

Meeting Minutes of the
BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL
APRIL 4, 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 - absent
Thomas Brungard, Member – present
Matthew Elgonitis, Member – present

Also in attendance were:

Todd Trupp, Police Chief
Robin Levensgood, Solicitor
Brian Boyer, Engineer
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 President Welch

Visitor(s): Russell and Susie Lander, Chruce Godfrey, Christen Thompson, members of Girl Scout Troop 1080 and Maria Satiro

Agenda Amendments: None

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Girl Scout Troop 1080 Bronze Award Presentation

Present were three members of Girl Scout Troop 1080 to present a Bronze Award project. The project proposed is a Blessings Box that provides items needed by the community. The premise is of the Blessings Box is to leave and item, take an item. The proposed location is at the corner of Cinder Street and N. Mill Street at the location of the Borough building. The project is estimated to take 20 hours and is scheduled to begin at the end of June. **MOTION** was made by Councilman Happel and seconded by Councilman Myers to support the Girl Scout Troop 1080 Bronze Award Blessings Box project. Motion carried 6-0.

Minutes– March 21, 2022 Council Meeting

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Elgonitis to approve the March 21, 2022 council meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried 6-0. Amendment being change the motion for the approval of the March 7, 2022 council meeting minutes being made by Vice President McCauley instead of President Welch. Motion carried 6-0.

Bills List

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Vice President McCauley to approve the Bills List dated April 4, 2022 and Checks for Ratification dated March 22, 2022 – April 3, 2022. Motion carried 6-0.

Interim Bills and Payroll

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Vice President McCauley to approve the Interim Bills and Payroll. Motion carried 6-0.

Manager's Report

- **Appoint Police Contract Negotiating Committee** – Vice President McCauley, Councilwoman Cotter and Councilman Happel will be the Council representatives to the Police Contract Negotiation Committee
- **Camp Adventure Donation Request**- An increased donation is requested to help pay for field trips. Vice President McCauley asked what is the percentage of Camp Adventures attendees are from the Borough and are other communities providing donations to Camp Adventure. Councilman Myers asked if there was a budget available for Camp Adventure.
- **Resolution 2022-19 – American Legion Banner** – **MOTION** was made by Councilman Happel and seconded by Vice President McCauley to approve Resolution 2022-19 allowing for a banner to be placed across State Highway Route 724, acknowledging the 100th anniversary of the charter of the Birdsboro American Legion Post 626. Motion carried 6-0.
- **Mission Trip Birdsboro Donation** – **MOTION** was made by Councilman Happel and seconded by Councilman Elgonitis to approve the Mission Trip Birdsboro donation of \$500 from the Harms Benefit Fund. 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 work on Armorcast Road Bridge will start again next week.

Mayor/Police Reports

- Chief Trupp noted that five candidates took the agility tests, the boards are to begin shortly, and the hiring process is on schedule. Chief Trupp noted the benefits of utilizing CrimeWatch as an alternative to Facebook, at an annual cost of \$1,500. Chief Trupp noted he is working with Solicitor Weiler on a comprehensive ordinance to address illegal dumping. One arrest has been made for illegal dumping.

Recreation Board

- Chruce Godfrey, Recreation Board President, noted:
 - Beautify Birdsboro day will be Saturday, April 23 from 10 am – 1 pm. Supplies from the state have been procured and the presence of Public Works employees was requested.
 - The DCNR grant deadline was not met as the grant was a bit more complex than expected.
 - Recreation Board President Godfrey inquired about a budget for the July 2, 2022, celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Borough's incorporation. **MOTION** was made by Councilman

Brungard and seconded by Vice President McCauley to budget \$10,000 from Harms Benefit Funds for the Borough's Incorporation 150th Anniversary. Motion carried 5-1 with Councilman Myers voting no as he felt the \$10,000 was an extravagant amount and it was not budgeted.

- Noted was Asheli Godrey's resignation from the Secretary position and Debbie Mettler is the new Secretary for the Recreation Board.

Emergency Management: No new report

Fire Department: No new report

Solicitor's Report: The yard waste draft ordinance to be ready for the next Council meeting.

Old Business

- **Birdsboro Elementary Center** – Maria Satiro, 493 Red Corner Road Douglassville, was present to discuss the BEC – 400 W. 2nd Street project, and requested Council consider an overlay or zoning change for the BEC – 400 W. 2nd Street project. Mrs. Satiro is to provide PDF drawings of the project. The matter was tabled due to a pending court appeal relating to the decision of the Zoning Hearing Board.

Council/Committee Reports

- Councilman Brungard noted that the business survey should be ready for the next council meeting.

Public Comment: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Borough Secretary