

**BRIDGEVILLE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

July 12, 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. Vice President Petrocelli 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 (participating virtually on Zoom)

Council Vice President, Nino Petrocelli, Sr.

Councilman, Bruce Ghelarducci

Councilman, Joseph Colosimo (participating virtually on Zoom)

Councilman, Joseph Verduci

Councilwoman, Virginia Schneider

Councilman, Nicholas Ciesielski

Mayor Betty Copeland, Solicitor Thomas McDermott, Borough Engineer David Kovac, 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. William Henderson, President of Council**, thanked the Bridgeville firefighters, police officers, EMS personnel, Public Works staff, State Senator Devlin Robinson, Borough Emergency Management Coordinator Mike Tolmer and Deputy Coordinator Joe Kauer for their efforts to respond to and address the flooding our community sustained on July 7th. He said that the response was very efficient and thanked the surrounding communities who assisted that evening.
2. **Mr. Pat DeBlasio, 447 Washington Avenue**, stated that flooding is not anything new to our community, but the recent work and trash rack in McLaughlin Run is new. He thanked members of Borough Council, past and present, for their efforts to implement flood mitigation projects. He stated that more needs to be done and it is up to Bridgeville's leadership to solve these problems.
3. **Mr. Tom Bean, 409 Railroad Street**, thanked all who responded to the July 7th flooding. Regarding this flood event, he stated that the sanitary sewer backflow preventors that were recently installed did not fail, the Jane Way Wall held up during the event and the trash rack worked. Mr. Bean stated there is room for improvement and that the Baldwin Street neighborhood is becoming blighted. He suggested that additional trash racks be added in the stream, our current trash rack should be raised, jersey barrier walls be extended up Baldwin Street along the creekbanks to assist in containing the water and recommended that the Borough have contractors on retainer to address debris in the stream. He also stated that a property on McLaughlin Run Road storing firewood next to the creek should be addressed to prevent this debris from coming into the creek as pieces of firewood were in the stream that

evening. He added that the Jane Way walls should be increased with the upcoming project to start.

Mr. Petrocelli stated that the Borough is in the process of getting quotes to purchase larger equipment to maintain the creek as part of the 2022 budget.

Mr. Verduci stated that the Borough is reviewing the July 7th incident to see what worked and what did not. This will assist us to see what can be done next to improve this situation.

Engineer Brett stated that the current trash rack is designed to a height that will not flood adjacent properties on McLaughlin Run Road. He reported that they recently finished a \$20,000,000 plan to solve this flooding problem. It includes permanent levy walls and pumps to mitigate stormwater and replacing the Baldwin Street and Bower Hill Road Bridges. Regarding Jane Way, the Engineer reported that the replacement wall will be at its current height. He added that the July 7th flooding matches their current modeling work, and that backflow preventors will need to be maintained after these flooding events.

BUSINESS

1. A motion to approve the June 14, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mrs. Schneider; motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to approve the July 2021 Bill List was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the July 16, 23, 30, and August 6, 2021, payrolls was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mrs. Schneider; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1022, an Ordinance of the Borough of Bridgeville, amending its Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles & Traffic, Part 4, General Parking Regulations, Subsection 15-402, Parking Prohibited at all Times in Certain Locations, and Part 11, Fire Lanes, Subsection 15-1101, Designated Fire Lanes and Tow Away Zones, to establish a Fire Lane and Prohibit Parking in a designated location on McMillen Street was made by Mr. Ciesielski; seconded by Mr. Verduci; motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to authorize the execution of a contract by and between the Borough of Bridgeville and Traffic Planning and Design, Inc., for professional services, including the preparation of an Active Transportation Plan, in accordance with the RFP issued and the work plan submitted by this firm was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mrs. Schneider; motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to award contract to G. Salandro Excavating, LLC, in the amount of \$151,795.00

- for the Chartiers Park Stream Restoration Project. *(Note: Bid opening was Friday, July 9th)*
Motion was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; Mr. Ciesielski questioned if this project would prevent flooding; the Manager replied no, it repairs the sliding streambank and roadway. Mr. Ghelarducci questioned if this contractor worked for the Borough in the past? The Engineer stated that he has experience working with this firm. Motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to authorize the execution of Change Order No. 6 for the McLaughlin Run Park Improvements Project that resulted in a decrease of \$16,336.86 to reflect field measured final in-place quantities was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
 8. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$25,181.51 from the Capital Project Fund to Sciarretti Site Development & Paving Co., for Partial Payment No. 5 of the McLaughlin Run Park Improvements Project was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
 9. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$17,987.65 from the Capital Project Fund to Jet Jack, Inc., for Partial Payment No. 2 of the Bower Hill Road Stormwater Improvements Project was made by Mrs. Schneider; seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
 10. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$9,907.08 from the Sewer Fund to Jet Jack, Inc., for Partial Payment No. 3 of the Backwater Valve Contract – Phase 3 Project was made by Mr. Ciesielski; seconded Mrs. Schneider; motion carried unanimously.
 11. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$56,679.30 from the Capital Project Fund to S&N Industries, LLC for Invoice No. 1797 of the Bridgeville Municipal Building Roof Replacement Project was made by Mr. Ghelarducci; seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
 12. A motion to concur with and direct the Char-West Council of Governments to authorize payment of \$30,487.87 to Independent Enterprises, Inc., for Partial Payment No. 1 of the ADA Ramp and Sidewalk Improvement Project was made by Mrs. Schneider, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
 13. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – June 2021 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mrs. Schneider; motion carried unanimously.
 14. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the May 2021 Treasurer’s Report was made by Mr.

Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION, VIRGINIA SCHNEIDER – no report.

FINANCE, JOSEPH VERDUCI – Mr. Verduci reported that the Borough has received half of the estimated American Recovery Act funds. He also reported that the Borough and School Real Estate tax bills have been mailed out. Lastly, Mr. Verduci reviewed that midway for the year our Budget to Actual report for all funds looks good with no issues.

PARKS & RECREATION, JOSEPH COLOSIMO – Mr. Colosimo reported that work at McLaughlin Run Park is substantially completed and that the picnic shelters are now being rented out with the first rental on June 19th.

Mr. Colosimo stated that work at Chartiers Park to address the landslide and prepare the base work for the new playground will take place this year with road paving work to be completed next spring. He stated that the Chartiers Park improvements are anticipated to be complete by next fall.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, NINO PETROCELLI, SR. – Mr. Petrocelli reported that the written report for the Department has been distributed. He thanked all the volunteers who helped clean up after last week's flooding. Mr. Petrocelli added that Mr. Bean made a lot of good suggestions.

PUBLIC SAFETY, BRUCE GHELARDUCCI – no report.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported that on July 1st she presented a proclamation to the owners of LaBella Bean Coffee Shop recognizing their 20 years of business in Bridgeville. She also read a statement from the Bridgeville Community Association that recognized the recent winners of the July 4th Home Decoration Contest.

POLICE CHIEF, CHAD KING – no report.

SOLICITOR, THOMAS MCDERMOTT – no report.

BOROUGH ENGINEER, KEVIN BRETT – Engineer Brett stated that the written report has been provided and that the Bower Hill Road paving work is scheduled to be completed next week.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – Assistant Chief Meglen reported that the Department responded to 23 calls for service this past month. He thanked everyone who helped respond to and clean up after last week's flooding.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MARY WEISE – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – Mr. Petrocelli called upon the Parking Authority to start having a representative attend the Council Meetings, at a minimum quarterly. He said it is important that we meet at a minimum a couple times per year.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Cimarolli reported that the next meeting will be July 26th and stated that she submitted a written report.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – the Borough Manager stated that the Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Event is August 7th at the Fire Station.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Henderson stated that he is appreciative of Mr. Bean’s comments.

Mr. Ciesielski stated that the flooding on Baldwin Street is not acceptable and that we need to do more work now. He added that the unfinished wall on Maple Street is unacceptable and that we need quicker actions with solutions. Mr. Petrocelli concurred with Mr. Ciesielski.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Verduci, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:56PM. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary