

Meeting Minutes of the
BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL
APRIL 18, 2022 7:00 P.M. – BOROUGH HALL

Council roll call:

Matthew Welch, President – absent
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
Terry Weiler, Solicitor
Kelly J. Yanos, Manager
Bonnie L. Frisco, Secretary/Treasurer

Call to Order: Vice 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 Councilwoman Cotter

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

Agenda Amendments: None

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Minutes– April 4, 2022 Council Meeting

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilman Happel to approve the April 4, 2022, council meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

Bills List

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Happel and seconded by Councilman Myers to approve the Bills List dated April 18, 2022 and Checks for Ratification dated April 5, 2022 – April 17, 2022. Motion carried 6-0.

Interim Bills and Payroll

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

Treasurer’s Report

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Myers to approve the Treasurer’s Report dated April 18, 2022. Motion carried 6-0.

Manager’s Report

- **Increased Camp Adventure Donation - MOTION** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilwoman Cotter to approve an additional donation to Camp Adventure in the amount of \$2,000 from the Harms Benefit Fund for this year's event only. Motion carried 6-0.
- **Birdsboro Municipal Authority** – The regularly scheduled Birdsboro Municipal Authority meeting for April 12, 2022 has been rescheduled to April 26, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. (the regular meeting time) due to a lack of quorum for April 12, 2022.
- **Sewer Service for AL626 Ball Field Snack Bar** – Manager Yanos commended Sewer Plant Chief Operator Shawn Hoster for his ingenuity recommending the discharge pipe from Birdsboro Power be connected for the pipe for the Snack Bar instead of dropping into the manhole which would have cost a lot more money. The trail people are to be notified of the project as they may be affected.

Mayor/Police Reports

- Mayor Scioli noted that Chief Trupp is at the Cody conference. Mayor Scioli noted he visited the Fire Department on March 29 for Tuesday night training and he participated in a ride-a-long with the police on Friday and did four 1-hour shifts with the department.

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, provide an update of Beautify Birdsboro which will be held April 23 from 10 AM to noon. Activities to take place are: flower bed at main entrance of Rustic Park, painting of the tennis courts' lines (Vice President McCauley noted the proper materials/procedures should be used), clean-up of Lincoln Park, flowers at Main Bird Park and in front of the Community Center, clean-up of the cowpath (Mountz Road), flowers and mulching at Texas Field, flowers and mulching at St. Mark's church, all in all 5 locations for flower and 3 locations for mulching. Some alleyways may be cleared of trash if time allows. St. Mark's Church will provide lunch for all participants.
- Tentative plans are being made for the 150th Anniversary Celebration, specific plans to be discussed at the next Recreation Board meeting.
- Farmer's Markets to begin Saturday, May 21.

Emergency Management: No report

Fire Department: Report included in Council packet

Solicitor's Report

- Solicitor Weiler to review with Chief Trupp the Solid Waste Ordinance as it relates to penalties for illegal dumping.
- The Police Contract Negotiations Committee met this evening prior to the meeting.

Council/Committee Reports

- Councilman Myers noted the reinstatement of the passenger rail service will be discussed at the regular County Commissioners' meeting this Thursday.
- Councilman Happel noted the Legion and VFW will be holding the annual Memorial Day Parade and will be placing flags in the cemetery as well.
- Councilwoman Cotter inquired about an event held at the car museum this weekend but no one was aware of an event. Councilwoman Cotter asked if there were any comments regarding the business survey. As there were none, the survey will be sent to businesses. The Jr. Council Member program is on hold as there are no interested parties at this time. Councilwoman Cotter inquired about the status of the Motta property and Solicitor Weiler noted there is no new update. Councilwoman Cotter inquired about the status of the railroad tracks on Furnace Street. Manager Yanos noted she has been directing complaints regarding the condition of the railroad tracks to Tom Brown of F.M. Brown's as they are the owners of the tracks and are responsible for the repairs.
- Councilman Elgonitis noted the large pothole on the side of the road near the entrance of Rustic Park. Manager Yanos noted that PennDot has been notified.
- Councilman Brungard noted he would prefer to have one or two other council members with him when approaching property owners regarding potential mural and museum locations.
- Vice President McCauley noted the Pioneer Crossing Landfill Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday evening.

Public Comment:

Russell Lander, 534 Silverbrook Drive, inquired about rules for stray cats and Manager Yanos noted the Borough does have an ordinance addressing that and it will be looked into. Susie Lander asked about the tree clearing on Lincoln Road on the Mascaro property and asked if anyone know what they were going to use that area for and Vice President McCauley stated he will inquire about that at the next Pioneer Crossing Landfill Advisory Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Borough Secretary