

Meeting Minutes of the  
**BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**JUNE 20, 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 - absent

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

Also in attendance were:

Anthony Scioli, Mayor  
Terry Weiler, Solicitor  
Todd Trupp, Police Chief  
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, Robin Emerick, Nancy Kauffman, Russell and Susie Landers

**Agenda Amendments:** None

**Proclamations**

Mayor Scioli presented proclamations to retiring Sergeant Seth Riegel and Recreation Board President Chruce Godfrey, recognizing both for their service to the Borough.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None

**Minutes– May 16, 2022 Council Meeting**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Myers to approve the May 16, 2022 council meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

**Bills List**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Elgonitis to approve the Bills List dated June 20, 2022 and Checks for Ratification dated May 17, 2022 – June 19, 2022. Motion carried 5-0.

**Interim Bills and Payroll**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilman Brungard to approve the Interim Bills and Payroll. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Brungard to approve the Treasurer's Report dated June 20, 2022 as amended. Motion carried 5-0. Amendment being correct the Other Police Income and Other Recreation Income line items.

### **Manager's Report**

- **Parade Parking Routes** – Discussion of the Parade Ordinance to be placed on the July agenda.

Jacob Miller of 213 E. 1st Street was present to discuss the exorbitant towing fees he incurred as his car was towed for the Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Miller's father, Matthew Miller of 3 Beechwood Drive in Exeter Township, was also present. Mr. Miller claimed he was not given ample notice to move his car and requested the Borough reimburse him for the towing fees. Also noted was that Mr. Miller incurred additional car storage fees due to the fact that the car was not readily retrieved from the towing lot. Matthew Hilbert of 404 W. 1st Street was also present to express concerns regarding his experience having his car towed. Chief Trupp noted that proper notice was given for individuals to move their cars for the event and the notice was given in accordance with the ordinance. Vice President McCauley suggested Mr. Miller speak to the towing company to possibly receive a reimbursement and attend the July Council meeting for further discussion.

- **Teamsters' Contract for 2023-2027 – MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Elgonitis to approve the Teamsters' Contract for 2023-2027 pending Teamsters' approval. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Advertise Water Street Milling Bid Specifications – MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Myers to authorize advertising of the Water Street milling bid specifications. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Engineer's Report**

- Engineer Boyer reviewed his report with Council, a copy of which will be kept on file.
- **Armorcast Road Bridge Road Time Extension – MOTION** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilman Brungard to approve the time extension for the Armorcast Road Bridge Project, if substantial work is not completed by Friday, July 29 then penalty fees will begin Monday, August 1 which are \$750 per calendar day. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Mayor/Police Reports**

- Mayor Scioli noted that he attended the PSAB Conference on May 24 & 25 and attended the Mayors' Round Table and also a class regarding Police Department management and found the conference educational.
- **2021 Ford Police Interceptor – MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Myers to approve the purchase of a 2021 Ford Police Interceptor (with the trade in of the 2015 Ford Explorer) to include an extended warranty for a cost not to exceed \$46,000. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Approve Hiring of Police Officer – MOTION** was made by Councilman Elgonitis and seconded by Councilwoman Cotter to approve the hiring of a police officer as certified by the Birdsboro Borough Police Civil Service Commission. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Promotion of Sergeant – MOTION** was made by Councilman Elgonitis and seconded by Councilwoman Cotter to approve the promotion of the Sergeant candidate as certified by the Birdsboro Borough Policed Civil Service Commission. Motion carried 5-0.

### **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**

- **Waive Rustic Park Pavilion Rental Fee for Cancer Research Fundraiser – MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Brungard to waive the pavilion rental fee for the Cancer Research Fundraiser. Motion carried 5-0.
- **Additional \$500 for Fireworks - MOTION** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilwoman Cotter to approve the additional \$500 for the fireworks contract for the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Motion carried 5-0.
- **150th Anniversary Event Update** – Chruce Godfrey, Recreation Board President, noted that there will be food trucks, ice cream truck, beer garden, bounce house, mechanical bull, dunk tank and fireworks for the 150th Anniversary Event. Mr. Godfrey requested that the Recreation Board be notified of when the Water Street roadwork is scheduled so they may plan accordingly with the Farmer’s Market schedule. Mr. Godfrey noted that he is moving out of the Borough and will no longer be able to serve on the Recreation Board.

### **Emergency Management**

**Readopt Emergency Management Plan** - A copy of the Emergency Management Plan is available for review at Borough Hall and it was noted that there have not been any changes made to the plan. Councilwoman Cotter requested that the readoption of the Emergency Management Plan be tabled to the July meeting so Council has the opportunity to review the plan.

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

### **Solicitor’s Report**

Solicitor Weiler noted that arguments are to be heard Thursday for the Satiro Zoning Hearing case. Solicitor Weiler noted that in regards to the Motta train station, there is a court order in place that the train station is to be taken down.

### **Council/Committee Reports**

- Councilman Elgonitis thanked Chruce Godfrey for his service on the Recreation Board.
- Councilwoman Cotter thanked all those in attendance.
- Councilman Myers noted that the Rotary Club recommended the Halloween Parade be scheduled for October 20 with a rain date of October 27. **MOTION** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilwoman Cotter to approve the Halloween Parade dates as October 20 and October 27 as a rain date. Motion carried 5-0. **MOTION** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilwoman Cotter to set ‘trick or treat’ night for October 31 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

- Councilman Myers noted that the sixth historical marker's subject matter is to be the phone company and the proposed location is at the phone company building on E. 1st Street. Nancy Kauffman noted that Windstream has signed off on the location and there is one more approval that needs to be obtained.
- Vice President McCauley noted the Pioneer Crossing Landfill Advisory Committee met and discussed radiation limits, odor elimination and overweight trucks.

#### **Executive Session**

Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:24 p.m. to discuss Cedar Hill Estates and Personnel. The regular meeting reconvened at

#### **Public Comment**

Chruce Godfrey noted that at the July 16 Farmer's Market a forger will be doing a live demonstration and also there will be a bee glass case presentation.

#### **Executive Session**

Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:24 p.m. to discuss Cedar Hill Estates and Personnel. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:05 p.m. Solicitor Weiler summarized the Executive Session that addressed a potential right-of-way on the Borough roadway at Beacon Container to be built by the developer and maintained by Beacon Container. The roadway would be a private street and the developer would be responsible for gates, fences, etc. **MOTION** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilman Brungard grant the construction easement at Beacon Container for the development of a permanent right-of-way for Beacon Container ingress and egress. Motion carried 5-0.

Also discussed in Executive Session was the recommendations provided by the Birdsboro Borough Civil Service Commission for the Patrolman and Sergeant openings.

**MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Elgonitis to hire Brad Brenner for the Patrolman position, with a starting salary of 95% of the regular patrolman rate conditioned upon the satisfactory completion of psychiatric test. Motion carried 5-0.

**MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Brungard to promote Patrolman Adam Borz to the position of Sergeant at the Sergeant salary rate with such rate to be effective July 1, 2022. Motion carried 5-0.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco  
Borough Secretary