

Meeting Minutes of the  
**BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**FEBRUARY 19, 2024 7:00 P.M. – BOROUGH HALL**

Council roll call:

Anthony Tucci, President – present  
 Ryan Acevedo, Vice President - present  
 Robert Myers, Member – present  
 Mary Ann Cotter, Member - present

Matthew Elgonitis, Member – present  
 David Blank, Member – present  
 Matthew Welch, Member - present

Also, in attendance were:

Anthony Scioli, Mayor  
 Michael Gombar, Solicitor  
 Kelly J. Yanos, Manager  
 Bonnie L. Frisco, Secretary/Treasurer

**CALL TO ORDER:** Anthony Tucci called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Opening prayer was led by Matthew Welch

**VISITOR(S):** Brenda Tucci, Tom Brungard, Nancy Kauffman, Neil McCauley, Suzy and Russ Lander, Steve Dragon

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

**Motion** to amend the agenda to add, under the Manager’s Report, waive the Act 93 requirement for the Maple Springs Apartments fire damage repair.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ryan Acevedo		X	X			
David Blank			X			
Mary Ann Cotter			X			
Matthew Elgonitis			X			
Robert Myers			X			
Matthew Welch	X		X			
Anthony Tucci			X			

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**CODE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES PRESENTATIONS: TECHNICON AND KRAFT MUNICIPAL**

Mike Reinert of Technicon provided a brief presentation of Technicon’s services.

Joe Boulanger of Kraft Municipal Group provided a brief presentation of Kraft Municipal Group’s services.

**MINUTES - FEBRUARY 5, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING**

**Motion** to approve the February 5, 2024 Council Meeting minutes as presented.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ryan Acevedo			X			
David Blank			X			
Mary Ann Cotter	X		X			
Matthew Elgonitis			X			
Robert Myers			X			
Matthew Welch		X	X			
Anthony Tucci			X			

**BILLS LIST**

**Motion** to approve bills list dated February 19, 2024 and checks for ratifications dated February 6, 2024 – February 18, 2024.

Bills Payable	100,011.35
Checks for Ratification	58,221.04

Anthony Tucci called for a roll call vote.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ryan Acevedo		X	X			
David Blank			X			
Mary Ann Cotter			X			
Matthew Elgonitis			X			
Robert Myers			X			
Matthew Welch	X		X			
Anthony Tucci			X			

**INTERIM BILLS AND PAYROLL**

**Motion** to approve the interim bills and payroll.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ryan Acevedo			X			
David Blank	X		X			
Mary Ann Cotter			X			
Matthew Elgonitis			X			
Robert Myers			X			
Matthew Welch		X	X			
Anthony Tucci			X			

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Motion** to approve the Treasurer's Report dated February 19, 2024.

Treasurers' Report

General (Surplus/(Deficit)	2,136.58
Harms (Surplus/(Deficit)	116,383.98
Liquid Fuels (Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,773.82)

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ryan Acevedo						
David Blank						
Mary Ann Cotter	X					
Matthew Elgonitis		X				
Robert Myers						
Anthony Tucci						

Approval of the Treasurer's Report was tabled due to discrepancies with the consolidated council packet budget comparison numbers and the individual budget comparison documents.

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

Zoning Hearing Board Resignation

**Motion** to accept Roy Feick’s resignation from the Zoning Hearing Board and authorize advertising of the vacancy. Applications to be due the Thursday afternoon prior to the next Council meeting.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ryan Acevedo		X	X			
David Blank			X			
Mary Ann Cotter	X		X			
Matthew Elgonitis			X			
Robert Myers			X			
Matthew Welch			X			
Anthony Tucci			X			

Ballfield Agreement

The ballfield agreement has been reviewed by the Solicitor, the Legion, the School District. Draft agreements will be presented at the March Council meeting.

Act 93 Waiver

**Motion** to waive the Act 93 requirement for the Maple Springs Apartments fire damage repair subject to them providing the appropriate documents.

	Motion	2nd	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ryan Acevedo			X			
David Blank	X		X			
Mary Ann Cotter			X			
Matthew Elgonitis			X			
Robert Myers			X			
Matthew Welch		X	X			
Anthony Tucci			X			

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

Solicitor Michael Gombar reviewed the Solicitor’s Report, a copy of which will be kept on file.

**MAYOR/POLICE REPORT**

Anthony Scioli noted that Chief Trupp is doing well and will begin physical therapy. The Rustic Park security cameras are to be commissioned February 26. Emily Kennedy has begun her internship with the police department. There will be a drive-thru Girl Scout cookie sale at the Borough Hall parking lot on February 25.

**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**

Ryan Acevedo announced that the Recreation Board will meet this Thursday and will discuss the Adult Easter Egg Hunt and the Nite Out event.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Matthew Welch, acting Emergency Management Coordinator, reported that there have been two snow events, one of which was declared an emergency. Also, noted was a dry run of the CodeRed system. Matthew Welch advised that it is necessary to have a functioning EMC operations center, preferred location is the Council Meeting room. Anthony Tucci vouched for the importance of a fully functioning EMC operations center, as the Borough is the first community just outside the Limerick EPZ (Emergency Planning Zone). Grant funding may be available for required technology which includes, but is not limited to, video-conferencing, information-sharing services, ability to communicate with other organizations.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Report included in the Council packet

### **COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- David Blank noted he would like to discuss MS4 matters and it was recommended that matter be tabled until the Borough Engineer is present. David Blank noted concern of the MS4 (retention ponds, etc.) areas not being accessible and Solicitor Gombar noted there should be access agreements with the property owners.
- Mary Ann Cotter noted that the E. 8th Street streetlight has been repaired.
- Ryan Acevedo asked if anyone from the Police Department will be attending the Council meetings during Chief Trupp's absence. Anthony Scioli replied that he would present the police until Chief Trupp's return.
- Matthew Welch inquired about the status of the bright lights at the Beacon Container property and Kelly Yanos advised that the matter has been turned over to Code Enforcement.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Committee Assignments – Anthony Tucci

The Committee Assignments for 2024 are as found below.

Finance:	Anthony Tucci, Matthew Welch, Russ Lander
Public Safety:	Matthew Welch, Tony Scioli, Citizen at Large
Personnel:	Anthony Tucci, Matthew Elgonitis, David Blank
Infrastructure:	David Blank, Ryan Acevedo, Citizen at Large
Community Development:	Robert Myers, Mary Ann Cotter, Citizen at Large
Recreation Board:	Ryan Acevedo, Matthew Elgonitis, Christen Thompson

#### Accommodation Fee Renegotiation – Robert Myers

Robert Myers distributed background information regarding the accommodation fee, and requested that the matter be revisited. Anthony Tucci named Matthew Welch and Matthew Elgonitis to serve as Borough representatives to the negotiations.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### PWD Generator – Anthony Tucci

Anthony Tucci noted that the Public Works Department needs a generator for the lights and garage doors. David Blank stated that the generator will be included in the plans for the new Public Works Department building.

#### Street Light Pole Replacement – David Blank

David Blank noted the safety concerns associated with rotting street light poles throughout the Borough. (they are rotting at the bases). He recommended replacement of nine poles on the east side of the Borough

in 2024 (estimated cost \$11,700), with replacement of the remaining 12 poles on the west side scheduled for 2025. Manager Yanos advised that Liquid Fuels monies be used for the east side poles if the work on North and South Kelly streets and abutting cul-de-sacs be postponed until 2025

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Nancy Kauffman, 7 Mansion Court E, asked who resigned from the Zoning Hearing Board and it was noted it was Roy Feick.
- Thomas Brungard, 908 Union Street, thanked the Public Works Department for snow plowing, told Matthew Welch he is doing a great job with the Emergency Management Coordinator position, and thanked all of those around the Council table for their service.
- Brenda Tucci, 341 Washington Street, asked about turnaround time for a property maintenance complaint. Kelly Yanos noted that the Borough is not notified of the status of complaints until they have been closed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco  
Borough Secretary