

**BRIDGEVILLE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 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. 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
Councilman, Nicholas Ciesielski

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

Absent: Councilwoman Virginia Schneider, Chief King, Chief Costain and Director Miller.

PUBLIC HEARING: President Henderson opened the Public Hearing regarding the petition to rezone and proposed Ordinance No. 1024, filed by Roberta & Keith Walsh, to rezone Parcel 255-E-280 from Conservation to Residential 1 / Single Family.

Solicitor McDermott stated that the property has been posted giving notice of this hearing and that the proposed Ordinance has been duly advertised. He reported that this request arose out of a potential sale of this property to someone who is interested in building upon it. Their attorney discovered that it was zoned Conservation. The Solicitor added that this lot fronts Calvert Street, was formally zoned Residential, and the request has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Bridgeville Planning Commission and Allegheny County Department of Economic Development.

Mrs. Roberta Walsh was present and had nothing additional to enter into the record.

There was no citizens who presented any comments regarding this matter.

A motion by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski to adjourn the hearing; motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR –

Mr. Bob Fryer, 508 Hunters Path, South Fayette Township, presented to Council multiple traffic improvement recommendations he has and encouraged Council to call upon PENNDOT to construct a dedicated turning lane from Washington Avenue onto Chartiers Street as part of the bridge project that is currently under construction. He also stated that the traffic solutions he proposes be immediately incorporated into the Bridgeville Comprehensive Plan so that an effort could be made to mitigate the increased traffic attempting to avoid paying tolls on Interstate 79 at the Bridgeville

interchange within town.

BUSINESS

1. A motion to approve the November 8, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes and November 16, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes, as submitted was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to approve the December 2021 Bill List was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the December 17, 24, 31, 2021 payrolls was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to adopt 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 Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-24, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, setting the tax rates for the year 2022. (*Note: no change in millage, 6.50 mills on Buildings / 10.00 mills on Land values*) Motion was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-25, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, approving the Budget for the fiscal year 2022 and adopting the same was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-26, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, pursuant to the Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18, Part 3, 301-304, establishing 2022 Sanitary Sewage Rates. (*Note: 2022 Sanitary Sewer Rates will be \$16.47 per 1,000 gallons and a \$6.82 per month service charge. Fee passes on ALCOSAN increase; Borough portion of the fee remains unchanged.*) Motion was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-27, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, authorizing the submission of a request to PENNDOT to provide 75% reimbursement for all costs incurred to adjust sanitary manholes on Bank Street as part of their upcoming paving project was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-28, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, creating a handicap parking space with appropriate signage and providing penalties for thereof. (*Note: Location is 317 Hickman Street.*) Motion was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
10. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-29, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, creating a handicap parking space with appropriate signage and providing penalties for thereof. (*Note: Location is 664 Dewey Avenue.*) Motion was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
11. A motion to approve Change Order No. 1 / Final of the Chartiers Park Stream Restoration Project to adjust the Contract amount to include costs associated with the additional stone backfill required and adjust the quantities based on the field measurements of final in-place quantities, an increase of \$40,837.40. Motion was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; Council questioned the cause of the increase? Borough Engineer Brett stated that the creek changed a great deal between the time the project was designed and when the time came that it was awarded contract, siting summer flood events. Motion carried unanimously.
12. A motion to approve the disbursement of \$183,000.78 from the Capital Project Fund to G. Salandro Excavating LLC for Partial Payment No. 1 of the Chartiers Park Stream Restoration Project was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
13. A motion to accept the request and grant retirement to Patrolman Chris Manolakos effective January 8, 2022, was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
14. A motion to authorize the purchase of a 2021 Ford Police Interceptor SUV from Laurel Ford at State CoStars pricing with emergency equipment upfitting from Team Force at a cost not to exceed \$46,304 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
15. A motion to authorize the advertisement of the 2022 meeting schedule, with biannual reorganization combined with the January monthly meeting of Borough Council on Monday, January 3, 2022, 7:00PM was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
16. A motion to authorize the advertisement and release of a Request for Proposals for Auditor Services was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

17. A motion to authorize a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event in partnership with Noble Environmental for Saturday, August 6, 2022, to be held at the Fire Station was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Verduci; motion carried unanimously.
18. A motion to award contract to Mackin Engineers and Consultants to complete the 2022 Comprehensive Plan Update Project based on the favorable recommendation from the Bridgeville Planning Commission. *(Note: Project is funded 50% by a Municipal Assistance Grant from the Commonwealth.)* Motion was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Verduci; motion carried unanimously. Mr. Henderson thanked Borough Manager Kauer for his efforts to secure the grant funding and thanked the members of the Planning Commission for their work and help to select this consultant.
19. A motion to authorize the submission of a federal Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities (BRIC) grant to PEMA / FEMA seeking 75% funding of the McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project - Phase 1A. *(Note: application seeks \$4,203,285.75 to construct a levee along Carol Avenue that includes a pumping system, storm sewer improvements and the replacement of the Commercial Street Culverts with a single span culvert / bridge. Borough match if funded would be \$1,401,095.25)* Motion was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Verduci; motion carried unanimously.
20. A motion to authorize a Real Estate Tax Refund due to a change in assessment to the following:
 - Reliable Savings & Loan Assoc. of Bridgeville, Parcel: 255-P-226, Year 2021 - \$4,934.20
 - Reliable Savings & Loan Assoc. of Bridgeville, Parcel: 255-P-226, Year 2020 - \$4,934.20Motion was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; Mr. Verduci stated that he totally disagrees with the new assessed values; motion carried unanimously.
21. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – November 2021 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
22. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the October 2021 Treasurer’s Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
23. A motion to accept the November 2021 Police Report was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION, VIRGINIA SCHNEIDER – no report.

FINANCE, JOSEPH VERDUCI – Mr. Verduci reported that the 2022 Budget has been advertised and made available for public comment on the Borough website and in the Borough Building lobby. He stated that the Request for Proposal for Auditing services has been reviewed and is ready for advertisement. Mr. Verduci reported that citizens can now pay their sewer and garbage bills online on the Borough website with a credit card. Links are posted at the top of the home page. Lastly, he reported that both Police and Public Works employees Collective Bargaining Agreements have been fully executed by all parties and are on track for changes to be implemented effective January 1.

PARKS & RECREATION, JOSEPH COLOSIMO – Mr. Colosimo reported that work at Chartiers Park to repair the streambank is substantially completed. He added that a guardrail will be added adjacent to the road as part of the paving work next spring. He also reported that the Bridgeville Rotary Club received a grant to construct the story walk in partnership with the Bridgeville Library at Chartiers Park.

Lastly, Mr. Colosimo reported that the grant application to the state to fund renovations and expansion of the Chartiers Park Fitness Trail was not awarded. He stated that the Borough Manager will reapply for funding in 2022.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, NINO PETROCELLI, SR. – Mr. Petrocelli reported that curbside leaf collection ended on December 10th. He stated that the Troop Banners have been all taken down for the winter season and given to the Parking Authority staff to organize. Mr. Petrocelli informed Council that the Department has been busy decorating Washington Avenue and Triangle Park for Christmas and the Winter Blast Celebration that we held on December 3rd. He stated that the crew addressed sewer issues recently on Bluff Street and here at the Borough Building.

Mr. Petrocelli reported that all the sediment that washed up on the McLaughlin Run Park field has been cleaned up and dumped at a site in Cecil Township. Lastly, he stated that the Department is testing out various backhoes in preparation to making a recommendation to Council early next year.

Mr. Tolmer in the audience thanked the Borough Council and Public Works Department for the leaf and brush collection program. Mr. Henderson thanked the Parking Authority for coordinating the Troop Banner program.

PUBLIC SAFETY, BRUCE GHELARDUCCI – Mr. Ghelarducci thanked everyone for their condolences on the recent passing of his mother.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported that the Parking Authority will be offering free holiday parking in the business districts December 20th through January 3rd. She expressed her condolences to Chief King's family on the recent passing of his mother-in-law. The Mayor congratulated Councilman Ciesielski on his engagement. Lastly, she reported that the Police Department will have the annual Buddy the Elf visit to town on Sunday, December 19th.

POLICE CHIEF, CHAD KING – no report.

SOLICITOR, THOMAS MCDERMOTT – Solicitor McDermott stated that he is working with the

American General Settlement Company to coordinate and schedule real estate closings for the flood buyout properties on Baldwin and Margaret Streets.

The Solicitor reported that the Newbury Real Estate Tax agreement has been recorded. He also informed Council that the special counsel recently filed another Motion in the Courts aiming to prevent the tolling of I-79 at the Bridgeville interchange. Lastly, he asked Council to meet in Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss a litigation matter.

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

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – Assistant Chief Meglen reported that the Fire Department will be escorting Santa Claus around Bridgeville on December 19th after the Police Department’s Buddy the Elf event. He also reported that the Department has a raffle underway for the annual Sleigh Full of Cash.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MARY WEISE – Mayor Copeland invited everyone to the history center to see the Christmas Tree decorated with White House ornaments.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – it was reported that the library is having a Christmas Tree Festival within the Library building through December 18th. It was also reported that Love Your Library Month raised \$9,100 in donations and that the Bridgeville Library will celebrate its 60th year anniversary in 2022.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Mr. Tolmer stated that he and the Commissioners look forward to starting the Comprehensive Plan update project and welcoming new members to the Planning Commission.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Borough Manager Kauer thanked Councilwoman Schneider for her service as her committee has been actively involved with the Borough staff and office’s operation. The Manager reported that the Bridgeville Italian Club has withdrawn their building at 414 Margaret Street from the Flood Buyout Program. The program now includes seven residential structures on Baldwin and Margaret Streets. Mr. Kauer informed Council that work on the grant application for the McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project Phase 1A is continuing. He stated that he has had discussions with PEMA regarding our project and communicated requests for support with Senator Casey, the Lt. Governor, State Senator Robinson and other elected officials.

Manager Kauer reported that the next public workshop for the Active Transportation Plan will be held on February 8, 2022, 6PM at the Firehall. He added that a summary of the community’s input for the plan has been posted to a dedicated page on the Borough website. Regarding the Comprehensive Plan, he stated that the awarded grant is for half of the project’s costs, an award of \$37,500. He thanked Council and Planning Commission for their patience as we waited on this grant to be considered. Lastly, he wished all a Merry Christmas.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Ciesielski thanked all who donated to the annual Ciesielski Twins Food Drive. He stated that \$800 has been collected in addition to the largest amount of food; all collected for the Bridgeville Area Food Bank.

Mr. Henderson thanked Mrs. Schneider for her service on Borough Council these past four years. He added that she has been an asset to Council and will be missed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Colosimo, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:48PM. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

Borough Council then met in Executive Session to discuss a litigation matter; no action was taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary