

Meeting Minutes of the
BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL
APRIL 17, 2023 7:00 P.M. – BOROUGH HALL

Council roll call:

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

Thomas Brungard, Member –present
Matthew Elgonitis, Member – present
Alen Harris, Member –present (arrived 7:05 pm)

Also, in attendance were:

Anthony Scioli, Mayor
Chris Muvdi, Solicitor
Todd Trupp, Police Chief
Kelly J. Yanos, Manager
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 Harris

Visitor(s): Nancy Kauffman, Susie Lander, Brenda Tucci, Ryan Acevedo, Christen Thompson, Dave Blank

Agenda Amendment: None

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Minutes– April 3, 2023 Council Meeting

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Brungard and seconded by Councilwoman Cotter to approve the April 3, 2023 council meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried 5-0. Amendments being to note that the Sons of America cleanup has been postponed to the Beautify Birdsboro date of May 13 and Councilman Myers noted that the application to the Federal Railroad Administration is one of 70 for new services.

7:05 p.m. - Councilman Harris arrived

Bills List

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilman Elgonitis to approve the Bills List dated April 17, 2023 (\$41,246.72) and Checks for Ratification dated April 4, 2023– April 16, 2023 (\$103,264.88). Motion carried 6-0.

Treasurer's Report

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Brungard to approve the Treasurer's Report dated April 17, 2023. Motion carried 6-0.

Treasurers' Report

General (Surplus/(Deficit)	(192,443.78)
Harms (Surplus/(Deficit)	58,729.01
Liquid Fuels (Surplus/(Deficit)	(16,326.63)

Interim Bills and Payroll

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Brungard to approve the Interim Bills and Payroll. Motion carried 6-0.

Manager's Report

- **Planning Commission Application – MOTION** was made by Councilman Myers and seconded by Councilman Elgonitis to appoint Seth Winger to the Planning Commission. Motion carried 6-0.
- **Ownership of Electric Pole** – There is an electric pole with a very low-hanging wire at the PWD complex which will complicate any plans for expanding/modifying the area. PWD requested it be removed, as the electric from this line is not being used at all. Met-Ed recommends that the Borough take possession of the pole to save costs on its removal. Matter to be tabled to next meeting pending cost information.
- **Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for the Legion Field** – The American Legion is requesting funds to purchase an AED Lifepack at a cost of \$2,227.50. President Welch noted concern regarding the security (such as the possible need for a wall-mounted cabinet) of the AEDs and the Legion Field and the question was raised of who could use them and would training be required. It was noted that the local ball leagues bring AEDs to the ball games. The matter to be discussed once more information is provided.
- **Park Equipment (LSA)** – The Recreation Board seeks approval to move forward with the purchase of outdoor fitness equipment at a cost of \$26,000 using the LSA grant funding. It was asked if there were multiple quotes received for the equipment. Christen Thompson of the Recreation Board will discuss the matter with Manager Yanos to gather the proper information. The matter is tabled to a later meeting.
- **TowerDirect Liason** – Per the ambulance service contract, Council is to designate an individual to serve as a liaison for communications between Council and TowerDIRECT. It was questioned whether the liaison needed to be a Council member. The agreement to be reviewed and matter discussed at a later meeting.

Engineer's Report

- Engineer Boyer reviewed the Engineer's Report, a copy of which will be kept on file.
- **1st Street Bridge Inspection Follow Up** – Engineer Boyer noted a meeting with a PADOT representative regarding the 1st Street Bridge repairs, which will be done in accordance with PADOT guidelines.
- **Pro-Grade Supply Preliminary Land Development Plan - MOTION** was made by Councilman Brungard and seconded by Councilman Elgonitis to grant the below waivers (as found in the March 28, 2023) Boyer Engineering letter for the Pro-Grade Supply Land Development Plan.

- Subdivision and Land Development – Section 5.24 – Sidewalks to not be required along Jackson Street.
- Subdivision and Land Development – Section 5.41 – Streetlights to not be required along Jackson Street.
- Subdivision and Land Development – Section 5.42 – Street trees to not be required along Jackson Street.
- Stormwater Management Ordinance – Section 149-22.C(2) – Storm sewer pipes to not be required to be a minimum of 15 inches.

Motion carried 6-0.

Solicitor's Report

- **Schedule Zoning Map Amendment Hearing** – Solicitor Muvdi noted that it is premature to schedule the Zoning Map Amendment Hearing for the Satiro property as the ordinance is in the process of being drafted, scheduling of the hearing to be addressed at a later date.

Mayor/Police Reports

Mayor Scioli noted that he and President Welch met with EMC Ken Imes, and Mayor Scioli asked if EMC Imes' stipend will end in May when the Federal Emergency has ended and it was noted that the stipends will discontinue once the declaration ends.

Chief Trupp noted that 85% of the vehicle travelling on W. 1st Street are going 31 mph, 125 cars could have been cited and most of the high speeds are by motorcycles. Dumping statistics: 443 dumps, 9 of which were from non-residents, and 3 have been invoiced to date. After discussion regarding cameras for Rustic Park, Manager Yanos was asked to ask the Birdsboro Municipal Authority if they would consider splitting the cost of the security cameras at Rustic Park.

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 noted that Beautify Birdsboro will be May 13, and the Farmers' Markets will begin May 20. The Community Yard Sale will be July 29, followed by a movie night later that evening in Main Bird Park. Ryan Acevedo noted that there is an AED locked in the concession stand at Texas Ballfield and baseball leagues are required to have them.

Emergency Management: No new report

Fire Department: Report included in the Council packet

Council/Committee Reports

- Councilman Brungard noted the repair café stating the Boone Area Library is on board and also noted that the insurance for a repair café could be the biggest expense. More information to be provided at the next meeting. Councilman Brungard noted he felt EMC Imes should attend more Council meetings.
- Councilman Elgonitis noted a Borough-wide clean-up and how trash companies gather to for one big clean up.
- Councilwoman Cotter noted that the Birdsboro Municipal Authority approved the hiring of Robeson Township police bike patrol for the watershed. Councilwoman Cotter noted Carrie Kingsbury approaching Birdsboro Power for funding for a mural at the Maple Springs business center on W. Main Street. Manager Yanos noted concern of graffiti to a mural and how that could be fixed when it happens. The matter of the mural has been tabled.
- Councilman Harris noted he has noticed 7 beehives in the surrounding Birdsboro but he hasn't had a chance to talk to the property owners yet. All seen, so far, seem safe and reasonable.

Old Business: No old business

Public Comment

- Nancy Kauffman, 7 Mansion Court E, clarified that cost for the Robeson Township bicycle patrol is a one-time contribution of \$2,100.
- Brenda Tucci, 341 Washington Street, noted trees and bushes growing over sidewalks. Mrs. Tucci was asked to submit complaint forms to the Borough so they may be forwarded to the Codes Officer.
- Ryan Acevedo, 647 Jefferson Street, asked if the American Legion Post 626 ballfield is open to the public and Councilman Myers stated that it was. Mr. Acevedo noted an incident when kids were told they could not play ball on the Legion Field. Councilman Myers noted he would look into that matter.
- Susie Lander, 534 Silverbrook Drive, asked if there are guidelines for draining a swimming pool and it noted that there are guidelines and a complaint form may be submitted for forwarding to the Codes Officer.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Borough Secretary