and thanked the fire department, police department, Western Berks Ambulance and all other first responder groups. Vice President Cotter thanked all of those in attendance.
- Councilman Scioli encouraged all to vote tomorrow.
- Councilwoman Kauffman noted there will be information tables at photo op opportunities at the Haycreek Pedestrian Bridge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Councilwoman Kauffman thanked the Recreation Board for the great job they are doing. Also noted was the Forest Legacy Sign needs to be replaced.
- President McCauley noted the excellent job the Public Works Department did on Jackson Street.

**Public Comment:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco  
Borough Secretary