

**BRIDGEVILLE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 8, 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: President Henderson stated that the Borough Council met in executive session before the meeting tonight to discuss a legal matter.

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 (participated virtually on Zoom)
Councilman, Nicholas Ciesielski

Mayor Betty Copeland, Solicitor Thomas McDermott, Borough Engineer Kevin Brett, and Borough Manager Joseph Kauer.

ABSENT: Chief King, Chief Costain and Director Miller.

PRESENTATION / RECOGNITION: PA State Association of Boroughs, Years of Service Awards presented by Mayor Copeland to Councilmen Petrocelli (30-year award), Henderson (10-year award), Ghelarducci (10-year award) and Colosimo (10-year award).

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR –

Mr. Bob Fryer, 508 Hunters Path, South Fayette Township, distributed comments received from a survey he completed two years ago regarding traffic congestion in the Borough. He explained the negative effects the traffic congestion has had upon our citizenry.

Mr. Pat Petrocelli, 272 Eisner Avenue, called upon Borough Council to make the intersection of Prestley Road with Perret and Charlet Streets a four-way stop intersection. Mr. Henderson stated that the Public Safety Committee will study and discuss the request.

BUSINESS

1. A motion to approve the October 11, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes and October 27, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes, as submitted was made by Mrs. Schneider, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to approve the November 2021 Bill List was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

3. A motion to approve the November 12, 19, 26, December 3 and 10, 2021, payrolls was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to authorize the advertisement and public display of Ordinance No. 1024, an Ordinance of the Borough of Bridgeville, amending its official Zoning Map to rezone parcel 255-E-280 from Conservation to Residential 1 was made by Mrs. Schneider, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to authorize the advertisement of a Public Hearing for the zoning amendment outlined within proposed Ordinance No. 1024 for Monday, December 13, 2021, 7:00PM in Council Chambers was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mrs. Schneider; motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to approve the final design of the Chartiers Street "Welcome to Bridgeville" wall as outlined in the plan dated October 21, 2021, was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; Mr. Verduci questioned the sample off-site test wall. The Borough Manager explained that the PENNDOT contractor is required to construct a small test panel off-site to verify color, construction and font type. We will be invited to inspect this before the actual wall is constructed on Chartiers Street; motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to authorize entering into agreement with Municipal Advertising Consultants for the preparation of the 2022 Borough Newsletter. Motion was made by Mrs. Schneider, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; Mr. Henderson stated that this is the same company and terms as the 2021 Newsletter. Motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$3,739.25 from the Capital Project Fund to Independent Enterprises in the amount of \$3,739.25 for Partial Payment No. 2 / Final of the Stormceptor Improvements Project was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci, motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$15,166.71 from the Capital Project Fund to Jet Jack Inc. for Partial Payment No. 3 / Final of the Bower Hill Road Stormwater Improvements Project was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
10. A motion to request PENNDOT to complete a Speed Reduction Study of Bank Street was made by Mrs. Schneider, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; Mr. Ciesielski questioned if this is just for Bank Street or any other roads being included in the request to PENNDOT? Mr. Henderson stated that the request is being made in preparation of the upcoming resurfacing of Bank Street. Motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion to request the Char-West COG to reject bids received and rebid the CDBG Catch Basin Replacement Project as bids exceeded budget and grant award and ask that the project be only rebid for Inlet No. 2 and 3 on Station Street was made by Mrs. Schneider, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
12. A motion to accept the resignation of Tim Nath from the Bridgeville Planning Commission effective December 31, 2021. Motion was made with regrets by Mrs. Schneider, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; Mr. Henderson stated that he is sad to see him leave the Commission; he has been a tremendous asset. Motion carried unanimously.
13. A motion to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare plans, specifications and bid the Blight Removal Project for properties funded by the awarded 2021 State Blight Grant was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
14. A motion to authorize [ratify] execution of a Temporary License/Right-of-Entry Agreement between the Borough and TAR FLT to facilitate repairs to Borough's storm sewer facilities on the property located at 1321 McLaughlin Run Road (Tax Parcel ID 254-N-194) was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
15. A motion to approve and authorize execution of the renewed Police Officers Collective Bargaining Agreement was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
16. A motion to authorize an addition to the Agenda that would approve and authorize the execution of the renewed Public Works Employees Collective Bargaining Agreement was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment on this motion:

Mr. Pat DeBlasio, 447 Washington Avenue, questioned what is in the renewed agreement? Mr. Henderson stated that it is a five-year agreement that increases wage increases of 3% each year.

17. A motion to approve and authorize the execution of the renewed Public Works Employees Collective Bargaining Agreement was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mrs. Schneider; motion carried unanimously.
18. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – October 2021 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
19. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the September 2021 Treasurer's Report was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

20. A motion to accept the October 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 Community Workshop for the Active Transportation Plan on Tuesday, October 19th, was well attended and we received great input from the community both at the meeting and online. She also reported that new resident welcome packets continue to go out each month and that the fourth quarter mini newsletter was mailed out with trash bills last week.

FINANCE, JOSEPH VERDUCI – Mr. Verduci reported that the 2022 Budget has been completed and that there will be a special budget meeting on Tuesday, November 16th where it will be explained in detail. He reported that ALCOSAN has increased their sewage rates 7% each year for the next five years.

Lastly, he reported that an audit of the Liquid Fuels Fund was completed for year 2020 by PENNDOT and no findings, issues or observations were reported.

PARKS & RECREATION, JOSEPH COLOSIMO – Mr. Colosimo reported that work has started to repair the streambank within Chartiers Park. He stated that progress is being made and that it looks amazing. He also reported that all restrooms and drinking fountains in the parks have been closed and winterized for the season.

Mr. Colosimo informed Council that Eagle Scout candidate Kyle Hinderliter finished his project to improve the fire ring at McLaughlin Run Park. He stated that he is excited about recognizing him for this project. Lastly, he reported that the representative to the Charwest COG from McKees Rocks Borough passed away recently.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, NINO PETROCELLI, SR. – Mr. Colosimo reported that the Public Works Department is collecting leaves and brush through December 10th. He also reported that the crew recently completed another project to remove sediment buildup from the Chartiers Creek Back Channel and McLaughlin Run culverts.

He also reported that street sweeping ended for the season on October 31st and that salt spreaders are now on the trucks ready for winter.

PUBLIC SAFETY, BRUCE GHELARDUCCI – Mr. Ghelarducci reported that the Committee will take Mr. Pat Petrocelli's concerns about the stop sign recommendation under advisement.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported that this past Saturday she presented a proclamation to a family whose child recently passed away.

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.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – no report.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MARY WEISE – Mayor Copeland reported that the monthly speaker's program will be held on November 30th and the topic is Queen Elizabeth the First.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Cimarolli reported that the Commission reviewed and made a favorable recommendation regarding the proposed rezoning of the Calvert Street lots from Conservation to Residential 1. She also reported that the Steering Committee for the Active Transportation Plan will be meeting in early December. Lastly, she stated that she is excited about moving forward with interviews to fill the vacant seats on the Commission.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – the Borough Manager reported that the rezoning of the Calvert Street lots is now only the rezoning of the requested lot owned by Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, the neighbor does not want her property rezoned. The Solicitor has revised the Ordinance to reflect the change. The Borough Manager also reported that the 2022 budget as proposed is a balanced spending plan that does not increase taxes and that he is excited about discussing the plan with Council and the Community at next week's budget meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Ciesielski reported that the annual Ciesielski Twins Food Drive is underway collecting food for the Bridgeville Area Food Bank. He stated that a collection box is in the Borough Office lobby and thanked everyone for their ongoing support.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:33PM. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary