

Meeting Minutes of the
BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 21, 2022 7:00 P.M. – BOROUGH HALL

Council roll call:

Matthew Welch, President - present
Neil McCauley, Vice President - present
Robert Myers, Member - present
Richard Happel, Member - present

Mary Ann Cotter, Member – present
Thomas Brungard, Member – present
Matthew Elgonitis, Member - present

Also in attendance were:

Anthony Scioli, Mayor
Todd Trupp, Police Chief
Terry Weiler, Solicitor
Kelly J. Yanos, Manager
Bonnie L. Frisco, Secretary/Treasurer

Call to Order: President Welch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Opening prayer was led by Councilwoman Cotter

Visitor(s): Chruce Godfrey, Russell and Susie Lander, Ed and Maria Satiro

Agenda Amendments: None

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Minutes– February 7, 2022 Council Meeting

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Happel and seconded by Vice President McCauley to approve the February 7, 2022 council meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried 7-0.
 - Council/Committee Reports – under the 5th bullet delete the duplicated committees list

Bills List

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Happel to approve the Bills List dated February 21, 2022 and Checks for Ratification dated February 8, 2022 – February 20, 2022. Motion carried 7-0.
 - Bills inquiries: check to Judi Lumis, confirmed it was for commission for 2021 taxes
check to OZ Properties, confirmed expense was to secure abandoned house

Interim Bills and Payroll

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Brungard to approve the Interim Bills and Payroll. Motion carried 7-0.

Treasurer's Report

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilwoman Cotter to approve the Treasurer's Report dated February 21, 2022. Motion carried 7-0. The Short Term Disability line item to be checked.

Manager's Report

- **American Legion Banners - MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Brungard to approve the purchase of a banner for the placement at the AL626 Ball Field for a cost of \$350.00 (3-year placement) to be taken from the \$10,000.00 budgeted for the AL626 Ball Field. Motion carried 7-0.
- **Appoint Health Officer- MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Myers to appoint Ken Long to the position of Health Officer contingent upon Mr. Long obtaining the appropriate certifications within six months. Motion carried 7-0.
- **PSAB Conference Attendance – MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Elgonitis to approve Manager Yanos and Secretary/Treasurer Frisco to attend the 2022 PSAB Annual Conference for a cost not to exceed \$400.00. Motion carried 7-0.
- **Birdsboro Power Training Request – MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded Councilman Happel to allow Birdsboro Power to utilize the Council meeting room for an upcoming training. Motion carried 7-0.
- The auditors have begun the 2021 Borough Audit.

Mayor/Police Reports

- Chief Trupp noted that, to date, 3 applications have been received for the Police Officer position.
- The security cameras at the Streets Department are to be installed within two weeks.
- Packets containing SCAM pamphlets are available in the Police Department vestibule.

Municipal Services / Department Reports:

1. **Wastewater Treatment Plant:** Report included in Council packet
2. **Water Treatment Plant:** Report included in Council packet
3. **Streets Department:** Report included in Council packet

Recreation Board

- Chruce Godfrey, Chair of the Recreation Board, noted the Recreation Board will meet Thursday.

Emergency Management:

COVID Update: Ken Imes, Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC), noted the latest COVID variant is on the downslope but there is the possibility of three more variants.

Second Round of FEMA Reimbursement: The second round of FEMA reimbursements were received November 2020 – June 2021.

Future Reimbursements under COVID President's Declaration: EMC Imes requested, at the recommendation of PEMA, that Council reinstate the EMC stipend. Councilman Myers asked what has

been received in grants and what has been spent to date on the EMC stipend. Manager Yanos distributed a list of municipalities that provided EMC compensation. Decision on the matter was tabled.

2022 Birdsboro Emergency Plan Update and Approval: Approval of the 2022 Birdsboro Emergency Plan has been tabled until the EMC stipend decision is rendered.

Fire Department: Report included in Council packet

Solicitor's Report

Executive Session – Real estate and pending litigation

Council/Committee Reports

- Councilwoman Cotter inquired about the status of the train tracks repair on Furnace Street and Manager Yanos noted she has not received a return call from H&K as of yet. Councilwoman Cotter inquired about the Motta property status and Solicitor Weiler noted he has not heard back regarding that matter. Also noted was missing manholes covers at E. 3rd and Pine Streets and it was noted that they are probably natural gas pipes and should be covered.
- Vice President McCauley noted that Pioneer Crossing Landfill Advisory Committee did not meet in February but will meet in March. Also noted was the landfill's leachate permit application has exceeded the storage capacity and a tank or retention pond will need to be added, a tank is preferred. The permit application is in the comment solicitation stage.
- Councilman Elgonitis noted there is a large tree coming up out of the water near Pavilion 4 at Rustic Park. Manager Yanos will have the Streets Department look into that.
- Councilman Brungard noted that the Community Redevelopment Committee (himself, Councilman Myers and Councilwoman Cotter) met on February 16. The Committee has two potential projects: a mural depicting Birdsboro's history and replace the graffiti on the railroad bridge with a welcome to Birdsboro sign.

Executive Session

Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:08 p.m. to discuss real estate and pending litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m. Solicitor Weiler noted the Executive Session was discuss a real estate matter and a pending litigation matter. The pending litigation matter was in regards to the Zoning Appeal for the 400 E. 2nd Street – BEC – Satiro 400 LLC appeal. **MOTION** was made Councilman Happel and seconded by Vice President McCauley to authorize Solicitor Weiler to execute a Notice of Intervention that will allow the Zoning Hearing Board to defend its decision relating to the BEC-Satiro 400 LLC hearing appeal in Court. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Borough Secretary