

**BRIDGEVILLE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

May 9, 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 John Hyle, Chief of Police Chad King and Borough Manager Joseph Kauer.

Absent: Fire Chief Ray Costain and Director Dan Miller

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR –

Mr. Morgan Frazier, 246 Patterson Avenue, expressed concerns with the condition of Lurry Street, stating half of the roadway was repaved a couple of years ago, but the remaining half needs to be resurfaced. He also stated that the Police Department is doing an excellent job patrolling the area, but additional work is needed with addressing property maintenance issues.

Ms. Eugenia Crowell, 220 Patterson Avenue, expressed concerns with a house on Patterson Avenue, stating that it is a nuisance. She stated that she is very frustrated, and this house is affecting her quality of life.

Mr. Bob Bopp, 236 Patterson Avenue, expressed concerns that Lurry Street is deteriorating. He stated there are numerous junk cars on the street and property maintenance issues with a neighboring property.

Manager Kauer stated that the property at 226 Patterson Avenue has been cited for the property maintenance violations and that a court hearing is scheduled for this Wednesday. After this hearing if no action is taken, the Public Works Department will cut the grass and the Borough will lien the property for the expense. Chief King stated that the Police Department is addressing the cars in violation from this property also.

Mr. Gregory Jones, The One Music Fest, informed the Council and invited the community to four upcoming community events that the organization is hosting in June including: dedication of the military stone at the National Cemetery, a Food Drive at Bethany Church, participating in Day on the Avenue, and the annual Martin Luther King Ceremony at Corpus Christi Church.

Ms. Deena Callahan, 300 Prestley Road, reported a large pothole on Prestley Road in front of her driveway. Manager Kauer stated that he will report it to PENNDOT tomorrow morning. Mr. Henderson informed her that Prestley Road is a state road maintained by PENNDOT.

Mr. Bob Fryer, 508 Hunters Path, South Fayette Township, expressed concerns with the Comprehensive Plan update, stating that it needs to be aggressive to solve the Washington Avenue and Bower Hill Road traffic problems. He stated that the United States Congress will be acting on a trillion-dollar infrastructure bill and the Borough needs its plans in place fast to take advantage of the funding. He also advised that the statistics that show the adverse effects to our citizens lives be included in the funding requests to solve the traffic problems. Lastly, he stated that PENNDOT does not want to solve the Route 50 congestion in hopes to protect and give an advantage to the Route 19 corridor.

Ms. Courtney Tolmer, 634 Chestnut Street, reported that the Bridgeville Public Library is working on improvements to the exterior of the library including a new bench, landscaping and a sculpture. She reported that as part of its 60th anniversary, work is progressing to improve the Children’s Area and they are seeking grant funding for these projects. Mr. Henderson reported that the flower planters on Washington Avenue have been planted and thanked Ms. Virginia Schneider and volunteers for their work.

Ms. Wendy Whittick, Pittsburgh Classic Movie Club, stated that the Club would like to use Cook School Park for free movies in the park. She stated that movies are typically two hours long. Mr. Verduci questioned the estimated end time? She stated approximately 11PM. Mr. Verduci questioned if there is a concern for parking, she said yes. Ms. Whittick stated they plan to set up by the pavilion so people can sit under the shelter if the weather is poor.

Mr. Frank Daily, Burgh’s Pub, Washington Avenue, expressed concerns about the Parking Authority including negative feedback he is getting from his customers including the recent change in enforcement hours and minimum charge for parking when paying with a credit card or app of 2.5 hours. He suggested that the minimum fee should be for one hour and the enforcement hours changed back. He stated that he provided these concerns with suggestions and information from other similar communities to the Authority and Council and he is concerned that the Authority hasn’t discussed his concerns yet. Mr. Verduci stated that the Borough Council received his letter after the April Parking Authority Meeting, and he also wants to hear the Authority Board’s thoughts on his letter and suggestions. Mr. Verduci added that he shares similar thoughts and concerns as Mr. Daily. Mr. Verduci stated he cannot make an opinion on the matter until the Authority’s finances are understood.

BUSINESS

1. A motion to approve the April 11, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to approve the May 2022 Bill List was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the May 13, 20, 27, June 3 and 10 payrolls was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-7, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the execution of the Transfer Agreement and related documents, instruments, and agreements with ALCOSAN and the transfer to ALCOSAN of certain sewer system assets in accordance therewith was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; Mr. Henderson stated that the transfer of the McLaughlin Run multi-municipal trunk sewer in Bridgeville Borough is from the Upper St. Clair municipal border to its point of connections with the ALCOSAN interceptor at connections C-53-10 and C-54. Motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-8, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, authoring the submission of a 2022 Trail Development Fund Application grant to the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County seeking funding for the Chartiers Greenway Trail Phase 1 Project (Chartiers Park Fitness Trail.) Motion was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to award contract to Stash Contracting in the amount of \$119,050 for (Base Bid and Add Alternates 1A) for the PEMA Flood Hazard Mitigation Demolition Project for properties on Baldwin and Margaret Streets was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to authorize Garvin, Boward and Beitko Engineering, Inc. to complete geotechnical investigation and prepare the design of the retaining wall needed to remedy the Union Street Landslide at a cost not to exceed \$12,064 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to ratify the authorization for State Pipe Services to complete additional cleaning, televising and inspection of sanitary sewers in the McLaughlin Run trunkline at a cost not to exceed \$45,500 was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; Mr. Ghelarducci stated that this work is needed for the ALCOSAN transfer; motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$81,347.98 to State Pipe Services, Inc., for Partial Payment No. 1 of the 2021 Sanitary Sewer O&M CCTV Program was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
10. A motion to authorize the Pittsburgh Classic Movie Club to show free classic movies in Cook School Park that is open for the public to attend, and use of the picnic shelter two Friday evenings per month, starting at dusk, during the months of June, July, August and September 2022; motion was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; Mr. Verduci asked that the Parks and Recreation Committee review the program after the first

event to see if there were any resident complaints or concerns. Ms. Whittick stated that their prior events typically had 15-20 people attending them.

11. A motion to authorize the hiring of Zach Morris as a part-time police officer based upon the recommendation of the Mayor and Chief of Police pending the successful completion of a background investigation, medical, physical and firearms qualifications was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
12. A motion to authorize the sale via online public auction (www.municibid.com) of the retired / surplus 2000 New Holland Backhoe was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; Mr. Ghelarducci questioned the decision to sell as the original plan was to keep it as a second unit. The Borough Manager stated that the backhoe now needs engine work, multiple lift cylinders rebuilt and front-end repairs. The mechanic and DPW foreman are suggesting it be sold; motion carried unanimously.
13. A motion to concur to the granting of Right-of-Way to PENNDOT from Borough owned property at Chartiers Park that includes 3,019 SF of required Right-of-Way, 18,438 SF of Slope Easement, and 183 SF of drainage easement, all along Chartiers Street for the purposes of slope remediation and to improve the entrance to the park was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
14. A motion to authorize a Real Estate Tax Refund due to a change in assessment to the following:
 - Jacob A. Kuhn, Parcel: 254-E-184, Year 2021 - \$295.30Motion was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
15. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – April 2022 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
16. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the April 2022 Treasurer’s Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
17. A motion to accept the April 2022 Police Report was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION, NICHOLAS CIESIELSKI – Mr. Ciesielski made a motion to amend the Agenda to make appointments to the Bridgeville Parking Authority Board; motion was seconded by

Mr. Henderson; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Ms. Deb Colosimo to the Bridgeville Parking Authority Board with a term that will expire the first Monday of January 2025, motion was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Mr. Raymond Partee, Sr., to the Bridgeville Parking Authority Board with a term that will expire the first Monday of January 2027, motion was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE, JOE VERDUCI – Mr. Verduci reported that the 2022 Budget is performing as expected. He also announced that the Borough was awarded a \$229,000 grant from the DEP to purchase a new dump truck, leaf vacuum and recycling bins for all houses in the Borough. Mr. Verduci reported that the Borough also received a \$5,000 gift from Noble Environmental for Chartiers Park Fitness Trail.

Mr. Verduci stated that the Police Body Worn Cameras have been ordered, the project is partially grant funded. Lastly, he reported that the financial reports have been submitted for the Cares Act funding that the Borough received.

PARKS & RECREATION, JOE COLOSIMO – Mr. Colosimo reported that the Public Works Department will start installing the Story Walk stations along the fitness trail at Chartiers Park this week. He stated that on May 21st, volunteers from the Rotary Club and Library will finish the project.

Mr. Colosimo also reported that new picnic tables have been installed in Shelter 2 at Chartiers Park.

Mr. Verduci stated that in June there will be a formal ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of the Story Walk.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, NINO PETROCELLI, SR. – Mr. Petrocelli reported that spring curbside brush collection has been completed and that street sweeping is now being done the third week of each month. He stated that crews are now busy with grass cutting.

PUBLIC SAFETY, BRUCE GHELARDUCCI – Mr. Ghelarducci made a motion to place temporary parking restrictions on Station Street, both sides of the roadway from Washington Avenue to Dewey Avenue; motion was seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported that on May 28th she will be presenting a proclamation to Kyle Hinderliter for his efforts to improve the fire ring at McLaughlin Run Park and for earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

POLICE CHIEF, CHAD KING – Chief King stated he submitted his written report and that on May 20th the Department will be performing a pedestrian safety enforcement activity and will also be participating in the Memorial Day parade on May 30th.

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 Hyle reported that the preconstruction meeting for the 2022 Road Program will be held tomorrow. He also reported that the DEP permits for the new playground at Chartiers Park has been approved. Engineer Hyle stated that his goal is to try to have the work completed this summer.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – no report.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MARY WEISE – Mayor Copeland reported that the monthly speaker's program will be held on May 23rd at the firehall. The topic is on Arnold Palmer. She also reported that there will be a History Walk of Washington Avenue on June 11th, meeting at the History Center.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – reported under public comment.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – No report.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Cimarolli reported that the Active Transportation Plan draft is ready for public review and will be posted on the Borough website this week.

She also reported that the next phases of the McLaughlin Run Flood Control Plan has been reviewed with the Commission and its new members. The Planning Commission decided to have the next phases of the plan reviewed and incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Borough Manager Kauer reported that pedestrian improvements have been made at Washington Ave. and Station Street as part of the Active Transportation Plan and a recommendation from the PENNDOT Traffic Unit. The Manager stated that the traffic signal permit has been updated to incorporate a three second pedestrian advance and yield to pedestrian signage. All improvements have been completed and implemented.

He also reported that work will start within the next week on the Backflow Preventor Phase 5 Project – 18 properties included on McLaughlin Run Road. Lastly, he reported that Public Works crews have been installing the sculptures that are part of the Public Art Bridgeville 2022 Sculpture Exhibition.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Ciesielski stated that on Saturday, July 30th, the Railyard Restaurant will be hosting a Block Party on Railroad Street and in Triangle Park with three bands playing; he invited the community to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:03PM. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary