

Meeting Minutes of the  
**BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MAY 1, 2023 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  
Michael Gombar, 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 President Welch

**Visitor(s):** Tony and Brenda Tucci, Russ and Susie Lander, Dave Blank, Christen Thompson, Monica Dech

**Agenda Amendment**

**MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Elgonitis to amend the agenda by adding under Manager’s Report, approval of applicant for the Boone Area Library Board of Trustees. Motion carried 7-0.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None

**Minutes– April 17, 2023 Council Meeting**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Brungard and seconded by Councilwoman Cotter to approve the April 17, 2023 council meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**Bills List**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Myers to approve
  - Bills List dated May 1, 2023 - \$14,581.96
  - Checks for Ratification dated April 18, 2023– April 30, 2023 - \$67,574.78

Motion carried 7-0.

**Interim Bills and Payroll**

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Harris to approve the Interim Bills and Payroll. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Manager's Report**

- **Security Cameras Quote – Legion Field & Rustic Park** – The quote for the Legion Field security cameras will be available for the next meeting and the matter to be tabled until Manager Yanos speaks to the Birdsboro Municipal Authority about the cameras.
- **Outdoor Fitness Equipment (LSA) – MOTION** was made by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilwoman Cotter to approve moving forward with the purchase of the outdoor fitness equipment at a cost of \$26,000 using LSA grant funding. Motion carried 7-0.
- **Holistic Fair at Rustic Park – MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Harris to approve the use of Rustic Park for a Holistic Fair on July 30, 2023. Motion carried 7-0.
- **Washington Street Closure – MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Brungard to approve the closing of Washington Street from 2nd Street to Mansion Court for the Masonic Lodge car show scheduled for May 27, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.
- **Ownership of Electric Pole – MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Harris for approval that the Borough take possession of the Met-Ed electric pole at the Public Works Department for a cost not to exceed \$300. Motion carried 7-0
- **Tower Direct Liaison – MOTION** was made by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilwoman Cotter to designate Manager Yanos to serve as the liaison between TowerDirect and the Borough. Motion carried 7-0.
- **Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for Legion Field** – Manager Yanos noted that TowerDirect would not be able to provide AED(s) for Legion Field but could provide a discount of purchase of AED(s). Vice President McCauley noted concern of there not being AEDs at the Borough Departments and Water and Sewer Plants and the Public Works Departments.
- **Boone Area Library Board of Trustees Applicant** – Jennifer Wexler of 401 S. Water Street has submitted an application to serve on the Boone Area Library Board of Trustees. Council asked that Ms. Wexler attend the next meeting, at which time, the appointment is to be voted on.

### **Solicitor's Report**

- **Birdsboro-Union Fire Department Review Board** – Solicitor Gombar noted that the required Birdsboro-Union Fire Department Review Board should be assembled to include one representative from the Borough – one representative from Union Township. **MOTION** was made by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Brungard to appoint President Welch as the representative for the Borough. Motion carried 7-0.
- **400 W. 2nd Street (BEC) Zoning Request Update** –The hearing before Council for the 400 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (BEC) Zoning Request will be held June 19, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. directly preceding the regularly scheduled Council meeting which begins at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Mayor/Police Reports**

Chief Trupp noted there was a walk-thru audit of the Tower Health Medical offices to address regulations for active shooter incidents. The landlord, J.P. Mascaro, would need to approve any changes. The Daniel Boone High School mock DUI on Water Street will not be held this year.

### **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**

- Christen Thompson, Recreation Board Chair, noted funding needs for upcoming Recreation Board events. **MOTION** was made by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Elgonitis to add approval of Recreation Board Event/Funding Requests. Motion carried 7-0. **MOTION** was made by Councilman Brungard and seconded by Councilman Harris to approve the following event/funding requests for the Recreation Board's upcoming events:
  - purchase of banners for the Farmer's Market for a cost not to exceed \$200
  - purchase of movie license for Free Guy, the movie for the July 29 movie night for a cost of \$350
  - purchase of 5,000 postcards for the Farmer's Market
  - proceed with an anti-vandalism campaign with the Daniel Boone students with an award amount not to exceed \$100

Motion carried 7-0.

### **Emergency Management**

Manager Yanos read an Emergency Management Report, provided by EMC Ken Imes, and noted that the emergency declaration has officially ended.

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

### **Council/Committee Reports**

- Councilman Harris noted that he and Councilman Elgonitis will be meeting with a beekeeper tomorrow.
- Councilwoman Cotter noted concern regarding the issue with the water system as a result of Birdsboro Power temporarily switching their water source from RAWA to the Birdsboro Water system and noted that it may be time to renegotiate the Birdsboro Power accommodation fee. Councilwoman Cotter asked when the water source will be changed to Haycreek and Manager Yanos noted that change will probably occur but she will confirm that with the Water Department.
- Vice President McCauley noted that the Pioneer Crossing Landfill Advisory Committee met and overweight trucks are down and there have been fewer odor complaints.
- Councilman Elgonitis noted that the Recreation Board met with Councilman Brungard regarding the Repair Café and Councilman Brungard will put forth the Repair Café information at the Farmer's Markets. Also noted was a Girls Scout dance event that went well and also suggested that Jeff Deiteman be awarded a proclamation for the projects he has done for the Borough.
- Councilman Brungard noted that the insurance costs for the Repair Café would be \$125/event as long as a signed waiver is provided and the insurance is under the classification of trade show. Councilman Brungard plans to meet with seniors from St. Mark's to discuss volunteering.

**Old Business:** No old business

**Public Comment**

- Tony Tucci, 341 Washington Street, noted that the proposed project (currently requesting zoning amendments) at 400 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (BEC) will need to address the matter of EDUs with the Birdsboro Municipal Authority and noted that, at the present time, they only have one EDU. Mr. Tucci also noted that there may be AEDs at the Water and Sewer Plants. Mr. Tucci also recommended security cameras be considered for the other ballfields, other than just the Legion Field.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco  
Borough Secretary