

Meeting Minutes of the  
**BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**DECEMBER 5, 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:

Anthony Scioli, Mayor  
Terry Weiler, Solicitor  
Brian Boyer, Engineer  
Todd Trupp, Police Chief  
Kelly J. Yanos, Manager

**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 Harris

**Visitor(s):** Nancy Kauffman, Susie and Russell Lander, Margaret Fiset, Julie Berkley, Carol Audette, Tony Tucci

**Agenda Amendments:** None

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None

**Minutes– November 21, 2022 Council Meeting**

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Brungard to approve the November 21, 2022 council meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**Minutes– November 21, 2022 Budget Meeting**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Elgonitis to approve the November 21, 2022 budget meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**Bills List**

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Brungard to approve the Bills List dated December 5, 2022 and Checks for Ratification dated November 22– December 4, 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.

### **Manager's Report**

- **Advertise the 2023 Budget – MOTION** was made by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilwoman Cotter to authorize advertising of the proposed 2023 Budget. Motion carried 7-0.
- **Birdsboro Power Accommodation Fee Renegotiation – MOTION** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilwoman Cotter to hold the accommodation fee paid after 12/31/22 in escrow until allocation is renegotiated. Anthony Tucci objected from the audience that there was a conflict of interest, as Councilwoman Cotter serves on both Council and the Municipal Authority. On the advice of the Solicitor, Councilwoman Cotter rescinded her second. *Secretary's note - Councilwoman Cotter requested that these minutes be amended to include her contention that Anthony Tucci's actions were out of order, as he was not recognized by the Council President, it was not the appropriate time for public comment, and he was not acting in his official capacity of Municipal Authority Chairman.* Councilman Myers agreed to rescind the original motion and made a **MOTION** to hold the accommodation fee paid after 12/31/22 in escrow until allocation is renegotiated. Councilman Brungard seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0-1. Councilwoman abstained but implied that she did not agree that a conflict of interest, which Council President Welch supplied as the reason, existed.
- **Staff Leave Time – MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Myers to grant administrative staff one additional personal annual person starting in 2023. Motion carried 7-0.
- **Western Berks Ambulance** – An ad-hoc committee to discuss the matters with Western Berks Ambulance was established to include Councilman Elgonitis and Councilman Harris. Comment regarding the Western Berks Ambulance situation was received by Julie Berkley, 904 Denise Drive, noting that she is concerned about how Union Township participants with Western Berks Ambulance affects the Borough's costs for services, recommending an RFP. It was noted that Borough should require Western Berks Ambulance to provide quarterly financial statements.
- **Approve 2023 Safety Net Sanctuary Contract – MOTION** was made by Councilman Harris and seconded by Vice President McCauley to approve the 2023 Safety Net Sanctuary Contract for the contract amount of \$4,500. Motion carried 7-0.
- **Scheduling of First Meeting in January 2023** - The first meeting in January will be held Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

### **Engineer's Report**

- Engineer Boyer reviewed his report with Council, a copy of which will be kept on file.

**Mayor/Police Reports:** No new report

### **Municipal Services / Department Reports**

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

### **Recreation Board**

- Christmas in Birdsboro preparations update was provided.

**Emergency Management:** No new report

**Fire Department:** No new report

**Solicitor's Report:** No new to report

**Council/Committee Reports:** No new to report

**Old Business:** None

**Public Comment**

- Nancy Kauffman, 7 Mansion Court E, spoke in favor of a security system at Rustic Park and noted that the Haycreek Watershed sees prohibited activity during the day.
- Susie Lander, 534 Silverbrook Drive, asked the names of the new solicitor and it was noted the new solicitors will be Mike Gombar and Christopher Muvdi from Masano Bradley.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco  
Borough Secretary