

Meeting Minutes of the  
**BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**NOVEMBER 6, 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:

Chris Muvdi, Solicitor  
Brian Boyer, Engineer  
Anthony Scioli, Mayor  
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 Councilman Harris

**Visitor(s):** Nancy Kauffman, Ryan Acevedo, Sue Walley, Russ and Susie Lander, Rick Fiset, Tony Tucci, Brenda Tucci, Dave Blank

**Agenda Amendments**

President Welch requested a brief Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None

**Minutes– October 16, 2023 Council Meeting**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Harris to approve the October 16, 2023 council meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**Minutes– October 16, 2023 Budget Meeting**

- **MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Elgonitis to approve the October 16, 2023 budget meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**Bills List**

- **MOTION** was made by Councilman Brungard and seconded by Vice President McCauley to approve the Bills List dated November 6, 2023 (122,389.36) and Checks for Ratification dated October 17, 2023– November 5, 2023 (110,834.67). Motion carried 7-0.

**Interim Bills and Payroll**

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

### **Manager's Report**

- **Appoint Health Board Members– MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Harris to appoint, Nancy Kauffman, Cara Welch, Sue Walley and John Peterson to the Health Board. Motion carried 7-0.
- **2024-2026 Recycling Agreement – MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Brungard to authorize President Welch to execute the 2024-2026 recycling agreement with Hollenbaugh. Motion carried 7-0.
- **Resolution 2023-23 Hazard Mitigation Plan – MOTION** was made by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Myers to adopt Resolution No. 2023-23 for the adoption of the 2023 Berks County Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and Mitigation Plan. Motion carried 7-0.
- **Crime Alert – MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilwoman Cotter to approve a \$750 donation from Harms Benefit Fund to Crime Alert Berks County. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Engineer's Report**

- **Tucci Stormwater Management Agreement – MOTION** was made by Vice President McCauley and seconded by Councilman Harris to approve the Tucci Subdivision Stormwater Management Agreement for Lot 1 only. Motion carried 7-0.
- **Tucci Property Access – MOTION** was made by Councilman Brungard and seconded by Councilwoman Cotter to approve the Tucci Access Easement Agreement subject to review by Boyer Engineer and Borough Solicitor. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Solicitor's Report**

- Solicitor Muvdi reviewed the Solicitor's Report with Council, a copy of which will be kept on file.

### **Mayor/Police Reports**

- Mayor Scioli noted arrests made for stolen motorcycles.
- Mayor Scioli noted he attended the Birdsboro Union Fire Company (BUFD) meeting and noted that BUFD is following the bylaws and have put safeguards in place for managing the finances.
- Mayor Scioli noted that his attendance at a Boy Scout event, also noted was Manager Yanos' presentation at such Boy Scout event.

### **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**

- **Santa Run Race-Timing Agreement – MOTION** was made by Councilwoman Cotter and seconded by Councilman Brungard to approve the Santa Run Race-Timing Agreement with Pretzel City Sports for \$600. Motion carried 7-0.
- Ryan Acevedo noted that the Recreation Board has met their donation goal for Christmas in Birdsboro.

**Emergency Management:** Report included in the Council packet

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

**Council/Committee Reports**

- Councilwoman Cotter noted the political signs being placed on public property when there were notices posted that such activity was not to take place. Councilwoman Cotter thanked all of those in attendance and thanked the Health Board volunteers.
- Vice President McCauley noted there will not be a Pioneer Crossing Landfill Advisory Committee meeting in December.
- Councilman Elgonitis noted a Girl Scout Troop 1797 Chicken Barbeque to be held Saturday at St. Gabe's Church. Councilman Elgonitis wished everyone a Happy Veteran's Day.
- Councilman Brungard noted he has been in touch with Comcast and they do not have a project completion date yet; Comcast has two years from start to finish. Comcast representative offered to attend a Council meeting to respond to concerns.
- Councilman Welch thanked all of those in attendance and encourage everyone to vote and wished all a safe weekend.

**Old Business:** No old business

**Public Comment**

- Russ Lander, 647 Jefferson Street, noted street lights out at Silverbrook Drive and Jefferson and W. 6<sup>th</sup> and Silverbrook. The outages will be reported to Met-Ed.

**Executive Session**

Council recessed into Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:09 p.m. Solicitor Muvdi noted that a personnel matter was discussed in Executive Session. No action to be taken at this time.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco  
Borough Secretary