



Bridgeville Borough
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COMMUNITY UPDATE

January— March 2021, 1st Quarter

A NEW YEAR, A NEW BUDGET-

Borough Council on December 14th adopted the 2021 Budget, a balanced spending plan for the community in the amount of \$7,913,483.65 for all funds combined.

Despite the effects of the pandemic, the Borough did experience a rebound of earned income, real estate transfer and sales taxes allowing for a continued delivery of services with no increase in real estate tax which will remain at 10 mills on land and 6.5 mills on buildings. A mill is \$1 of tax money for every \$1,000 of a home's assessed value. In addition to Borough property tax, residents are assessed a 4.73 mill county rate and a school district rate of 18.2118 mills.

The General Fund that provides the finances for the Borough's essential services will cost \$3,302,510.87. There is also \$2,381,985 worth of capital improvements planned for 2021 that include major renovations to Chartiers Park, reconstruction and slope stabilization on Werner Avenue, road paving, innovative improvements to the storm sewer system and a new roof on the Borough Building. The Sanitary Sewer Fund budget is set at \$1,634,372, Garbage Fund is \$437,949 and Liquid Fuels Fund is \$156,666. The full Budget Report can be viewed at www.BridgevilleBoro.com



WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND TOWN



McLaughlin Run Park Projects: There have been two separate construction projects underway, both funded by grants, at McLaughlin Run Park. The first being made possible by a \$215,500 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Sciarretti Site Development and Paving Company was awarded a \$418,082 contract to renovate the front entrance, add fencing including a new main gate, landscaping, create an improved parking area, pave an access road to the back of the park, construct two new picnic shelters, rehabilitate the skateboard equipment, add a flagpole, new drinking fountain and some other small improvements. The second project aims to assist with the Borough's flood mitigation efforts and includes lowering the ballfield by 4'-6' and a trash rack has been installed in the stream which will prevent large debris during high water from blocking downstream culverts and bridges in town. Captured debris will then be diverted into the field area that will also capture some of this water. Over 1,200 truckloads of earth

have been excavated. This coming spring, the field will be restored. This project cost \$273,500 and was funded by a \$425,000 grant from Allegheny County and the State. As we are now in the middle of winter, work will resume in the spring to seed the field, complete paving work and maintenance of the playgrounds.

Road Paving completed on Terrace and Liberty Streets – in late November, Terrace Street was resurfaced from Union to Short Streets and the intersection of Liberty Street at Union Street was improved. Work was made possible with State Liquid Fuels funds.

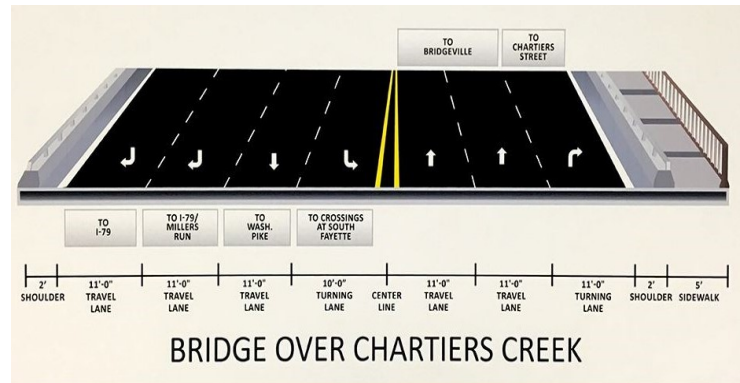
Borough Building Parking Lot / Community Message Board – recently constructed was a 12-car paved parking lot next to the Borough Building. This frees up parking on Carol Avenue for citizens and visitors to the Building. As part of this project, the new Community Message Board was erected along Bower Hill Road. Community posts, news, dates for events and other pertinent information will be posted on this sign.

Borough Receives \$125,000 CARES grant– the Borough received \$125,000 through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Passed in March, the stimulus bill aimed to bolster the economy during the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant reimbursed the Borough for police salary expenses and will help offset revenue losses in various taxes. **(OVER)**

AROUND TOWN - CONTINUED

Chartiers St. and Washington Avenue Bridge Widening Update

– major work to widen the South-end Washington Avenue bridge and create an additional turning lane on Chartiers Street is set to get started soon with utility relocations. PENNDOT will expand the bridge from 4 to 7 lanes. Other improvements also include improvements to the I-79 northbound ramp. PENNDOT is planning to put the project out to bid in late February and most of the construction will occur in 2022.



ACTIONS OF THE LAST BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS

(October, November, December)

October 12, 2020

The Council:

Adopted Ordinance 1016 that made amendments to the Borough's Non-Uniform Pension Plan.

Adopted Ordinance 1017 that takes out a 15-year loan in the amount of \$1,700,000 for multiple capital improvements.

Adopted Resolution 2020-16 that enacts a renewed cable franchise agreement with Verizon.

Awarded the following contracts:

\$117,800 to Jet Jack for Backflow Valve Contract Phase 3

\$106,811 to Brex Enterprises for the Jane Way Streambank Stabilization Project

\$273,500 to LM&R Excavating for the McLaughlin Park Flood Improvements Project

\$89,860 to Jet Jack for the Bower Hill Road Stormwater Improvements Project

November 9, 2020

The Council:

Adopted Resolutions authorizing applying for grants to complete three residential demolition projects, replace catch basins on Station Street and Darby Way and complete an active transportation plan.

Awarded contract to Stefanik's Contracting to repair the Police Station Sally Port Garage Floor in the amount of \$20,500.

Authorized the Engineer to prepare plans and specifications for the Werner Avenue Stabilization Project.

December 14, 2020

The Council:

Adopted the 2021 budget, set tax rate, fee resolution and sewage rates.

Approved the Morgan Heights Lot Line Relocation Plan of 362-372 Washington Ave.

Accepted the lowest bid received from Independent Enterprises in the amount of \$38,775 to replace ADA sidewalk ramps on Station Street and Murray Avenue.

Authorized the Engineer to prepare plans and specifications for the following projects: Borough Building Roof Replacement, Stormwater Separators Project, McLaughlin Park Storm Sewer Outfall Repair and geotechnical work needed on Werner Avenue.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

- 11 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 18 Parking Authority Meeting, 7:30PM
- 25 Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30PM
- 31 Historical Society Program, "Trolleys" at Chartiers Room, 1:30PM

February

- 8 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 15 Parking Authority Meeting, 7:30PM
- 15 President's Day – Borough Building Closed
- 22 Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30PM

March

- 8 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 14 Daylight Savings Time Begins, 2AM, Change Smoke Alarm Batteries
- 15 Parking Authority Meeting, 7:30PM
- 17 Bridgeville Historical Society – 10 Year Anniversary in the Railroad Station.
- 22 Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30PM
- 27 Easter Egg Hunt, Chartiers Park (tentative)

April

- 2 Good Friday – Borough Building Closed
- 5 Easter Monday – Borough Building Closed
- 6 Curbside Brush Collection Starts
- 6 Weekly Street Sweeping Program Starts
- 12 Borough Council Meeting, 7PM
- 19 Parking Authority Meeting, 7:30PM
- 26 Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30PM