

Meeting Minutes of the  
**BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MAY 16, 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 (via zoom)  
Terry Weiler, Solicitor  
Kelly J. Yanos, Manager  
Bonnie L. Frisco, Secretary/Treasurer (via zoom)

**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, Nancy Kauffman

**Agenda Amendments**

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Brungard to amend the agenda to include the BMA vacancy due to Kevin Shelton’s resignation. Motion carried 7-0.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None

**Minutes– May 2, 2022 Council Meeting**

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Elgonitis to approve the May 2, 2022 council meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

**Bills List**

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilwoman Cotter to approve the Bills List dated May 16, 2022 and Checks for Ratification dated May 3, 2022 – May 15, 2022. Motion carried 7-0.

**Interim Bills and Payroll**

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

**Treasurer’s Report**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Vice President McCauley to approve the Treasurer’s Report dated May 16, 2022 as amended. Motion carried 7-0. Amendment being correcting the Net Deficit total on the General Fund Budget Comparison Report.

### **Manager's Report**

- **Cedar Hill Estates** – Scott Sweigart from C2C Design was present to discuss the driveway to be installed as an egress from Beacon Container onto West 1st Street at Jackson Street as a condition of final plan approve of the Cedar Hill Estates project. Solicitor Weiler, Engineer Boyer and Manager Yanos will discuss the matter.
- **Birdsboro Municipal Authority – MOTION** was made by Councilman Happel and seconded by Councilman Myers to appoint Mary Ann Cotter to the Birdsboro Municipal Authority to fill the unexpired term of Deborah Murphy, term of which will expire December 31, 2022. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilwoman Cotter abstaining from the vote.

**MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Brungard to appoint Drew Lamb to the Birdsboro Municipal Authority to fill the unexpired term of Kevin Shelton, term of which will expire December 31, 2025. Motion carried 7-0.

- **Water Department Seasonal Help – MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Vice President McCauley to approve hiring Jesse Smith as seasonal help for the Water Department in accordance with Memorandum of Understanding dated June 17, 2021, at a rate of \$15 per hour to start the first Monday in May and end the second Saturday in September. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Mayor/Police Reports**

- Mayor Scioli noted that there were nine initial candidates for the Police Officer position, there were two no shows for the written test and two no shows for the physical test and five candidates took the oral exam and one candidate accepted another position, leaving four candidates, who will be taking the polygraph tests. There is testing scheduled for the Sergeant position.
- Twenty illegal dumpers have been identified and letters have been sent to all of them.

### **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 that at the 150th Anniversary Event (to be held July 2) there will be a beer tent provided by Angry Anvil, a band has been booked, the stage provided for and there will be other vendors participating as well. The first Farmer's Market will be Saturday, May 21 and will be from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and they Recreation Board will work with the Duck Derby participants as the Duck Derby will take place the same day as they had to reschedule due to inclement weather. The porta potty's have been ordered for the summer events.
- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Vice President McCauley to approve moving forward with the closure of Route 724 from Spruce Street to Mill Street for the July 2nd 150th Anniversary Event, event to be held from 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Motion carried 7-0.

**Emergency Management**

President Welch noted that he had learned from a recent meeting that the emergency declaration may be lifted July 1 and also noted that Emergency Management Coordinator Kenneth Imes requested the readoption of the Emergency Plan be placed on the next council agenda.

**Fire Department:** Report included in Council packet

**Solicitor's Report**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Happel to approve Ordinance No. 496, Dumping of Waste: Public Property. Motion carried 7-0.

**Council/Committee Reports**

- Councilwoman Cotter thanked Council for appointing her to the Birdsboro Municipal Authority and thanked all for attending.
- Vice President McCauley noted the Pioneer Crossing Landfill Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday evening. Vice President McCauley noted the meeting regarding concerns regarding the Schuylkill River Trail and noted was safety concerns at the Turkey Hill crossing area.
- Councilman Elgonitis noted that 150 Girl Scouts received their Silver Awards at a ceremony held in King of Prussia. It was requested that the Girl Scout Troop 1080 can set up their collections area for their Bronze Aware project, which is a Blessings Box.
- Councilman Brungard noted a location has not been identified yet for the proposed mural, there has not been contact yet with the owner of the property of the potential site of a museum and the business survey needs to be distributed.

**Public Comment:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco  
Borough Secretary