

**BRIDGEVILLE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

March 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. The Council then wished Mayor Copeland a Happy Birthday.

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, Director Dan Miller and Borough Manager Joseph Kauer.

Absent: Fire Chief Ray Costain

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR –

Mr. Bob Fryer, 508 Hunters Path, South Fayette Township, stated that a Borough official recently stated that the two-way couple concept for Washington Avenue was Bob Fryer's idea. He informed Council that it is a concept cited in multiple recent traffic improvement plans for the Borough. He stated that four lanes on Washington Avenue and Bower Hill Road are needed to be carried through Bridgeville and included in our new Comprehensive Plan.

BUSINESS

1. A motion to approve the February 14, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to approve the March 2022 Bill List was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the March 18, 25, April 1 and 8 payrolls was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-4, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, requesting a Flood Mitigation Program Grant of \$500,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project Phase 1A was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by

Ms. Cimarolli; Mr. Henderson thanked the Planning Commission for advancing this phase of the project; motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-5, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, requesting a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant of \$250,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the Chartiers Park Fitness Trail Project was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Verduci; motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to authorize the execution of Change Order No. 1 / Final for the Jane Way Streambank Stabilization Project resulting in a contract decrease of \$330, based on field measurements of final in-place quantities and to include additional work associated with avoiding the existing waterline was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$14,235.28 from the Capital Project Fund to Brentzel Excavation LLC for Partial Payment No. 3 / Final of the Jane Way Streambank Stabilization Project was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Verduci; motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to authorize the execution of a Service Order Authorization with LSSE Civil Engineers & Surveyors to develop permitting documents for the submission to PADEP for the proposed McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project Phase 1A in the amount of \$37,300 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to authorize and grant 2021 Earned Income Tax Credits to the active Bridgeville Volunteer Firefighters per Chapter 24, Part 1, Subsection 111 of the Bridgeville Code of Ordinances. Mr. Henderson stated that the list of eligible firefighters has been provided and certified by the Fire Chief. He questioned the number of firefighters eligible this year? Manager Kauer reported thirteen are and eligible up to \$300. Motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
10. A motion to accept the lowest responsible bid received from Myers Demolition & Excavation in the amount of \$25,030 for the Structure Demolition Project subject to the contractor obtaining the required insurance certificates, performance bond, payment bond, and review and approval of same by the Borough Solicitor prior to execution of the Agreement by the Borough. Mr. Henderson reported that the project is funded by a State Blight Grant and will demolish 733 Bower Hill Road and 671 Baldwin Street-rear. Mr. Ciesielski questioned if the low bid was responsible? The Borough Manager stated that the bid is close to our budget prediction for the project and the other bidder has been bidding high on our projects including the Phase 5 Backflow Preventor Project. Mr. Ciesielski questioned the scope of the work. Borough Engineer Brett stated that all utilities will be

- capped, houses demolished, building materials removed, topsoil added, lot seeded and straw placed. Mr. Ghelarducci questioned where the project was advertised? Manager Kauer reported the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Borough Website and the Engineer's website / Quest Bidding Platform. Mr. Mike Tolmer (in audience) questioned what can be done with the lots after the demolition? Manager Kauer stated anything can be done, its still private property and no liens or restrictions are placed on them per this project's funding source. Motion was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
11. A motion to accept the lowest responsible bid received from Osiris Enterprises in the amount of \$154,750 for the Backwater Valve Contract – Phase 5 subject to the contractor obtaining the required insurance certificates, performance bond, payment bond, and review and approval of same by the Borough Solicitor prior to execution of the Agreement by the Borough was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; Mr. Henderson questioned the number of properties included in this phase? Borough Manager Kauer reported seventeen houses. Motion carried unanimously.
 12. A motion to authorize Secure Technical Solutions to install security cameras in Cook School Park at a cost not to exceed \$10,670 was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Verduci; motion carried unanimously.
 13. A motion to authorize Secure Technical Solutions to install security cameras in McLaughlin Run Park at a cost not to exceed \$11,385 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
 14. A motion to authorize PM Computing to upgrade the audio-visual equipment and computer technology within Council Chambers at a cost not to exceed \$4,455.49 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; Ms. Cimarolli questioned the warranty on this equipment. The Borough Manager explained that the proposal includes a computer, new microphones and webcam that will enhance the quality of virtual meetings within Council Chambers. Motion carried unanimously.
 15. A motion to authorize Fay S&B USA Construction to apply an anti-graffiti coating on the Chartiers Street "Welcome to Bridgeville" wall at a cost not to exceed \$3,306.39 was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; Mr. Verduci questioned when the sample sections of wall will be ready for inspection? Borough Manager Kauer stated that two small sections have been recently made and are in the Rite Aid Parking Lot, they have not been painted yet. Once they are painted, he will let everyone know so they can be inspected. Motion carried unanimously.
 16. A motion to authorize the auction of and advertisement for the upcoming electronic auction via www.municibid.com of the 2010 Ford Crown Victoria surplus police cruiser was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

17. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – February 2022 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
18. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the February 2022 Treasurer’s Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
19. A motion to accept the February 2022 Police Report was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION, NICHOLAS CIESIELSKI – Mr. Ciesielski wished Mayor Copeland a Happy Birthday. He then reported that the Borough has earned the Banner Community Designation again this year from the Allegheny League of Municipalities. He thanked everyone for their work in making this happen. Lastly, he stated that the annual newsletter has been mailed out and is posted on the Borough website.

FINANCE, JOE VERDUCI – Mr. Verduci reported that the 2021 Audit is in the process of being finalized. He also reported that the Borough is now participating the State’s Low Income Household Water Assistance Program, and that qualifying residents can seek this funding to pay delinquent sewer bills. Mr. Verduci asked that information on this program be posted on the Borough’s website.

PARKS & RECREATION, JOE COLOSIMO – Mr. Colosimo reported reservations for park picnic shelters opened for the 2022 season on March 1st. He also reported that Day on Avenue has been scheduled by the Event Committee for Saturday, June 18th. Mr. Colosimo stated that the next planning meeting for Day on the Avenue is March 22nd.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, NINO PETROCELLI, SR. – Mr. Petrocelli reported that the new backhoe has been ordered and delivery is expected in May. He also stated that the Pennsylvania American Water Company will be replacing the water main this summer on Bluff St., Garden St. Luna Street and Center Street. Mr. Petrocelli reported that the Manager has coordinated this utility work with our 2022 Road Program.

PUBLIC SAFETY, BRUCE GHELARDUCCI – Mr. Ghelarducci reported that the Committee met tonight and discussed pedestrian safety concerns in the Borough.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported that last Friday she swore into office recently hired part-time patrolman Aaron Cardillo.

POLICE CHIEF, CHAD KING – Chief King reported that the Police Department will be conducting pedestrian safety enforcement this spring.

SOLICITOR, THOMAS MCDERMOTT – Solicitor McDermott reported that the Borough recently acquired the fifth flood mitigation property on Baldwin Street.

BOROUGH ENGINEER, KEVIN BRETT – Engineer Brett stated that he submitted his written report

and is happy to answer any questions.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – no report.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – Director Miller reported that the annual Ambulance Subscription Drive is underway. He also stated that COVID-19 cases in the area are decreasing, and he is cautiously optimistic that the pandemic is drawing closer to the end.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MARY WEISE – Mayor Copeland reported that the monthly speaker’s program will be held on March 29th at the firehall. The topic is on Fred Rogers.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – Mr. Ray Ahrenholtz reported that the first week of April is National Library Week. He stated that the library will be having events, a book sale, and special raffles that week to celebrate the occasion. Mr. Ahrenholtz reported that the Library Board interviewed two candidates for the board positions this week, and that 2022 is the 60th anniversary of the Bridgeville Public Library.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – No report. Mr. Verduci requested that an inquiry be made to the Parking Authority as to their 2022 Budget, seeking a copy of the annual budget / spending plan.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Cimarolli reported that the Commission held a kickoff meeting for the Comprehensive Plan on February 28th. She also stated that they are working on establishing the Steering Committee for this project. Lastly, Ms. Cimarolli reported that the draft Active Transportation Plan should be ready for review by the end of March.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Borough Manager Kauer reported that construction to repair the stormwater outfalls and streambank at the front of McLaughlin Run Park got started this week. He also stated that the third grant application has been completed and submitted seeking funding for Phase 1A of the McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project.

Lastly, the Borough Manager stated that there is a lot going on in the Borough right now that is detailed in the submitted Manager’s Report and could answer any questions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Verduci thanked Manager Kauer for offering to be a guest speaker at this week’s Bridgeville-South Fayette Rotary Club Meeting. He also stated that on April 9th, the Rotary Club is having a Trivia Night Fundraiser at the firehall.

“Public Art Bridgeville” presentation by Guy Bellaver:

Mr. Bellaver stated that what started as a goal to create a mural on the Washington Avenue Railroad Trestle has expanded into the idea of having a Sculpture Walk in Bridgeville. He stated that he thought of this concept to help the community and area artists during the pandemic.

Mr. Bellaver outlined the Sculpture Walk concept as a one-year art installation that is a partnership between private, public and government groups to showcase public art. He stated that he solicited area artists and is soliciting funding for the project. Mr. Bellaver reported that the group is working

on establishing a Non-Profit Organization to advance this project in years to come. He added that in addition to the Borough pledging funding for the project, so has many citizens and businesses. Public Art Bridgeville sought the assistance of the Borough to cover the insurances of the sculptures in this year's Sculpture Walk. Mr. Bellaver stated that he was excited to feature two Seward Johnson exhibits in this year's Bridgeville Sculpture Walk. He added that the one sculpture will feature a man sitting on a bench holding the Borough's newsletter.

Mr. Verduci questioned Mr. Bellaver on any concern for damage to the sculptures? Mr. Bellaver stated he doesn't know and that he participated in many of these exhibits all over the country and never had an issue. He added that the sculptures are bronze and could be repaired. Mrs. Bellaver stated that the insurance of the pieces would protect them from the unexpected.

Solicitor McDermott stated that he has reviewed the proposed agreement for the lease of the Seward Johnson sculptures. He stated that it is extensive and nonnegotiable. The Borough assumes all the risk, insurance obligations, a duty to provide security and to provide a high level of care.

A motion to authorize the execution of an agreement by and between the Borough of Bridgeville and The Seward Johnson Atelier, Inc. for the lease of public art sculptures as part of the Public Art Bridgeville 2022 Exhibit, pursuant to our Insurance Company's ability and willingness to provide coverage of the artwork. Motion was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:08PM. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary