

**BRIDGEVILLE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

June 13, 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
Councilwoman, Justine Cimarolli

Mayor Betty Copeland, Solicitor Thomas McDermott, Borough Engineer Kevin Brett, Chief of Police Chad King, Fire Chief Ray Costain, Director Dan Miller, and Borough Manager Joseph Kauer.

Absent: Councilman Nicholas Ciesielski

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Auditor Mark Turnley, CPA: reviewed 2021 Audit & Financial Statements with the Borough Council and Mayor. Mr. Verduci questioned the Auditor on the suggestion of segregating the office duties and bank collateralization. Mr. Turnley stated that due to our limited staff size, the jobs are segregated as practical and stated that our bank needs to collateralize Borough funds held by the bank in excess of FDIC coverage.
2. Mike Mudry and Randy Waltermeyer, Traffic Planning & Design: presented the Bridgeville Active Transportation Plan and reviewed the planning that was involved in the creation of the Plan. Ms. Cimarolli stated that the Active Transportation Plan is a guidance document for the community and is not a requirement that all its recommendations be implemented.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR –

Mr. Morgan Frazier, 246 Patterson Avenue, thanked Council for their efforts to organize the Memorial Day Parade and the recent Movie in the Park; both were nice events he stated. He also thanked the Borough for cutting the grass at 226 Patterson Avenue and for the Police Department's increased patrols on his street. Mr. Frazier stated that there still is a junk car in front of 226 Patterson Avenue that needs addressed and asked Council to consider installing speed bumps on Patterson Avenue to slow speeders. Lastly, he stated that Lurry Street needs repaved. Mr. Henderson stated that the Public Safety Committee will review his concerns and thanked him for his comments. Mr. Petrocelli stated that the Borough put speed bumps on Ridge Road, those can be considered for Patterson Avenue.

Ms. Eugenia Crowell, 220 Patterson Avenue, thanked the Borough for cleaning up the property at 226 Patterson Avenue and for the increased police patrols.

Mr. Bob Fryer, 508 Hunters Path, South Fayette Township, stated that the neighboring communities around Bridgeville are wealthy and growing. He would like to see Bridgeville’s new Comprehensive Plan focus on expanding our business districts relieving them of the overburdened traffic congestion. He then reviewed a plan of Werner Avenue, James Street and Lot 2 in relationship to the conceptual Library Pedestrian Bridge. He stated that the proposed design of this bridge is a bad idea.

Mr. Colosimo stated that you cannot compare Bridgeville families and community to neighboring Nevillewood.

Mrs. Courtney Tolmer, 634 Chestnut Street, stated that she appreciates the efforts of the Borough Manager being proactive with code enforcement. She made complaint about the property at the corner of Chestnut and Bank Streets as it has high grass and weeds. She offered to help cut the grass. The Manager stated that this property owner has been notified, cited and Public Works will be cleaning up the yard this week.

Mr. John Duncan, 120 Werner St., questioned the status of the repairs needed on Werner Street. Engineer Brett stated that the Werner landslide project is being bid together with the recent landslide on Union Street. He stated that it should be bid over the next month, they are just waiting on the geotechnical plans.

Mr. Pat DeBlasio, 447 Washington Avenue, stated Bridgeville is a walkable community and that he had high hopes for the Active Transportation Plan. He stated that he thinks we could have done better. Mr. DeBlasio also stated that restricting stopping on Station Street in addition to prohibiting parking is going too far. It does not allow residents to unload groceries or even patients to the eye doctor’s office. He recommended a 15-minute loading zone. Mr. Henderson stated that stopping defeats the purpose of this restriction and doesn’t allow traffic to keep flowing.

BUSINESS

1. A motion to approve the May 9, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to approve the June 2022 Bill List was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the June 17, 24, July 1 and 8 payrolls was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli.
4. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-9, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, accepting the “*Activating Bridgeville*” Active Transportation Plan, as prepared by the Bridgeville Active Transportation Plan Steering Committee and facilitated by Traffic, Planning and Design, Inc was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli. Mr. Petrocelli stated that he doesn’t like the concept proposed for the Library-Downtown connector bridge over the railroad tracks. He suggested an elevator be constructed. Mr. Henderson stated that a lot of things in the plan people like, dislike; this plan put all our ideas on the table and organizes them. Ms. Cimarolli stated that this plan will

help the Borough with grant applications to fund pedestrian-type projects. Manager Kauer stated that the Active Transportation Plan is an implementable plan that will be useful over the next 10-15 years. Motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-11, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, seeking a Banner Permit from PENNDOT to hang a banner over Washington Avenue for “Day on the Avenue 2022” was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-12, a Resolution of the Borough Council, pursuant to the Bridgeville Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles & Traffic, Part 1, General Parking Regulations, 105: Experimental Regulations, Designating and Establishing an Enforceable Temporary “No Parking / No Stopping” Zone, for a period of 90-days, on both sides of Station Street from Washington Avenue to Dewey Avenue was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-13, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, seeking grant funding under the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority Green Revitalization of Our Waterways (GROW) Program to fund a project that proposes to reduce the sewer overflow at the ALCOSAN point of connection in the C-54 / McLaughlin Run sewershed was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to accept and implement the Delinquent Garbage / Recycling Fee Collection Policy per the recommendation of the Finance Committee was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-14, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing fees for the filing of applications, permits and licenses for the Borough was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; Mr. Henderson stated the fee schedule update is to amend the delinquent garbage fee to \$10 per quarter from \$2.65. Motion carried unanimously.
10. A motion to concur with and request the Char-West Council of Governments to award contract to Myers Demolition & Excavation in the amount of \$16,100 for the demolish of the structure at 105 Prestley Road was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; Mr. Henderson stated that the project is fully funded by an Act 152 Demolition Grant. Motion carried unanimously.
11. A motion to accept the 2021 Audit and Financial Statements was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
12. A motion to ratify the execution of Change Order No. 1 for the Baldwin and Margaret Streets Demolitions that removes 404 Margaret Street from the contract. Motion was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; Mr. Petrocelli stated that he is glad to see that this building will eventually be put back into the program once it is acquired by the Borough hopefully this week. Mr. Henderson stated that this Change Order results in a contract

decrease of \$26,000, contractor is Stash Contracting. Solicitor McDermott stated that next month the Borough will ratify another Change Order putting the property back into the contract. Mr. Henderson stated that three structures have been demolished to-date. Motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion to request the Char-West COG to disburse payment No. 1 and Final in the amount of \$22,000 to Steel Nation Environmental, Inc. and authorize the execution of Change Order No. 1 that decreased the contract amount by \$11,000 based on final measurements of in-place quantities and work completed for the Catch Basin Replacement Project. Motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; Mr. Henderson reported that this project was fully funded by a CDBG Year 47 grant and replaced catch basins on Station Street and Darby Way. Motion carried unanimously.
14. A motion to authorize the purchase and installation of a playground and swing set at Chartiers Park from Sports and Recreation Associates LLC in the amount of \$239,000 at State Costars Contract pricing. Motion was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; Mr. Verduci questioned if the playground will be installed this summer? Engineer Brett stated that is the plan. Motion carried unanimously.
15. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – May 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 May 2022 Treasurer’s Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
17. A motion to accept the May 2022 Police Report was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION, NICHOLAS CIESIELSKI – no report.

FINANCE, JOE VERDUCI – Mr. Verduci reported that multiple grant applications have been submitted recently including a County Trail Grant for Chartiers Park, ALCOSAN Grow sewer project, Recycling Performance Grant and completed the prebid work needed to start the GEDF grant project on Werner Street. Mr. Verduci stated there was a couple of insurance claims this past month and that the Borough was awarded first place recognition from the State Association of Boroughs for our annual report / 2022 Budget.

PARKS & RECREATION, JOE COLOSIMO – Mr. Colosimo reported that park shelter rentals are up for the year. He also stated that the security cameras at McLaughlin Run Park are now operational.

Mr. Colosimo reported that the first Movie in the Park was held on June 10th at Cook School Park, about 45-50 people attended and it was a nice event. He suggests they continue the program through the summer. Mr. Colosimo stated that Pittsburgh Classic Movie Club is seeking funds to cover the license agreements for each movie that cost \$250. Motion by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci to sponsor one movie this summer at a cost of \$250; motion carried unanimously. The next movie is scheduled for June 24th and is “Some Like it Hot.”

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, NINO PETROCELLI, SR. – Mr. Petrocelli reported that the monthly report has been distributed. He stated that street sweeping will be conducted the third week of each month. Mr. Petrocelli stated that the Public Works crew installed the last concrete pad on Washington Avenue last week for the final sculpture to be placed. Lastly, he stated they are painting crosswalks around town now.

PUBLIC SAFETY, BRUCE GHELARDUCCI – no report.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported that on May 28th she presented a proclamation to Kyle Hinderliter for earning the rank of Eagle Scout for completing improvements to the fire ring at McLaughlin Run Park. On June 4th she attended the dedication ceremony of the Bridgeville memorial stone at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. Also, on June 4th she reported that she presented another proclamation to an Eagle Scout who improved the landscaping at Bethany Church. Lastly, she stated that on June 14th, she will be the key-note speaker at the Knights of Columbus Flag Day Ceremony at Holy Child Church.

POLICE CHIEF, CHAD KING – Chief King reported that an officer and the Police Secretary are currently out with COVID-19. He reported that new part-time officer Zack Morris has started, and that part-time officer Rich France has resigned as he got a full-time job in Mt. Pleasant Township.

The Chief reported that the Day on the Avenue traffic detour will be posted later this week. He also reported that recently 15 cars were broken into in the Borough, all were unlocked and was part of a regional crime that hit many other communities the same time. He encouraged the citizens to lock their vehicles.

Chief King reported that the Department recently conducted pedestrian safety enforcement. On one evening, 50 contacts were made, 39 citations issued and 23 were for crosswalk violations. He stated that nine pedestrians were warned for not following the law also. The chief stated that the event was grant funded and would like to do it again next year.

The Chief reviewed statistics generated by the new speed radar machine. He stated that on McLaughlin Run Road it clocked 15,000 vehicles, average speed was 27 MPH, on Bank Street, 27,000 cars were counted, and average speed was also 27 MPH, for Bower Hill Road, 35,986 cars were counted, average speed was 25 MPH and that it currently is stationed on Prestley Road.

He stated that the Department will be at Day on the Avenue passing out gun locks and bike helmets. Ms. Cimarolli stated that many residents thanked the Police Department for their increased visibility and increasing traffic enforcement. She also stated that the eye doctor reports that the increased lead time for pedestrians on Station Street is helping.

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 reported that he submitted his monthly report in writing and could answer any questions if there was any.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – Chief Costain reported the Fire Department responded to 34 calls this past month and that it has four new firefighters. He stated the BVFD is currently raffling off a new pickup truck and that they’ll be selling tickets at Day on the Avenue.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – Director Miller reported that he submitted his monthly report in writing and could answer any questions if there was any.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MARY WEISE – Mayor Copeland reported that on June 21st, 7:30PM the monthly speaker’s program will focus on the US Flag, presented by Shane Miller. She stated there is no programs during July and August.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – Mr. Hornfeck reported that the Library’s Summer Reading Program started today and is running through August 5th. He also reported that the library has a new program offering experience kits that provides four free passes to area attractions.

He thanked the Borough for the support to construct the Story Walk. Mr. Hornfeck stated that it will be dedicated this Saturday, June 18th at 10AM. Lastly, he thanked the Council for keeping the library a priority of the community.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – No report.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Cimarolli reported that the Planning Commission had at length discussions on the Active Transportation Plan. She stated that the plan is a guidance document with recommendations to improve the community. Ms. Cimarolli also reported that the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee met last month and that we’ll also have a booth at Day on the Avenue to start surveying the community.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Manager Kauer reported that he submitted his monthly report in writing and could answer any questions if there was any.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Verduci reported that the Rotary Club will have a dunk tank at Day on the Avenue sponsored by Brentwood Bank. He stated that he is looking for volunteers to sit in the tank.

Mr. Verduci stated that the Public Works Department did a great job installing the Story Walk. He said that it looks great, and that Warchol Funeral Home and Rome Monument donated a bronze plaque that will dedicate the Story Walk to former councilman and Rotarian Dale Miller. Mr. Verduci stated that the Miller Family will be at the dedication ceremony.

Mr. Verduci stated that the Rotary Club annual Chili Cook Off will be held on September 25th and that he is working with both the Bridgeville and South Fayette Police Chiefs to incorporate car seat, bike and gun safety demonstrations into the event. He also requested Council to meet in Executive Session after the meeting to discuss a legal matter, no action will be taken.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:42PM. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary