

**BRIDGEVILLE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
September 13, 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](http://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  
Councilwoman, Virginia Schneider  
Councilman, Joseph Verduci  
Councilman, Nicholas Ciesielski

Mayor Betty Copeland, Solicitor Thomas McDermott, Borough Engineer Kevin Brett, Borough Manager Joseph Kauer, Police Chief Chad King, Asst. Fire Chief Mike Meglen.

**ABSENT:** EMS Director Dan Miller

**PRESENTATION / RECOGNITION:** Representatives from the Pennsylvania State Mayors' Association, Mayor Jim Nowalk of Whitehall Borough and Mayor Keith Moss presented Mayor Copeland with the 2021 State Mayor of the Year award. State Representative Jason Ortity and State Senator Devlin Robinson presented the Mayor with state citations in recognition of this achievement. President Henderson presented a proclamation on behalf of Borough Council to the Mayor as well.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR** –

Mr. Shane Franchick, 1414 Critchfield Drive, asking on behalf of the Bridgeville Athletic Association, for an update on the road repairs within Chartiers Park. Mr. Colosimo informed him that the project is moving forward, and work is planned to start in mid-October to repair the streambank. He stated the roads and parking lots in the park will be repaved next year in conjunction with our 2022 Road Program.

**BUSINESS**

1. A motion to approve the August 9, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to approve the September 2021 Bill List was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the September 17, 24, October 1 and 8, 2021 payrolls was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion to ratify the adoption Resolution No. 2021-20, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, assuming responsibility for erecting, maintaining and removing a temporary event banner over Route 50 for the Evelsizer Family 5K Race that is to be installed August 16, 2021, and removed September 18, 2021, was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mrs. Schneider; motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to authorize the advertisement and public display of Ordinance No. 1023, an Ordinance of the Borough of Bridgeville, amending its Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles & Traffic, Part 4, General Parking Regulations, 15-402, Parking Prohibited at all Times in Certain Locations, to prohibit parking at all times and to establish a “loading zone” in a designated location on Station Street at or about the Station Street – Taylor Way Intersection was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to authorize the execution of a Police Mutual Aid Agreement with all communities and police departments located within the Char-West COG service area, including the Pittsburgh Technical College was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to accept the 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$40,566 as prepared by the Borough Manager was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to accept the 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of \$74,065 as prepared by the Borough Manager was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$59,387.85 from the Capital Project Fund to Brentzel Excavation LLC for Partial Payment No. 2 of the Jane Way Streambank Stabilization Project was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
10. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$9,817.38 from the Capital Project Fund to Sciarretti Site Development and Paving Co. for the Partial Payment No. 6 / Final of the McLaughlin Run Park Improvements Project was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Verduci; Mr. Verduci questioned if this is the last bill for this project and if all the work is now complete? Manager Kauer explained that this is the final bill and the remaining work which included some landscaping by the front-side fence has been completed; motion carried unanimously.
11. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$40,860.00 from the Sewer Fund to Osiris

Enterprises for Partial Payment No. 1 for the Backwater Valve Phase 4 Project was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion to accept the resignation of Mrs. Laura Deklewa from the Bridgeville Parking Authority was made by Mr. Petrocelli with regrets, seconded by Mr. Verduci; Mr. Petrocelli asked that a thank you letter be sent to Mrs. Deklewa; motion carried unanimously.
13. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – August 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 July 2021 Treasurer’s Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
15. A motion to accept the August 2021 Police Report was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ADMINISTRATION, VIRGINIA SCHNEIDER** – Mrs. Schneider reported that the Active Transportation Plan is advancing, there is a Community Workshop Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 6PM-7:30PM at the Fire Department’s Chartiers Room. In advance of the meeting, we are planning on having an interactive map / special page on our website where citizens can start submitting their concerns and ideas to improve connectivity, pedestrian facilities and mobility within the Borough.

**FINANCE, JOSEPH VERDUCI** – Mr. Verduci reported that the Workers Compensation Safety Committee has been certified by the State’s Department of Labor and Industry. He added that the Borough has received a 5% discount on our renewed Firefighter’s insurance policy as result. Mr. Verduci also reported that work on the 2022 budget is advancing and that a draft is expected by our October Council Meeting.

**PARKS & RECREATION, JOSEPH COLOSIMO** – Mr. Colosimo reported that the Chartiers Park Streambank project is to start mid-October and to accommodate this work rentals of Shelter No. 1 will stop for the year the same time. He also reported that recently the restrooms at McLaughlin Run Park sustained vandalism caused by graffiti. Mr. Colosimo requested that security cameras be considered for this park in next year’s budget. Lastly, he reported that none of our parks suffered any flood damage during the September 1<sup>st</sup> flood.

**PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, NINO PETROCELLI, SR.** – Mr. Petrocelli reported that the written report for the Department has been distributed. He stated that the Department has been very busy cleaning up after the September 1<sup>st</sup> flood. He also stated that a sanitary sewer break happened on September 1<sup>st</sup> on Pennsylvania Avenue. Mr. Petrocelli reported that Jet Jack had the issue repaired the next day. Lastly, he congratulated the Mayor on being awarded the Mayor of the Year.

PUBLIC SAFETY, BRUCE GHELARDUCCI – no report.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported that along with Chief King, Councilmen Colosimo and Petrocelli, she attended the September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service that was held at Holy Child Church. She stated that Firefighter / Fire Department President Jim Altvater Sr. was a speaker this year during the ceremony.

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.

Mr. Ciesielski questioned the placement of the stormseptor that is being installed on Jane Way and wanted to know if it can be moved? The Engineer stated that they are installed at junction points and are needed to reduce pollutants, adding that shifting it may end up being costly.

Mr. Ciesielski questioned if this device would add to flooding? The Engineer stated that it simply catches sediment.

Mrs. Schneider questioned how often will the stormseptor have to be cleaned out and who maintains them? Engineer Brett stated that Public Works crews will have to do it after significant rain falls.

Mr. Ciesielski questioned if the stormseptor gets full of debris will it bypass? The Engineer stated yes, it would act as it currently operates now. It will not damper the discharge and maintains the same capacity that it currently has.

The owner of the Railyard Restaurant who was in the audience stated that he has been informed that the stormseptor will clog, will add to flooding and pressurize the storm system. The Engineer stated that others are being installed in town and it is just a device that captures sediment. Mr. Tom Bean, also in the audience, questioned what other sites were considered? He stated that it should have been installed in another location. Mr. Bean expressed concerns that the Jane Way location is in the center of his rear drive through lane and would interfere with his business. The Engineer suggested that future maintenance can be done during the off hours to minimize the inconvenience.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – Assistant Chief Meglen reported that the Department responded to 39 calls for service this past month. He stated that the Fire Department is suggesting that after future flood events residents who need their basements pumped out to call the station versus dialing 9-1-1.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MARY WEISE – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – Ray Ahrenholtz reported that September is Love Your Library Month and that the library is soliciting donations this month to secure a matching grant. He highlighted upcoming events at the library including a Patio Party on September 25<sup>th</sup> and a Lawn

Party on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, as a fundraiser the library is “flocking” homes with flamingos.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – Chairman Mike Connolly was present to answer any questions and he thanked Mrs. Deklewa for her service. Mr. Petrocelli suggested moving forward that the Authority partner its future paving of parking lots with the Borough’s Road paving program to save costs.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Cimarolli stated that the next meeting on August 23<sup>rd</sup> will start at 7PM, no longer starting at 7:30PM. She also reported that the Commission is moving forward with the selection of a consultant for the Comprehensive Plan and that there is a vacancy on the Commission that needs filled. Mr. Henderson stated that two applications have been received and that Council will be working to fill.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – the Borough Manager reported that Offers to Purchase have been provided to the eight property owners on Baldwin and Margaret Street per the awarded FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant. Of these, six properties have committed to participate, one has withdrawn, and another is challenging the assessed valuation. He reported that the Italian Club building is still undergoing its Historical Review and the appraisal is being drafted.

Manager Kauer also reported that he started a grant application seeking 75% funding for Phase 1A of the McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project. The \$5,604,344 project will construct levees on Carol Avenue with pumps and replace the Commercial Street culverts with a bridge. He added that a separate request has been made to Senator Robinson’s office to include this project in the State’s budget for next year.

Lastly, the Manager reported to Council that the Borough received a second blight grant in the amount of \$41,000. He stated that the Borough now has \$115,520 for blight removal and that he will be working with the Solicitor to finalize legal clearances to get these projects out to bid.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Henderson expressed his condolences to the Ghelarducci family on the loss of their son-in-law.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:12PM. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph Kauer  
Borough Manager / Secretary