

Meeting Minutes of the
BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL
OCTOBER 17, 2022 7:00 P.M. – BOROUGH HALL

Council roll call:

Matthew Welch, President – present
Neil McCauley, Vice President - present
Robert Myers, Member – present
Mary Ann Cotter, Member - present

Thomas Brungard, Member –present
Matthew Elgonitis, Member – present
Alen Harris, Member - present

Also, in attendance were:

Terry Weiler, Solicitor
Brian Boyer, Engineer
Todd Trupp, Police Chief
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 Reverend Alen Harris.

Visitor(s): Christen Thompson, Rich Bowen, Janet Steiner (Comcast), Susie and Russell Lander

Agenda Amendments: None

Oath of Office – Rev. Alen Harris, Sr.

Mayor Scioli administered the Oath of Office to Rev. Alen Harris, Sr., newly appointed Council member.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Janet Steiner, of Comcast, was present to discuss the cable franchise agreement between Comcast and the Borough. After lengthy discussion, and viewpoints expressed, a MOTION was made by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Brungard to enter into a cable franchise agreement with Comcast contingent upon the addition of restoration improvement language and other language deemed necessary to the contract and final approval of the amended document by Council.

President Welch called for a roll call vote.

Neil McCauley – yes
Thomas Brungard – yes
Matthew Welch – yes

Robert Myers – no
Matthew Elgonitis – yes

Mary Ann Cotter – yes
Alen Harris, Sr – yes

Motion carried 6-1.

Minutes– October 3, 2022 Council Meeting

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Myers to approve the October 3, 2022 council meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilman Harris

abstaining due to his not being a member of Council at the time of the October 3, 2022 meeting. Amendment being noted that Councilman Myers abstained from the Eagle Scout project approval as it related to the American Legion Post 626.

Bills List

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Vice President McCauley to approve the Bills List dated October 17, 2022 and Checks for Ratification dated October 4– October 16, 2022. Motion carried 7-0.

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 7-0.

Treasurer's Report

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Brungard to approve the Treasurer's Report dated October 17, 2022. Motion carried 7-0.

Manager's Report

- **Police Contract** – to be discussed in Executive Session.
- **Animal Ordinance Amendment** – Advertising of the Animal Ordinance Amendment to be tabled for further discussion regarding the feral TRN (trap, neuter, and release) cat program.

Mayor/Police Reports: No new report

Municipal Services / Department Reports

- **Wastewater Treatment Plant:** Report included in the Council packet
- **Water Treatment Plant:** Report included in the Council packet
- **Streets Department:** Report included in the Council packet

Recreation Board

- Christen Thompson, representative for the Recreation Board, noted that the last Farmers' Market of the season is this Saturday, which will include a paint-a-pumpkin event. The Christmas in Birdsboro committee has agreed to have fireworks at the Christmas Event, along with a mechanical reindeer, large snow globe, 5K run and other attractions.

Emergency Management

Readopt the Emergency Management Plan – Tabled, Emergency Management Coordinator, Ken Imes, not present.

Fire Department: No new report

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Weiler noted that he spoke to Joan London regarding the Motta property matter that they were prepared to process payment to Motta's but Motta representatives were not satisfied with the wording in the release documents so they will need to address the matter in court. Also, noted is that there is no news regarding the BEC zoning appeal.

Council/Committee Reports

- Councilman Brungard thanked Tom Keim and Nancy Kauffman for facilitating the new historic sign at the Conestoga Telephone (Windstream) building.
- Councilman Elgonitis noted he was onsite to oversee Jeff Deitman's work for his Eagle Scout project which included painting at the Armorcast Road Bridge and the gazebo at Main Bird Park.
- Councilman Myers noted he is delighted that Councilman Harris has joined Council.
- President Welch thanked Councilman Harris and stated it is good to have fresh ideas.

Old Business: No old business

Public Comment

- Susie Lander, 534 Silverbrook Drive, commended Council on taking action on the Comcast matter and not delaying the conclusion.
- Russell Lander, 534 Silverbrook Drive, noted his disappointment of the lack of resident attendance at the town hall concerning Comcast. Also, questioned was if the animal ordinance will be discussed at the next council meeting and it was noted that it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Executive Session

Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss police contract negotiations. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:45 p.m. Solicitor Weiler summarized the Executive Session and noted that the proposed police contract was reviewed. No action was taken.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Borough Secretary