

**BRIDGEVILLE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

April 11, 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, Fire Chief Ray Costain (late arrival – virtually participating,) Director Dan Miller and Borough Manager Joseph Kauer.

Absent: Chief of Police Chad King

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR –

Mr. Bob Fryer, 508 Hunters Path, South Fayette Township, reviewed a series of maps of the regional road network and how they converge upon Bridgeville. He stated that he does not believe the bridge-tolling lawsuit against PENNDOT will prevail in the Borough's favor and that PENNDOT has strategically discriminated against Bridgeville to take consumers away from our community and obstruct traffic here. He stated that the Borough's new Comprehensive Plan needs to solve the traffic problems of our community.

BUSINESS

1. A motion to approve the March 14, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to approve the April 2022 Bill List was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the April 15, 22, 29, and May 6 payrolls was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-3, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, disposing of records in compliance with the Municipal

Records Manual approved on July 16, 1993, in accordance with Act 428 of 1968 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-6, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, authoring the submission of a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the Bridgeville Playground Improvements Project was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Verduci; Mr. Henderson stated that the project seeks \$272,640 to upgrade playground equipment at both Cook School and McLaughlin Run Parks. Motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to amend the Agenda to take action on the 2022 Road Program bid was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Verduci; motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to award the 2022 Road Program Base Bid and Add Alternates 1 and 2 of the contract to Mele, Mele & Sons as the low bidder in the amount of \$806,137.50, subject to Mele, Mele & Sons, Inc. obtaining the required insurance certificates, performance bond, and payment bond and review and approval of same by the Borough Solicitor prior to execution of the Agreement by the Borough, and also authorize the execution of Change Order No. 1, deducting the electrical improvements at Chartiers Park in the amount of \$110,550 (final contract value being \$695,587.50). Motion was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to authorize the advertisement and release the Flood Hazard Mitigation Demolition Project (Baldwin & Margaret Street properties) for public bid was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to authorize the purchase of Police Body-Worn Camera equipment at a cost of \$24,328.00 from Motorola Solutions at State Contract pricing was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; Mr. Henderson reported that this project is half funded by a grant from the United States Small, Rural and Tribal Body Worn Camera Program. Motion carried unanimously.
10. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – March 2022 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
11. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the March 2022 Treasurer's Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
12. A motion to accept the March 2022 Police Report was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION, NICHOLAS CIESIELSKI – Mr. Ciesielski stated that members of Council attended the recent Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM) conference. He also reported that the Borough will sponsor a Clean Up Week during the last week of April.

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 offering email bills for trash billing.

Mr. Verduci also stated that the Committee is working on a policy for delinquent trash bills and that there was a recent change in the CAREs act funding the Borough received and how it can be used more freely for general government services using a standard deduction to report.

PARKS & RECREATION, JOE COLOSIMO – Mr. Colosimo reported reservations for park picnic shelters are open for the season. He also stated that there have been a couple of incidents recently of graffiti at McLaughlin Run Park. Lastly, he reported that the Day on the Avenue Committee’s next meeting is April 12th, 6PM here at the Borough Office.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, NINO PETROCELLI, SR. – Mr. Petrocelli reported that spring curbside brush collection is now being offered through the end of April. He also stated that a detailed report has been provided for the Department and could answer any questions.

PUBLIC SAFETY, BRUCE GHELARDUCCI – Mr. Ghelarducci had no report.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported that at the ALOM conference she received for the Borough our 2022 Banner Community Certificate. The Mayor also proclaimed the week of May 1 to May 7 as Small Business Week in Bridgeville. She read the proclamation to the Council.

POLICE CHIEF, CHAD KING – No report.

SOLICITOR, THOMAS MCDERMOTT – Solicitor McDermott reported that he submitted his monthly report in writing and could answer any questions if there was any.

BOROUGH ENGINEER, KEVIN BRETT – Engineer Brett gave an update to Council on the regionalization and transfer of ownership of the McLaughlin Run multi-municipal trunk sanitary sewer to ALCOSAN. He showed them a map of the sewer and stated there are number of repairs needed before it can be transferred. The Engineer stated that the sewer needs cleaned and CCTV this year, costing about \$45,000.

Engineer Brett reviewed a plan to reduce the flow to C-53-10 connection with ALCOSAN by diverting some of the flow from the Baldwin Street area in a manhole that intersects both sewers to point of connection No. C-54. An ALCOSAN “GROW” grant application has been submitted for this work. Lastly, the Engineer recommended to Council to proceed with passing the Resolution giving intent to transfer ownership to ALCOSAN at its next meeting.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – Chief Costain reported that the Fire Department responded to 39 calls this past month. He stated that on April 30th, the Department is hosting a comedy night

fundraiser. The Chief reported that the Easter Egg Hunt at Chartiers Park was this past Saturday and was a nice event. Mr. Ciesielski asked that age brackets for older kids be considered.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – Director Miller had no report.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MARY WEISE – Mayor Copeland reported that the monthly speaker’s program will be held on April 26th at the firehall. The topic is on President Theodore Roosevelt.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – Mr. Ray Ahrenholtz reported that the used book sale and recent raffles were a success. He also stated that the Library will be having a community plant swap on April 23. Mr. Ahrenholtz also informed everyone on some pending projects at the Library including a book clock and improvements to the children's area.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – No report. Engineer Brett stated that the Authority is seeking the assistance of the Borough in sponsoring upcoming grants to resurface the public parking lots as they are not eligible for some of the programs the Borough is. Mr. Petrocelli questioned who will manage the project, can the Borough? The Engineer replied the Borough could.

Mr. Verduci stated that if we sponsored such a project, it could facilitate the need for budgeting by the Authority.

Mr. Henderson questioned does LSSE represent the Authority? The Engineer replied, no they asked us to help them with a project and they did.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Cimarolli reported that the Commission discussed a couple of zoning amendments including restricting the on-street parking of trailers, locations of off-street residential parking pads and curb cuts. No action was taken.

Ms. Cimarolli also reported that the draft Active Transportation Plan is to be reviewed this month.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Borough Manager Kauer reported that last week a large tractor trailer caused significant damage to the traffic signal and light posts at the corner of Washington Avenue and Station Street. Public Works is working now to reset the light pole and Traffic Systems is addressing the mast arm that will need replaced. The replacement pole is about nine months to a year out, while that is going on, they are exploring with PENNDOT the probability of setting it back a little further from the corner.

He also stated that the bid opening for the demolition of the seven flood buyout properties is May 4th, we are on track to have demolition commenced and completed by early summer and this also includes the three other homes funded under the Blight grants. The Borough Manager reported that the grant project to replace four catch-basins on Darby Way and Station Street is now underway. Work should be completed by the end of the week.

Lastly, he reported that a surface-slide of the hillside adjacent to Union Street behind Silhol’s slid this past Saturday. The Public Works crew has barricaded off the travel lane to restrict weight in the area. The Engineer has reviewed the issue and started talking to geotechnical engineers to get proposals to

complete core drilling and sampling to develop the project's scope. We are hoping we can combine this slide repair into the project to remediate the slide on Werner Street.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:55PM. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary