

Meeting Minutes of the
BIRDSBORO BOROUGH BUDGET MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 6:00 P.M. – BOROUGH HALL

Birdsboro Borough Council (the “Council”) Members Roll Call:

Matthew Welch, President- absent

Neil McCauley, Vice President - present

Mary Ann Cotter, Member - present

Robert Myers, Member - absent

Matthew Elgonitis, Member - present

Thomas Brungard, Member - present

Staff and Professionals Present:

Todd Trupp, Police Chief

Kelly J. Yanos, Manager

Bonnie L. Frisco, Secretary/Treasurer

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Visitor(s): Ashley Allen and Chrissy Mittura of the Boone Area Library, Chris Zuber and Doug Snyder of the Birdsboro Community Memorial Center, David Moss and Denise Harner of American Legion Post 626.

Birdsboro Community Memorial Center (“BCMC”)

Doug Snyder and Chris Zuber were present to represent the Birdsboro Community Memorial Center (a.k.a. BCMC). They provided an overview of what the BCMC does and the programs and services the BCMC offers. They noted an extra cost realized due to wage increases for the summer camp counselors as the counselors do a good job and the wages need to be competitive.

Boone Area Library

Ashley Allen (Library Director) and Chrissy Mittura (Trustee) were present to represent the Boone Area Library. Ms. Allen noted that there has been an increase in State funding (2022 County funding was \$99,925.30 and proposed for 2023 is \$111,193.17) and new library programs have been added since COVID, fundraising has increased, there will be a wine pull in November as well as an art auction and a basket combo raffle. There are a lot of building repairs that need to be made, such as electrical, heating and AC, etc. Funding per capita’s to be looked at as Amity Township’s per capita is 1.59 and Birdsboro’s is 3.2 and the per capita funding should be at least 2.5 for all three contributing municipalities.

American Legion Post 626

Dave Moss and Denise Harner were present to represent American Legion Post 626. Ms. Harner noted that a new groomer (cost of \$17,000) is needed for the American Legion Post 626 ballfield, suggesting that the Borough would be able to obtain a groomer at a discount. Requested is \$10,000 from the Borough for the groomer and also it was noted that steps need to be installed at the side of the hill so the concession stand and bathrooms can be accessed in a safe manner and the Legion is requesting \$5,000 for the step installation. A Boy Scout is to make a brick area around the three (3) flagpoles. Vice President McCauley noted concern regarding LED lights as the Borough is part of the dark skies’ initiative. Mr. Moss and Ms. Harner presented the Borough with a pencil drawing of the Legion, drawn by Joanne Baer.

Council will meet next on October 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to review the draft budget.

ADJOURNMENT: The budget meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Borough Secretary