

**BRIDGEVILLE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**January 10, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

**SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED / REELECTED OFFICIALS:**

The following officials took the Oath of Office administered by District Judge Maureen McGraw-Desmet:

- Betty Copeland, Mayor
- Anne Marie Parisi, Tax Collector
- Willian Henderson, Councilman
- Bruce Ghelarducci, Councilman
- Joseph Verduci, Councilman
- Justine Cimarolli, Councilwoman

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). Mayor Betty Copeland 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:

Councilman, William Henderson  
Councilman, Nino Petrocelli, Sr.  
Councilman, Bruce Ghelarducci  
Councilman, Joseph Colosimo  
Councilman, Joseph Verduci  
Councilman, Nicholas Ciesielski  
Councilwoman, Justine Cimarolli

Mayor Betty Copeland, Solicitor Thomas McDermott, Borough Engineer John Hyle, Chief Chad King, Chief Ray Costain, Director Dan Miller and Borough Manager Joseph Kauer.

**Absent:** None.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR** –

**Mr. Bob Fryer, 508 Hunters Path, South Fayette Township**, presented to Council multiple traffic improvement recommendations including a plan he developed to make Bower Hill Road a two-way couple using existing Baldwin Street and Orschlager Way, making Bower Hill Road a four-lane road from Painters Run Road to Washington Avenue in Bridgeville. He recommended to Council that these plans be included in the upcoming Comprehensive Plan.

**BIANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF BOROUGH COUNCIL:**

1. Nomination and Election of Council President  
Mayor Copeland called for a nomination of Council President. Mr. Petrocelli nominated Mr. Henderson, Mr. Henderson accepted, and no other nominations were made. A roll call vote was taken, and Mr. Henderson was elected unanimously.
2. Nomination and Election of Council Vice President

Mayor Copeland called for a nomination of Council Vice President. Mr. Ghelarducci nominated Mr. Petrocelli, Mr. Petrocelli accepted, and no other nominations were made. A roll call vote was taken, and Mr. Petrocelli was elected unanimously.

3. Nomination and Election of Council President Pro Tem

Mayor Copeland called for a nomination of Council President Pro Tem. Mr. Petrocelli nominated Mr. Colosimo, Mr. Colosimo accepted, and no other nominations were made. A roll call vote was taken, and Mr. Colosimo was elected unanimously.

As reorganization has been completed, Mayor Copeland turned the meeting and gavel over to the newly elected President of Council. Mr. Henderson reported that Council met in Executive Session before this meeting to discuss a personnel matter; no action was taken.

**BUSINESS**

1. A motion to reappoint the law firm Gaitens, Tucceri & Nicholas, PC, as the Borough Solicitor was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to reappoint the firm LSSE Civil Engineers and Surveyors as the Borough Engineer was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to appoint Mark Turnley, CPA, as the Borough Auditor and authorize the execution of a contract by and between the Borough of Bridgeville and Mark Turnley, CPA, for auditing services for the years 2021-2024 with an annual cost of \$9,000 was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to appoint Melissa Guiliani to the Bridgeville Planning Commission with a term that is to expire the first Monday of January 2023 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to appoint Elizabeth Bellaver to the Bridgeville Planning Commission with a term that is to expire the first Monday of January 2024 was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to appoint Bradley Logel to the Bridgeville Zoning Hearing Board with a term that is to expire the first Monday of January 2027 was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to the Bridgeville Parking Authority with a term that is to expire the first Monday of January 2027.

Mr. Henderson tabled this motion; no action was taken.

8. A motion to appoint Deb Colosimo as the Vacancy Board Chairman with a term that is to expire the first Monday of January 2024 was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to approve the December 13, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes, as submitted was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
10. A motion to approve the January 2022 Bill List was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
11. A motion to approve the January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4 and 11, 2022 payrolls was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
12. A motion to authorize the purchase of a Cub Cadet Zero-Turn Tractor from Jefferson Hills Law Equipment at State CoStars pricing at a cost not to exceed \$12,205 was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
13. A motion to offer conditional employment to Daine Lower as a probationary full-time patrolman effective February 1, 2022. *(Note: the hiring is from the current Civil Service Hiring Eligibility List and based on the recommendation of the Chief of Police and Civil Service Commission. Patrolman Lower is currently serving as a part-time officer who already passed all applicable physical and psychological exams and a background investigation.)* Motion was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
14. A motion to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare project specifications, bid documents and advertise for the Sanitary Sewer Backflow Phase 5 Project was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
15. A motion to exonerate Tax Collector Anne Marie Parisi from the collection of 2018 delinquent Real Estate Taxes that have been sent to Jordan Tax Service for liening was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
16. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – December 2021 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
17. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the November 2021 Treasurer’s Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.

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

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL WILL APPOINT / NO REPORTS GIVEN:**

- ADMINISTRATION
- FINANCE
- PARKS & RECREATION
- PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS
- PUBLIC SAFETY
- DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE TO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
- DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE TO COUNTY AND STATE BOROUGHS ASSOCIATIONS
- DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE TO ALLEGHENY SOUTHWEST TAX COLLECTION DISTRICT

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported that last Thursday she had the honor to swear into office new firefighters and the 2022 officers of the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department. She also stated that Councilman Verduci is now the President of the Bridgeville / South Fayette Rotary Club.

POLICE CHIEF, CHAD KING – Chief King reported that the annual Buddy the Elf event was well received and attended. He also reported that the “No Shave November” fundraiser raised \$500 that has been donated to the Meals on Wheels Program.

Mr. Henderson thanked the Chief for his efforts to organize the Buddy the Elf event. He said that it’s a great event that brings the community together.

SOLICITOR, THOMAS MCDERMOTT – Solicitor McDermott thanked the Council for reappointing his firm.

BOROUGH ENGINEER, KEVIN BRETT – Engineer Hyle stated that the written report has been provided and thanked the Council for being reappointed.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – Chief Costain reported that in 2021 the Bridgeville VFD responded to 494 calls for service and logged over 926 training hours amongst the firefighters.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – Director Miller reported that the written report has been provided and would answer any questions if there were any.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MARY WEISE – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – Mr. Ahrenholtz reported that the library has resumed in person programming.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Mr. Tolmer stated that he is looking forward to working with the newly appointed Planning Commissioners.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Borough Manager Kauer reported that the Borough has been awarded a Federal Grant to purchase and equip our Police Officers with Body Worn Cameras. He stated that the Chief of Police is working on the necessary policy while we work through the grant contract obligations. The Manager also reported that the next Public Workshop for the Active Transportation Plan will be Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00PM at the Firehall.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Verduci reported that the Rotary Club will have its annual Trivia Night Fundraiser on April 9<sup>th</sup>. He stated that this event raises funds for many local projects including the support recently pledged for the Story-walk at Chartiers Park.

Mr. Ciesielski congratulated his fellow elected officials on taking office. He also reported that his annual food drive raised enough food to support 139 families and \$970 in cash.

Mr. Ghelarducci recognized former Councilwoman Virginia Schneider who was in the audience. He thanked her for her service and time on Council. Mr. Henderson remarked that everyone appreciated what she brought to the Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:21PM. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph Kauer  
Borough Manager / Secretary