

**MINUTES OF THE BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 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 at 7:51 p.m.
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

Visitor(s): Chruce Godfrey, Tom Brungard, Russell and Susie Landers

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

Mayor Peterson swore in Fire Police member David Swenda.

Agenda Amendments: None

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Minutes– November 15, 2021 Budget Meeting

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Happel and seconded by Councilwoman Kauffman to approve the November 15, 2021 budget meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Minutes– November 15, 2021 Council Meeting

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Councilman Happel to approve the November 15, 2021 council meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Bills List

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Scioli and seconded by Councilwoman Kauffman to approve the Bills List dated December 6, 2021 and Checks for Ratification dated November 16, 2021 – December 5, 2021. Motion carried 6-0.

Manager's Report

- **2022 Proposed Budget – MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman to authorize advertisement of the 2022 Proposed Budget with a .75 mill tax increase. There was no second to the motion. The motion failed. **MOTION** was made by Vice President Cotter and seconded by Councilman Happel to authorize advertisement of the 2022 Proposed Budget with a .5 mill tax increase and utilize \$75,000 of the recovery monies for the purpose of balancing the budget. Motion carried 4-2 with Councilwoman Kauffman and Councilman Scioli voting no. Councilwoman

Kauffman expressed that she felt the .75 millage increase should have been approved as it was the recommendation of the competent Borough Manager and Borough Treasurer.

- **Emergency Dispatch Services Agreement and Resolution – MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and seconded by Vice President Cotter to approve the Emergency Dispatch Services Agreement and Resolution No. 2021-24 authorizing the Borough of Birdsboro to enter into an intergovernmental agreement to provide consolidated dispatching services. Motion carried 6-0.

Engineer's Report

- Engineer Boyer reviewed his report with Council, a copy of which will be kept on file.
- Engineer Boyer noted that 4 Industrial Drive withdrew their land development plan.
- Councilman Myers asked the status of the Cedar Hill project and Engineer Boyer noted they withdrew the DEP permit and the final plan still has to come back to Council for signature.
- Engineer Boyer provided an overview of the Armorcast Road Bridge Punch List.

Mayor/Police Reports: Chief Trupp noted the following:

- The Police Department received a donation from American Legion Post 626 for the purchase of three targets for the Pistol Range.
- A meeting is to be held tomorrow to prepare for Christmas in Birdsboro.
- There is illegal dumping at the brush pile. The police are patrolling the area but Chief Trupp suggested a that the Borough consult with a professional security contractor to discuss security at the brush pile location.

7:51 p.m. - Councilman Welch arrived

Recreation Board

Recreation Board President Godfrey noted that participants of the 5K Santa Fun Run will be required to sign a Hold Harmless statement and FM Brown's and Sons Inc will be added to the Hold Harmless paperwork. Eighty nine runners have already registered. It is the plan to do the fireworks rain or shine. Chief Trupp was requested to check into a backlit sign for notify attendees of the additional parking at the Daniel Boone High School. The Recreation Board meeting for December will be held the third Thursday instead of the fourth Thursday.

Emergency Management: No new report

Fire Department: No new report

Solicitor's Report:

Councilwoman Kauffman asked the status of the Motta property and Solicitor Weiler noted that he has not heard from Attorney Joan London.

Council/Committee Reports

- Councilman Welch commended the Recreation Board for the great job they are doing.
- Vice President Cotter thanked all of those in attendance.
- Councilman Scioli stated that he has resigned his Council seat and has accepted the Mayor position. Also noted was that Ms. Pennsylvania will light the Christmas in Birdsboro Christmas tree. Councilman Scioli noted that tomorrow is Pearl Harbor Day.

Public Comment:

Chruce Godfrey, 204 Hampton Drive, asked about what can be dropped at the brush pile and it was noted that leaves, grass, brush and tree branches.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Borough Secretary