

**BRIDGEVILLE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

October 11, 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. (participated virtually on Zoom)
Councilman, Bruce Ghelarducci (participated virtually on Zoom)
Councilman, Joseph Colosimo
Councilwoman, Virginia Schneider
Councilman, Joseph Verduci
Councilman, Nicholas Ciesielski

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

ABSENT: None.

PRESENTATION / RECOGNITION: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR –

Mr. Bob Fryer, 508 Hunters Path, South Fayette Township, stated that he has recently reviewed the trash rack in McLaughlin Run at the park and believes additional poles are needed. Mr. Fryer commented that the source to flooding is the Commercial Street culverts. He also stated that the drainage issues on Bower Hill Road are being caused by runoff from Bluff Street properties. Lastly, he called upon Council to build higher walls along Baldwin Street and not replace the Bower Hill Road Bridge but replace it with a ramp to Baldwin Street.

Mr. John Duncan, 120 Werner Street, expressed concerns about the landslides on Werner Street and asked Council for an update on the project. Mr. Henderson informed him that the first two grants submitted for this project were not awarded and a recent attempt to secure bids for the project came in higher than budgeted. The Engineer suggested the Borough rebid this project this winter and, in the meantime, we are reapplying for grant funding once again for this project.

BUSINESS

1. A motion to approve the September 13, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mrs. Schneider; motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to approve the October 2021 Bill List was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Verduci; motion carried unanimously.

3. A motion to approve the October 15, 22, 29, and November 5, 2021, payrolls was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to adopt 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. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mrs. Schneider; motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-21, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for the Werner Street Slope Stabilization, Retaining Wall and Stormwater Improvements Project was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mrs. Schneider; motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-22, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville authorizing the President of Council and Borough Manager to execute the Consent Order and Agreement with the Allegheny County Health Department was made by Mrs. Schneider, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; Mr. Henderson stated that the Phase 2 Consent Order is relative to the operation and maintenance of the Sanitary Sewer System. Motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to approve the Lot-Line revision of parcels 256-G-20 and 256-G-30, with said final approval and execution and release of the Recording Plan conditioned upon execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough of Bridgeville, South Fayette Township, and the Applicant/Property Owner, stipulating as to the agreed apportionment of Land/Building values between the two municipalities for tax assessment purposes, for a joint submission to the County Assessor, as recommended by the Bridgeville Planning Commission. Motion was made by Mrs. Schneider, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; Mr. Henderson stated that the Plan has been reviewed by the Borough Engineer and conforms to the Bridgeville Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$13,140.70 to S&N Industries for Invoice No. 1836 / Final for the Bridgeville Municipal Building Roof Replacement Project was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mrs. Schneider; motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to authorize the payment of the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMOs) to the Bridgeville Pension Plans (*1. Non-Uniform Plan: \$68,702 and 2. Police: \$113,159*). Motion was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion to accept the lowest responsible bid received and award contract to State Pipe Services in the amount of \$95,710.00 for the 2021 Sanitary Sewer O&M CCTV Program was made by Mrs. Schneider, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
11. A motion to authorize LM&R Excavation, LLC to compete repairs to the McLaughlin Run Park Storm Outfall at a cost not to exceed \$14,500 with the Borough supplying all materials was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
12. A motion to authorize Gateway Engineers to prepare plans, specifications and advertise the FEMA Hazard Mitigation - Baldwin & Margaret Street Demolition Project was made by Mrs. Schneider, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
13. A motion to authorize the sale via electronic auction, and its advertisement, of surplus Police Car No. B-1 was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
14. A motion to schedule and authorize the 2022 Budget Meeting for Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 6:00PM to be held at the Borough Building and virtually was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
15. A motion to accept the Petition to Rezone from Roberta Walsh regarding the request to rezone buildable parcel 255-E-280, located on Calvert Street, from Conservation to Residential-1 and authorize referral to the Bridgeville Planning Commission and Allegheny County Department of Economic Development was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; Mr. Verduci questioned the history of this request. Manager Kauer reported that this property was zoned R-2 decades ago when they purchased the parcel. The family had plans to build on it and never did. The lot has been for sale and a potential buyer has shown interest in building on it again, that is when the owners discovered that it was zoned Conservation. To facilitate the potential redevelopment of this parcel, it is requested to rezone it to match the adjacent properties on Calvert Street as Residential-1. Motion carried unanimously.
16. A motion to authorize the disbursements of the following Real Estate Tax Refunds, as result of changes in assessments:
 - A. Year 2021, Parcel: 255-S-142, \$66.88, Andrew Alper
 - B. Year 2021, Parcel: 254-E-328, \$67.52, Michael & Kaleena Dilts
 - C. Year 2021, Parcel: 254-N-18, \$75.17, Timothy & Julie Dunlap

Motion was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

17. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – September 2021 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mrs. Schneider; motion carried unanimously.
18. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the August 2021 Treasurer’s Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
19. A motion to accept the September 2021 Police Report was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
20. Motion to approve the disbursement of \$71,045.75 from the Capital Project Fund to Jet Jack, Inc., for Partial Payment No. 1 of the Stormseptom Project was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mrs. Schneider; motion carried unanimously.
21. Motion to authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Borough of Bridgeville, Township of South Fayette and the property owner of parcel 256-G-20 & 30 agreeing to the apportionment of real estate taxes on these parcels was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
22. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-2021, a Resolution authorizing the submission of a Community Development Block Grant seeking funding for the Triangle Park ADA Improvements Project was made by Mr. Ciesielski; seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION, VIRGINIA SCHNEIDER – Mrs. Schneider reported that the Community Workshop for the Active Transportation Plan is Tuesday, October 19th, 6PM at the Chartiers Room. She also stated that the interactive survey map website for this project has also been launched and is receiving a lot of feedback.

FINANCE, JOSEPH VERDUCI – Mr. Verduci reported that the Committee met today and reviewed the draft 2022 budget. He also reported that the Borough’s medical insurance policies are renewing next year a 1.5% decrease in costs. Lastly, Mr. Verduci stated that the 2021 Budget is performing as planned, General Fund revenue is at 87% collected and expenditures are at 71%. The Sewer Fund revenue is at 71% and expenditures are 59% of budget.

PARKS & RECREATION, JOSEPH COLOSIMO – Mr. Colosimo reported that the park restrooms and facilities will be closed for the season and winterized the first week of November. He stated that shelter rentals end on October 31st.

Mr. Colosimo also reported that the Char-West COG gave one day of free use of the vector truck after the September flood, saving the Borough \$900.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, NINO PETROCELLI, SR. – Mr. Colosimo reported that the Public Works Department finished repairs to areas of walls on Baldwin Street that were damaged during the September 1st flood. He reported that the Department paved Spruce Street and portions of Almo Alley this month, saving a lot of money for the taxpayers.

Lastly, he reported that street sweeping season is now over and that leaf collection started October 11th and runs through December 10th. Brush collection will start November 1st.

PUBLIC SAFETY, BRUCE GHELARDUCCI – no report.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported that on October 8th she attended a ceremony at Solid Rock Church on Dewey Avenue where the pastor was recognized for his outstanding service. She also stated that Senator Robinson will be hosting a meet and greet on October 14th.

The Mayor stated that October is Cancer Awareness Month and stated that the Police Department will have ribbons on the cars in recognition of this. She read a thank you letter received by the Chief of Police recognizing the assistance of two of our police officers who helped resuscitate a child who stopped breathing. Lastly, she declared Trick or Treat as Sunday, October 31st and reminded everyone of Trunk or Treat events planned this season.

POLICE CHIEF, CHAD KING – Chief King reported that on his monthly reports, a count of business checks is now provided. This past month, 203 checks were completed. He stated this is a way to remain proactive and maintain a connection with the business community.

SOLICITOR, THOMAS MCDERMOTT – Solicitor McDermott thanked the South Fayette and Newbury officials for their cooperation to memorialize the real estate taxes of the new development. He stated that he is also working with them on another parcel within the development that is in both communities.

BOROUGH ENGINEER, KEVIN BRETT – Engineer Brett stated that the written report has been provided.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – Chief Costain reported that the Department responded to 50 calls for service this past month. He stated that the Fire Department is cohosting the annual Halloween Parade on October 30th, 11AM start. The Chief reported that the Department received a grant that will enable them to purchase new pumps and flood equipment. Lastly, he reported that the annual Sleigh Full of Cash Raffle will be starting next week.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – Director Miller stated that their monthly report has been submitted and that their Fall Donation Drive is starting next week. They are raising funds for new cardiac monitors.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MARY WEISE – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – Director Ben Hornfeck reported that September is *Love Your Library* Month and that they were able to raise \$8,000 that will be matched by another

grant to assist the library. He also reported that there are vacancies on the Library Board that they are currently seeking candidates for.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Mr. Tolmer reported that the Commission reviewed the Newbury Lot Revision Plan and made recommendation to Council that it be approved. He also reported that the Commission, in partnership with the working group, have made a recommendation on which firm be selected to complete the Comprehensive Plan project.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – the Borough Manager reported that on the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Project, the fully executed grant agreement has been received, and that the PEMA representative suggests we proceed to get the plans and specifications ready to bid the project while the Section 106 DEP permit is pending. He stated that once the Borough acquires the properties, we'll have 90 days to have them demolished. The Manager stated that the Italian Club appraisal report has been received and provided to the club; waiting on their decision to accept or withdrawal from the program.

The Manager also reported that the Borough was awarded a \$1,000 Community Drug Abuse Prevention Grant that will purchase handouts for Halloween treat bags. He informed Council that he completed grant applications for the Werner Street project and a DEP grant that would replace public works and recycling equipment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Verduci reported that the Rotary Club's Chili Cookoff is this Sunday, October 17th at Fairview Park.

Mr. Henderson reported that a spaghetti dinner fundraiser will be held on Sunday October 24th for the James Family to offset medical costs as their son battles cancer.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Verduci, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:55PM. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary