

**BRIDGEVILLE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

February 14, 2022

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. Council President William 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.
Council President Pro Tem, Joseph Colosimo
Councilman, Bruce Ghelarducci
Councilman, Joseph Verduci
Councilman, Nicholas Ciesielski
Councilwoman, Justine Cimarolli

Mayor Betty Copeland, Solicitor Thomas McDermott, Borough Engineer Kevin Brett, Chief Chad King, Assistant Fire Chief Michael Meglen, Director Dan Miller and Borough Manager Joseph Kauer.

Absent: None.

PRESENTATIONS: State Senator Devlin Robinson presented an awarded GEDFT Grant in the amount of \$500,000 for the Werner Street Slope Stabilization, Retaining Wall and Storm-water Improvements Project to Borough Council and Mayor Copeland.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR –

Mr. Bob Fryer, 508 Hunters Path, South Fayette Township, shared with Council a map of regional roadways and how they converse upon Bridgeville. He encouraged Council to include the proposed two-way couples on Bower Hill Road and Washington Avenue within the Comprehensive Plan Update. He also presented two plans to improve the turning radius at the intersections of Bank at Dewey and Station at Railroad St.

Mr. James Shady, 652 Baldwin Street, questioned the Council on preparedness for voter disruptions at upcoming polling stations in the Borough. Mr. Henderson stated that there is a constable on site at each polling station on Election Day and that our Police officers are active on neighborhood patrols. Solicitor McDermott stated that a special election court is in session that day to hear and take immediate action on issues. Mr. Colosimo stated that at the last election there was an issue at the polling station at Goodwill Manor, he stated that times are definitely changing.

BUSINESS

1. A motion to approve the January 10, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.

2. A motion to approve the February 2022 Bill List was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the February 18, 25, March 4 and 11 payrolls was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-1, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville authorizing the Borough Manager to submit a Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement for future modifications to install an Adaptive Timing System at the intersection of Prestley Road and Washington Avenue. *(Note: This is 2024/25 PENNDOT project to install the same adaptative timing technology that is currently installed at the other Washington Avenue traffic signals in Bridgeville from Prestley Road to Hope Hollow Road in Scott Township.)* Motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Verduci; motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-2, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, requesting a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant of \$1,000,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project Phase 1A was made by Ms. Cimarolli, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$9,631.62 from the Capital Project Fund to G. Salandro Excavating, LLC for Partial Payment No. 2 / Final of the Chartiers Park Stream Restoration Project was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to authorize the execution of Change Order No. 1 for the Backwater Valve Contract Phase 4 with Osiris Enterprises, decreasing the contact by \$8,775 based on final in-place quantities and work performed was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$107,490 from the Sewer Fund to Osiris Enterprises for Partial Payment No. 2 / Final of the Backwater Valve Contract Phase 4 Project was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare project bid specifications and advertise the 2022 Road Program based on the recommendation of the Public Works Committee was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
10. A motion to authorize the execution of a Lease Agreement by and between the Borough of Bridgeville and the Bridgeville Athletic Association for the Chartiers Park Concession Stand

for the 2022 season was made by Ms. Cimarolli, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion to authorize the donation of the surplus John Deere Tractor to the Bridgeville Athletic Association for the purposes of dragging and maintaining the infield at Cook School Park per the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Verduci; motion carried unanimously.
12. A motion to authorize having the Bridgeville “Day on the Avenue” event and authorize the closure of Washington Avenue between Bower Hill Road and Hickman Street with a date set by the Event’s Committee; motion by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Verduci; motion carried unanimously.
13. A motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Richard McElhoes from the Bridgeville Parking Authority effective December 31, 2021, was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Colosimo, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Henderson stated that there are now two vacancies on the Authority’s board. Mr. Ghelarducci asked that a thank you letter be sent to Mr. McElhoes.
14. A motion to ratify the actions of the Borough Manager and Solicitor to authorize the purchase of the seven residential properties at the PEMA accepted appraised 2018 values that are included within the awarded and accepted FEMA Flood Mitigation Project on Baldwin and Margaret Streets was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
15. A motion to authorize the hiring of Aaron Cardillo as a part-time police officer based upon the recommendation of the Mayor and Chief of Police was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
16. A motion to accept the lowest bid received for Base Bid and Add Alternate No. 1 from Steel Nation Environmental in the amount of \$33,000 to replace four catch basins on Station Street and Darby Way was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci, Mr. Henderson stated that the project is partially funded by a \$23,348 awarded CDBG grant, the Borough’s match is \$9,652 payable from the MS4 program budget. Mr. Verduci questioned if this Company worked for the Borough in the past; Engineer Brett stated no. Motion carried unanimously.
17. A motion to authorize the purchase of a Caterpillar 420 XE Backhoe Loader with front and rear grapples, forks and thumbs from Cleveland Brothers CAT at State Costars price of \$136,485 was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; Mr. Henderson stated that the backhoe has been budgeted for in 2022 budget from line item: 05-429-717, motion carried unanimously.

18. A motion to authorize the purchase of a mobile EVOLIS Radar Speed Warning Sign at a cost not to exceed \$3,075 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski, Mr. Henderson stated that this purchase was budgeted for in 2022 budget from line item: 19-492-134; motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ghelarducci stated that the Borough has wanted one of these devices for years but they the price was over \$5,000. Mr. Henderson stated that this unit will be portable and stationed around town.
19. A motion to authorize R&R Masonry Restoration to repair the left side exterior wall of the Borough Building at cost of \$7,900 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Colosimo, Mr. Henderson stated that this project was budgeted for in the 2022 budget from line item: 19-429-125. Motion carried unanimously.
20. A motion to authorize the Almega Company, Inc. to refurbish and restore the Borough Building Front Entryway Awning at a cost not to exceed \$11,500 was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Colosimo, Mr. Henderson stated that this project was budgeted for in the 2022 budget from line item: 19-429-125. Motion carried unanimously.
21. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – January 2022 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 December 2021 and January 2022 Treasurer's Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
23. A motion to accept the January 2022 Police Report was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION, NICHOLAS CIESIELSKI – Mr. Ciesielski reported that the Committee last week and stated that they have begun discussions with Collier Township officials to advance the traffic and roadway improvement plans for the north-end of Washington Avenue.

FINANCE, JOE VERDUCI – Mr. Verduci reported the following:

- 2021 Audit is underway, documents provided to Auditor.
- 2020 Liquid Fuels Audit was completed by the State on January 25th – no findings or observations.
- 2020 Surplus Transfers to Capital Project Fund and new Flood Reserve Fund have been completed.
- The Borough ended 2021 with revenue greater than expenditures. Surplus can be transferred to Capital Project fund later this year.
- Property and Liability Coverage for 2022 renewed, premium was slightly less than last year, renewed for 2/4/22 at \$85,803.
- Public Officials and Employment Practices Coverage for 2022 renewed, premium was within budget at \$7,105. Coverage in place for 3/1/22.

PARKS & RECREATION, JOE COLOSIMO – Mr. Colosimo reported that hand dryers were recently installed at all of the bathrooms within the parks. He also stated that new gateway signs for each park have been received that will be installed in the spring. The new signs match the welcome signs. Mr. Colosimo reported that the Manager is starting grant applications for new playground equipment at Cook School and McLaughlin Run Parks. He suggested that the rear playground at Chartiers Park also should be upgraded.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, NINO PETROCELLI, SR. – Mr. Petrocelli reported that the Public Works Department has been very busy. He also updated Council on a recent event where the Borough ran out of rock salt and borrowed from South Fayette Township.

PUBLIC SAFETY, BRUCE GHELARDUCCI – Mr. Ghelarducci reported that the Committee will meet this month.

Mr. Petrocelli suggested to the Public Safety Committee that they study making the intersection of Prestley Road, Perret Street and Charlet Street an all-way stop intersection.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported that on February 2nd, she administered the oath of office to promoted full-time police officer Daine Lower. She also stated that the Police Department made Joshua Easton, a child battling cancer an Honorary Police Officer. She stated that the Department gave him a patch and a heartfelt letter from Sgt. James, whose son is also battling cancer.

POLICE CHIEF, CHAD KING – Chief King reported that he submitted his written report and that he can answer any questions. He thanked Council for the hiring of the part-time officer. The Chief then asked for Council to consider authorizing the Civil Service Commission to complete testing for the position of Sergeant.

Motion by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski to amend the agenda for the authorization to test for Sergeant; motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski to authorize the Police Chief and Civil Service Commission to test for the position of Sergeant; motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR, THOMAS MCDERMOTT – Solicitor McDermott stated that he submitted his written report and is happy to answer any questions.

BOROUGH ENGINEER, KEVIN BRETT – Engineer Brett stated that he submitted his written report and is happy to answer any questions.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – Assistant Chief Meglen reported that the Fire Department responded to 30 calls this past month. He also reported that the fire station has been staffed during recent snow and ice storms.

Lastly, Assistant Chief Meglen reported that the Chartiers Room has been recently renovated, and if you are interested in renting it, please contact Ray or Dawn Costain. Mr. Henderson stated that the

hall looks beautiful, and that your membership did an excellent job.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MARY WEISE – Mayor Copeland reported that annual membership renewal is underway. She reported that on February 27th, 1:30PM the monthly speaker’s program will be held at the Chartiers Room, the topic is “Heroic Women of the American Revolution.”

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Cimarolli reported that the Commission reorganized at its last meeting. She was elected Chair, Mike Tolmer is the Vice Chair, Dale Livingston is the Secretary and welcomed two new members. She also reported that the Active Transportation Plan public meeting was held on February 8th, about 35 people participated.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Borough Manager Kauer recognized the Public Works staff as over the past month they have been very busy putting in long hours and weeks keeping the roads within the Borough clear of snow and ice. They have been doing an excellent job.

The Manager also reported that four of the properties within the Baldwin Street Flood Buyout Program have been acquired and that three more are being worked through legal and program issues.

He also stated that the Blight Removal project is currently out to bid.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Verduci reported that the Rotary Club will have its annual Trivia Night Fundraiser on April 9th at the Chartiers Room. If you are interested in a ticket, please see him.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Verduci, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:41PM. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary