

**BRIDGEVILLE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

June 14, 2021

7:00 PM

The meeting was held within Council Chambers at the Bridgeville Borough Building, 425 Bower Hill Road and virtually on the website www.Zoom.us. President Henderson 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 David Kovac, Borough Manager Joseph Kauer, Fire Chief Ray Costain and EMS Director Dan Miller

ABSENT: Police Chief Chad King

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR –

1. **Mr. Robert Fryer, 508 Hunters Path, South Fayette Township:** stated that he is interested in seeing that the upcoming update to the Borough's Comprehensive Plan be aggressive enough to solve the Borough's traffic and parking problems. He then presented a traffic plan for Council to consider that would realign Chess Street and build an additional access ramp to I-79 from Station Street.

Mr. Henderson commented that the Borough is moving forward with an Active Transportation Plan and what Mr. Fryer has been talking about will be studied.

Mr. Henderson stated that the Borough experienced significant rain yesterday and it was a good test of the many flood mitigation projects that have been recently completed in the Borough. He stated that the new trash rack in McLaughlin Run Park caught a lot of debris that otherwise would have piled up at our bridges, the ballfield filled up as designed and the Chartiers Creek Back Channel was flowing. Mr. Henderson stated that none of us believe that we are going to solve flooding but the work underway is showing positive results.

BUSINESS

1. A motion to approve the May 10, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to approve the June 2021 Bill List was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

3. A motion to approve the June 18, 25, July 2 and 9, 2021 payrolls was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1021, an Ordinance of the Borough of Bridgeville, amending its Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13, Licenses, Permits and General Business Regulations, Part 2, Transient Retail Merchants, Subsection 205.E, Prohibited Acts, and Part 3, Solicitation of Contributions, Subsection 303.G, conditions under which permit is issued, to establish updated rules regarding permissible and prohibited days and hours during which one may or may not engage in lawful door-to-door solicitation or other covered activities, as recommended by the Public Safety Committee was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-14, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville establishing fees for the filing of applications, permits and licenses for the Borough. (*Note: changes are: 1) creation of park shelter rental fees for McLaughlin Run Park Shelters 2 and 3 at \$35 for residents and \$100 for non-residents, and 2) increases Transient Retail (solicitation permit fees) to \$25 per day, \$100 per week and \$350 per month.*) Motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-17, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, authorizing the submission of the Sewage Facilities Planning Module for Commercial Street Properties Plan of Lots Subdivision to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), for its approval as a revision to the Official Sewage Facilities Plan of the Borough of Bridgeville was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$32,857.87 from the Capital Project Fund to Brentzel Excavation, LLC for Partial Payment No. 1 for the Jane Way Streambank Stabilization Project was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mrs. Schneider; motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to authorize the execution of Change Order No. 5 for the McLaughlin Run Park Improvements Project with Sciarretti Site Development and Paving Company that adjust quantities for Bid Item No. 25 to reflect in place quantities and remove Bid Items No. 19, 20, 21 and 22 from the contract in accordance with Article 10 of the Contract Documents resulting in a net decrease of \$68,993.70 was made by Mrs. Schneider, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to authorize the execution of Change Order No. 1 for the 2021 Roadway Improvement Program with Youngblood Paving Inc., to adjust the Contract amount to include Add-Alternate No. 3 – McLaughlin Run Park Parking Lot paving as part of the 2021

Roadway Improvement Project as bid (increase of \$67,416.25) was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; Mr. Verduci stated that he appreciated Youngblood Paving's willingness to help us with this project and stay within our budget. Motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion to authorize the execution of Change Order No. 2 for the 2021 Roadway Improvement Program with Youngblood Paving Inc., to include additional paving work along Bower Hill Road as part of the 2021 Roadway Improvement Project at a cost of \$33,249.60 to be paid from the Liquid Fuels Fund was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; Mr. Petrocelli stated that Bower Hill Road is very expensive to the Bridgeville taxpayers. He stated that this section of roadway should be thoroughly researched to understand who owns it. Mr. Petrocelli stated that this section of Bower Hill Road between Union / Liberty Streets and McLaughlin Run Road needs to be fully reconstructed. He added that if these new repairs do not work, we should consider closing this section of roadway. Mr. Henderson stated that these repairs will be paid for with our Liquid Fuels funds and that this matter should be investigated further; motion carried unanimously.
11. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – May 2021 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mrs. Schneider; motion carried unanimously.
12. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the April 2021 Treasurer's Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
13. A motion to accept the May 2021 Police Report was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
14. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$226,532.60 to Youngblood Paving, Inc., for Partial Payment Request No. 1 for the 2021 Roadway Improvement Program was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION, VIRGINIA SCHNEIDER – Mrs. Schneider reported that the Borough received a silver accreditation as part of the Sustainable Pittsburgh Community Sustainability Assessment Program. She stated that this will assist the Borough with future grant applications. Mrs. Schneider also reported that the Borough was awarded a \$74,520 grant from the state to complete blight mitigation that will demolish four residential properties.

She also reported that new resident packets continue to be mailed out to new homeowners in the Borough and that work is now underway for the next mini newsletter that will go out with July

garbage bills. Lastly, she reported that there are Yoga classes offered each Saturday morning in Chartiers Park.

FINANCE, JOSEPH VERDUCI – Mr. Verduci reported that the Borough’s Worker’s Compensation Safety Committee completed its annual required training this past month. He stated that there was one incident this month where two police officers were injured while removing a fallen tree from Bower Hill Road. He stated that the injuries were minor. Lastly, Mr. Verduci reported that the Borough has submitted application to the State for American Rescue Act Funding in the amount of \$256,000 to help offset storm sewer improvement work on Werner Avenue.

PARKS & RECREATION, JOSEPH COLOSIMO – Mr. Colosimo reported that the rental fees for the two new picnic shelters at McLaughlin Run Park are slightly less than the other shelters as they do not have electric service. He stated that the Committee recently met to discuss proposed improvements to Chartiers Park.

He made a motion to authorize the advertisement and place the first phase of improvements at Chartiers Park that will repair the streambank and complete the grading work necessary for the new playground equipment to be constructed adjacent to Shelter No. 1 out to bid. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Schneider; motion carried unanimously.

The Committee then presented a rendering of the proposed new playground and stated that the goal is to have the project advertised this month with a bid opening in advance of the July Meeting so that contract can be considered then. It is our hope to start this project this summer so that the new playground equipment can be installed this fall. The work to reconstruct / pave the roadways and parking lot would be completed as part of next year’s road program.

Mr. Colosimo stated that the new playground is estimated to cost \$215,000 and that includes a rubber play surface.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, NINO PETROCELLI, SR. – Mr. Petrocelli reported that the Public Works Department has been very busy cutting grass and he is excited to see that the employees are now being cross trained on how to operate the streetsweeper and backhoe.

Mr. Petrocelli also reported that the Public Works crew completed a large project that saved significant funds to clear a large gravel bar from the Chartiers Creek Back Channel.

PUBLIC SAFETY, BRUCE GHELARDUCCI – no report.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported that on June 5th she officiated a wedding ceremony, on June 12th attended a memorial walk in memory of a young girl from Bridgeville who passed away last year. She stated that the family is raising funds to construct a lending library at Cook School Park that can be dedicated in her name. Lastly on June 13th, she reported that she presented a proclamation to Eagle Scout Richard Dylan.

POLICE CHIEF, CHAD KING – no report.

SOLICITOR, THOMAS MCDERMOTT – no report.

BOROUGH ENGINEER, KEVIN BRETT – Engineer Kovacs reported that their written report has been submitted and that he can answer any questions. Mr. Ciesielski questioned when the work on Jane Way will be starting? The Engineer stated that they are working to address a utility conflict with the Water Company in this project area.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – Chief Costain reported that the Department responded to 30 calls for service this past month. He also stated that they will be hosting different food trucks on Thursday evenings from 4-8PM within their parking lot.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MARY WEISE – Mayor Copeland reported that this month's speakers' program will be held on June 22 at the Chartiers Room and the topic is the life and times of Andrew Jackson.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – Ben Hornfeck from the Library reported that the Summer Reading Program started today, and that the library is now open on Saturday. Mrs. Schneider questioned if there are any COVID restrictions at the library? He stated that face masks are still required.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – Mr. Verduci stated that within their recent meeting minutes the Authority changed the hours parking enforcement is in effect from 9AM to 6PM to 10AM to 8PM. He stated that he is curious if the restaurants know about this. Is everyone aware of the change as there really was no public discussion? He also stated that use of the Parking Mobile Apps have a minimum fee of \$2.50, an increase up from what was \$1. He stated that he would like to hear from the Authority and encourages members of Council to attend their next meeting.

Mr. Henderson stated that he would like to have a meeting with the authority to discuss these matters as they have an impact on the community.

Mr. Petrocelli stated that he has talked to the Authority Board members and expressed his thoughts that extending hours is a bad idea.

Mrs. Schneider stated that the timing of this parking fee increase is bad considering the pandemic.

Mr. Ciesielski stated that our businesses are facing hardships from the pandemic and this change in parking hours affects peak business hours. He stated that there should be a public forum to discuss this further.

Solicitor McDermott stated that the Parking Authority Board Members are appointed by Borough Council and the Authority is subject to the Sunshine Act and compliant public meetings.

Mr. Colosimo questioned the Authority's finances stating they have been recently losing revenue. He suggested we attend their next meeting.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Mr. Tolmer reported that the June Planning Commission Meeting will be held at the Borough Building and on Zoom. He stated that the Commission is working on follow-up questions to the firms interested in our Comprehensive Plan Project.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – the Borough Manager reported that he submitted a written report and that he can answer any questions if there are any.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Discussion: McMillen St. Temporary – Experimental Fire Lane Regulations** authorized under Resolution No. 2021-13. Consider action to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an Ordinance and Advertise so that action can be taken at the July meeting.

Mr. Henderson stated that he talked to the Police Chief and that no tickets have had to be issued for violators. He stated that its being obeyed and suggested we move forward with making this matter official. Motion by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Colosimo to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an Ordinance and advertise, that will dedicate the McMillen Street Fire Lane; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Verduci stated that the Bridgeville-South Fayette Rotary Club will be having a Trivia Night Fundraiser on June 19th at the Chartiers Room and welcomed all to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mrs. Schneider, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary