

**BRIDGEVILLE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**April 12, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

The meeting was held within the Chartiers Room at the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department, 370 Commercial Street. President Henderson reported that before this meeting the Council met in Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters. He then led a moment of silence for the recently departed members of our community and those serving in the military.

**ROLL CALL** – Roll was called at 7:00 PM with the following present:

Council President, William Henderson  
Council Vice President, Nino Petrocelli, Sr.  
Councilman, Bruce Ghelarducci  
Councilman, Joseph Colosimo  
Councilman, Joseph Verduci  
Councilwoman, Virginia Schneider  
Councilman, Nicholas Ciesielski

Mayor Betty Copeland, Solicitor Thomas McDermott, Borough Engineer Kevin Brett, Borough Manager Joseph Kauer, Police Chief Chad King, Fire Chief Ray Costain and EMS Director Dan Miller

**ABSENT:** None

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR** –

1. **Mr. Robert Fryer, 508 Hunters Path, South Fayette Township:** stated that the Federal Government will be creating a national infrastructure improvement program and urged the Council to present projects that will be considered in the Comprehensive Plan Update so that funding for the projects is considered. He then discussed transportation improvement projects in the 1970's that were not accepted by Borough Council as they would have taken private property. Lastly, he presented to Council and the Manager copies of the DEP permits for the installation of the Commercial Street Culverts. Mr. Henderson stated that the Planning Commission is working on a new Comprehensive Plan and that all of this is being considered. Mr. Petrocelli stated that as soon as he heard of the federal infrastructure programs, he called the Manager and Engineer. He stated that the Borough is working on a plan to seek these funds for infrastructure improvements within the community.
2. **Mr. Mike Neely, 320 Center Street,** introduced himself and stated that he would like to get involved within the Borough.
3. **Mrs. Diana Oden, 1253 Terrace Street,** introduced herself to Council and stated that she is representing the First Baptist Church. She stated that the church is still open, however currently not meeting at the church building on Bower Hill Road. Mrs. Oden commented that the church would like to go back into their building, however wanted to know what is being done to reduce the threat of future floods. Mr. Henderson stated that Council has been working hard to come up with solutions, however there is no guarantee that it will prevent future floods. The goal is to help mitigate the potential; there is a grand plan, but we are doing

all we can to make people feel safe. He stated that Council would like nothing more than to see you back in the church. Mrs. Oden asked about sewers to the church and what improvements can be made to help prevent flooding from the sewer. The Engineer stated that a Backflow Preventor could be installed on the church to help prevent backups.

## **BUSINESS**

1. A motion to approve the March 8, 2021 Public Hearing Minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to approve the March 8, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted was made by Mrs. Schneider, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the April 2021 Bill List was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to approve the April 16, 23, 30 and May 7, 2021 payrolls was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-9, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville adopting an updated Emergency Operations Plan was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mrs. Schneider; motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-10, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville authorizing the submission of an Act 152 demolition grant to the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-11, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville declaring the vacant and delapidated structures at 105 Prestley Road, 145 Liberty St., 146 Liberty St., 1364 Terrace St. and 671 Baldwin Street-Rear as blighted in order to seek Act 152 demolition grant funding was made by Mrs. Schneider seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-12, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville adopting the 2020 Allegheny County Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the Borough of Bridgeville was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mrs. Schneider; motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-13, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville authorizing the temporary fire lane no parking restrictions at 616 McMillen Street per Chapter 15, Part 1, Subsection 105 of the Bridgeville Code of Ordinances that authorizes the

enforcement of 90-day experimental regulation per the recommendations of the Public Safety Committee was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion to award contract to Youngblood Paving, Inc., for the 2021 Road Program for the base bid of \$139,671 and Add Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$18,454.75 (total of \$158,125.75 payable from the Liquid Fuels Fund) and award Add Alternate No. 2 in the amount of \$24,455.30 payable from the Capital Project Fund to resurface the McLaughlin Run Park Trail was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
11. A motion to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an Ordinance that would amend Chapter 13, Part 2 (Transient Retail Merchants) of the Bridgeville Code of Ordinances to amend the Code to change the times soliciting is permitted from Monday-Saturday 9AM to 8PM to Monday-Saturday, 10AM to dusk as recommended by the Public Safety Committee was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
12. A motion to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare plans and specifications for the Chartiers Park Improvements Project as recommended by the Recreation Committee was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Verduci; motion carried unanimously.
13. A motion to authorize the advertisement of a Request for Proposals for the Active Transportation Plan Project was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
14. A motion to award contract to S&N Industries, LLC for the Base Bid and Add Alternates No. 2 and 3 in the amount of \$69,820 at State COSTARS pricing for the Municipal Building Roof Replacement Project was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mrs. Schneider; motion carried unanimously.
15. A motion to authorize the disbursement of a 2019 Real Estate Tax refund in the amount of \$76.44 to John and Svitlana Vogel for Parcel No. 322-C-71 as result of a change in assessment was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mrs. Schneider; motion carried unanimously.
16. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – March 2020 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mrs. Schneider, seconded by Mr. Verduci; motion carried unanimously.
17. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the February 2021 Treasurer's Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

18. A motion to accept the March 2021 Police Report was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

ADMINISTRATION, VIRGINIA SCHNEIDER – Mrs. Schneider reported that information on PENNDOT's plan to toll the I-79 Bridgeville Interchange has been posted to the Borough website including contact information for state officials where public comment and concerns can be sent to. She also reported that the Quarterly Update mini-newsletter for the second quarter will be mailed out with the April garbage bills and is also posted on the website.

Mrs. Schneider stated that the American Legion has cancelled the annual Memorial Day Parade due to the pandemic, she commented that the Fire Department will still display the flag on Washington Avenue that day. Lastly, it was reported that there was an issue with the February sewer bills where they were delayed in the mail, and residents received their March bills before they got February's. She stated that the issue has been addressed and no late fees or penalties were assessed.

FINANCE, JOSEPH VERDUCI – Mr. Verduci reported that the Finance Committee met on April 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss capital project funding and stated that the Committee is putting ideas together and would like to meet with Council to get everyone's input once we know more guidelines on what the federal stimulus funds could be used for. Mr. Verduci reported that the Public Officials Liability Insurance policy has been renewed and that the Police Liability policy has been submitted for renewal. He stated that there were two workers compensation claims this past month.

PARKS & RECREATION, JOSEPH COLOSIMO – Mr. Colosimo reported that Chartiers Park, Cook School Park and Triangle Park are now open for the season. He thanked the Public Works Department for recently painting the dugouts, concession stand and restroom buildings at Cook School and Chartiers Parks. Mr. Colosimo also reported that they recently mulched the playgrounds, prepared the ballfields, replaced swings, and made improvements to the basketball courts.

Mr. Colosimo reported that McLaughlin Run Park remains closed until the construction is completed. It is anticipated that everything will be completed by mid-June. He stated that there were recently incidents of graffiti at McLaughlin Run Park that the Public Works cleaned up; commenting that he would like to see cameras installed at all our parks. Lastly, he stated that picnic shelter rentals are slow for the year due to the pandemic.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, NINO PETROCELLI, SR. – Mr. Petrocelli reported that the Public Works Department's Brush Collection Program is underway, started April 6<sup>th</sup> and runs through April 30<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the Department recently cleaned up the flower beds and mulched the Washington Avenue Business District.

Mr. Verduci stated that the Bridgeville Athletic Association thanks the Borough and Public Works crew for the recent painting and park improvements.

PUBLIC SAFETY, BRUCE GHELARDUCCI – Mr. Ghelarducci reported that the Committee met on April 1<sup>st</sup> and discussed the proposed changes to the Solicitation Ordinance and the upcoming Police Collective Bargaining Agreement. He stated that the Committee will be meeting with the police

union in the coming months.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland wished the Borough Manager a happy birthday, his birthday was April 4<sup>th</sup> and congratulated Big Guys Pizza as they recently celebrated their 10-year business anniversary.

POLICE CHIEF, CHAD KING – Chief King reported that the graffiti in McLaughlin Run Park was probably done by kids. He stated that the Police Department has stepped up patrols and stopped another group of kids from building a wall within the skate park.

SOLICITOR, THOMAS MCDERMOTT – Solicitor McDermott stated that he submitted a written report to Council and can answer any questions.

BOROUGH ENGINEER, KEVIN BRETT – Engineer Brett reported that he submitted a written report to Council. He stated that the paving bids received were really good prices and that paving prices in the area are down right now.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – Chief Costain reported that the Department responded to 30 calls for service this past month.

Mr. Verduci questioned if the Fire Department has completed the preplan inspection of Fully Cocked Ammunition on McLaughlin Run Road. The Chief stated yes, and that the owner was very open to suggestions and cooperative.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – Director Miller stated that the EMS annual subscription drive is underway and thanked the Borough for their support.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MARY WEISE – Mayor Copeland encouraged everyone to become official members and stated that they now have several fundraising items for sale such as shirts and note cards.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – Mr. Verduci stated that the Library Director recently presented their yearend report on Zoom and that it was very informative.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – written report submitted.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Cimarolli reported that the Planning Commission is working on items and issues that are not planned to be included with the upcoming Comprehensive Plan project. She stated that they are planning on having discussions with the Parking Authority to work together on parking concerns in the community.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – the Borough Manager reported that the Borough received a \$10,000 grant from Nobile Environmental that will be used to help with the Chartiers Park Fitness Trail Project. He thanked members of Council and Senator Robinson for their support with this application. He also stated that grant applications for the Comprehensive Plan Project and the demolition of five residential properties has been completed and submitted.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Verduci reported that the Chamber of Commerce will be having its annual Community Outlook event with the areas municipal managers on May 4<sup>th</sup> and stated that he will be the emcee for the event. He also reported that the Bridgeville-South Fayette Rotary will be having their Chili Cookoff this year and a Trivia Night Fundraiser on June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Chartiers Room, cost is \$25 per ticket.

Mr. Ghelarducci stated that Council interviewed two candidates to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board tonight. He made a motion to appoint Joseph Chabala to the Zoning Hearing Board to fill the vacant term, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mrs. Schneider, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,



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Joseph Kauer  
Borough Manager / Secretary