

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

Council roll call:

Matthew Welch, President – present  
Neil McCauley, Vice President - absent  
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:** President Matthew 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):** Numerous residents of the Borough

**Agenda Amendments:** None

**Oath of Office**

Mayor Scioli administered the oath of office to newly hired Police Officer Brad Brenner.

**Eagle Scout Project Presentation – Jeff Deitman – Gaga Court**

Boy Scout Jeff Deitman was in attendance to present his Eagle Scout project to Council. The project includes construction of a Gaga court and renovation of a cement pad to be utilized as a pickle ball court at Rustic Park with the potential of other projects. President Welch requested Boy Scout Deitman get back with Council once he has further information regarding his project and what funds may be needed.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None

**Minutes– June 20, 2022 Council Meeting**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Brungard to approve the June 20, 2022 council meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried 5-0. Amendment being that the votes noted as 6-0 votes should be changed to 5-0 votes.

**Bills List**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Elgonitis to approve the Bills List dated July 18, 2022 and Checks for Ratification dated June 21, 2022 – July 17, 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 Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilman Brungard to approve the Treasurer's Report dated July 18, 2022 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Manager's Report**

- **Re-examine Commercial Inspection Program** – There was discussion regarding repealing the Commercial Inspection program. It was noted that the Commercial Inspection Program is a duplicate of inspections already being done by state agencies and is cumbersome, time-consuming and expensive to facilitate. Councilman Myers asked how many other communities do not have a commercial inspection program and Manager Yanos noted several communities she was aware of not having such a requirement. Councilman Myers requested that other communities be contacted as to if they have this program in place. The matter to be table to the next Council meeting.
- **Library Board Vacancy** – MOTION was made by Councilman Elgonitis and seconded by Councilman Myers to accept with regret the resignation of Lisa Kraljevich from the Library Board. Motion carried 5-0. The Library Board vacancy notice is to be placed on the Borough website and digital sign.

### **Engineer's Report**

- Engineer Boyer reviewed his report with Council, a copy of which will be kept on file.
- Engineer Boyer noted that an animal waste ordinance for MS4 purposes should be adopted and also the Birdsboro Municipal Authority may want to consider an ordinance addressing horses in the Watershed.

### **Mayor/Police Reports**

- Mayor Scioli thanked the Recreation Board for a successful 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event during which PSAB and Representative Maloney presented plaques to the Borough. The Lynn Decker dedication was a wonderful Girl Scout event.
- Chief Trupp noted that the brush pile dumping situation has improved and there was only one dumping that was for non-yard waste. Councilwoman Cotter noted concern regarding the homeless population in the Borough and Chief Trupp noted that the American Legion is helping one of the homeless, which is a veteran and St. Mark's Lutheran Church is providing meals, laundry and shower facilities at the church. Councilman Myers noted that Hopewell Love is also a resource.

### **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**

- Christen Thompson, representative for the Recreation Board, noted that the 150th Anniversary Event was a great success as well as the Farmer's Markets. The Recreation Board is working with

the American Legion for their 100th Anniversary Event, to include events such as a dog picture taking contest. Movie night will be September 17 at Texas Ballfield.

### **Emergency Management**

**Readopt Emergency Management Plan** – Readoption of the Emergency Management Plan to be tabled to the next meeting so Ken Imes, Emergency Management Coordinator, is present to answer inquiries. Councilman Myers also noted that EMC Imes should be providing NIMS training for all Borough officials.

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

### **Solicitor's Report**

Solicitor Weiler noted that a decision for the Satiro Zoning Hearing case has not been rendered yet. Motta has not picked up the monies for the train station and a petition has been filed. There was a meeting with Beacon Container to discuss the proposed right-of-way easement but no word has been heard from Beacon Container.

### **Council/Committee Reports**

- Councilman Myers noted he has been asked to service on a Technical Committee for the proposed rail service from Reading to Philadelphia. The Technical Committee acts as a sounding board and is to solicit comments from the public.
- Councilwoman Cotter noted that the Birdsboro Municipal Authority approved the purchase of an excavator, the police contract negotiations are underway and also the cyber security concerns are being addressed by IT and the insurance company.
- Councilman Elgonitis noted the 150th Anniversary Event was a success.
- Councilman Brungard noted that Carrie Kingsbury is working on a mural design pro bono, potential locations for the mural are the side of the Maple Springs Deli or possibly the inside or outside of the library. Grant proposals will need to be prepared.

### **Public Comment**

There were several residents in attendance to discuss issues at 827 Jefferson Street. Megan Heller of 803 Colonial Drive, Patricia Moser, 817 Jefferson Street and Ralph Bascelli at 801 Colonial Drive. The complaints regarding 827 Jefferson Street include the generator running 24/7, multiple chickens, roosters crowing constantly, and the residents are selling eggs and chickens. The Police Department has been addressing the rooster issue and the Codes Official will be notified of the other issues. The residents were requested to submit complaint forms so the Code Official is aware and can properly address such issues.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco  
Borough Secretary