

**BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, August 8, 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, Assistant Fire Chief Michael Meglen, EMS Director Dan Miller, and Borough Manager Joseph Kauer.

Absent: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR –

Mr. Bob Fryer, 508 Hunters Path, South Fayette Township, stated that a memorial should be placed within Triangle Park for Mr. Jeff Rupnik; Mr. Henderson stated that it has already been taken care of.

Mr. Fryer shared a plan for the need of additional parking on James Street. He also recommended that trees be planted on Washington Avenue from Chartiers Street to Hickman Street. Lastly, he urged Council to not just focus on improving the traffic problem on the north end of town, but it needs to be a plan that focuses on the entire community.

Ms. Suzie Picold, 519 Washington Avenue, on behalf of the Bridgeville Italian Club, stated that they have experienced multiple issues with the contractor performing demolition work on Baldwin and Margaret Streets that resulted in the club losing income. She wanted to know who completed the demolition of 415 Margaret Street, the Borough or the property owner. Mr. Henderson stated that the Borough was not involved in the demolition of 415 Margaret Street.

Mr. John McCanns, 235 May Avenue, gave a summary of the 2022 Day on the Avenue Car Cruise, reporting that 160 cars participated, 128 of such registered, and they averaged two people per car who attended the event. He stated that he has learned that there are thoughts of changing the day next year's event will be held and asked that it remains the Saturday before Father's Day.

Mr. Verduci questioned Mr. McCanns asking if he was aware that there were discussions to possibly move the day of the event this year. Mr. McCanns stated that he highly recommends that it stays

when it has been as the car cruisers have commitments other days.

Mr. Ciesielski asked if there was any thought of having a dedicated car cruise on Washington Avenue the Saturday before Father's Day while having Day on the Avenue another time. Mr. McCann said that is worth exploring.

Mr. Pat DeBlasio, Pennsylvania Avenue, stated that our business community has difficulties with traffic and parking. He added that only one member of our Parking Authority Board of Directors is a business owner, adding that the Authority's problem is not a budget, but is their board members. Mr. DeBlasio stated that it is up to Council to solve this problem. He told Mr. Henderson that if you want to dissolve the Parking Authority – then just do it. Mr. Henderson stated that Council is interested in seeing the Authority work and is actively looking to solve the issues that are now before us. Mr. Henderson added that doing away with the Parking Authority will not solve any of our community's parking issues.

BUSINESS

1. A motion to approve the July 11, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted was made by Ms. Cimarolli, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried with Mr. Ghelarducci and Henderson abstaining due to their absence last month.
2. A motion to approve the August 2022 Bill List was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the August 12, 19, 26, September 2, and 9, 2022 payrolls was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$37,207.03 from the Sewer Fund to State Pipe Services for Partial Payment No. 2 and the authorized additional work performed of the 2021 Sanitary Sewer O&M CCTV Program was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$65,005.13 from the Capital Project Fund to Stash Contracting for Partial Payment No. 2 of the Baldwin & Margaret Streets Demolition Project was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; Mr. Verduci questioned the work that is still outstanding in relationship to the remaining \$30,000 being held of the contract. Manager Kauer stated that outstanding work includes punch list items such as cleanup, sidewalk restoration and repair of a damaged flood wall. Motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to recommend to the Bridgeville Parking Authority to create, adopt and implement a balanced operating budget for 2023 no later than December 19, 2022, was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to authorize the Solicitor to prepare and advertise an Ordinance that would codify the permanent No Parking Zone on Station Street that was created per the experimental regulations permitted by Resolution No. 2022-12 on June 13, 2022 was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; Mr. Petrocelli questioned if this Ordinance would make the parking restriction permanent without a loading zone. He stated that it is unclear to

him as proposed. Mr. Petrocelli stated that there needs to be a Loading Zone implemented in this area.

Mr. Ciesielski stated that we do not know when construction will end in the community warranting the need to make this parking restriction long-term beyond the experimental phase.

Mr. Petrocelli stated that other areas on Station Street permit 15-minute loading zones and cannot vote for this Ordinance without it.

Mr. Ghelarducci questioned the Solicitor on the need for a Loading Zone. The Solicitor stated that there is a legal difference between standing, stopping and loading – all are different concepts that could be established by Ordinance.

A roll-call vote was taken on the Motion, without any inclusion of a Loading Zone was taken:

Petrocelli-No, Colosimo-Yes, Ghelarducci-Yes, Verduci-Yes, Ciesielski-Yes, Cimarolli-Yes, Henderson-Yes; motion carried 6-1.

8. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – July 2022 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the July 2022 Treasurer’s Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
10. A motion to accept the July 2022 Police Report was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION, NICHOLAS CIESIELSKI – no report.

FINANCE, JOE VERDUCI – Mr. Verduci reported that the 2021 audit of the Liquid Fuels Fund has been completed by the state, there were no issues or observations and that the formal report will be forthcoming.

PARKS & RECREATION, JOE COLOSIMO – Mr. Colosimo reported that the paving work within Chartiers Park has been completed and that outstanding work this year includes the line painting, new guardrail by the creek and the lighting improvements. He explained that the first section of the park road was not paved as in 2024-25 PENNDOT will be making improvements to the entrance to the park as part of their slope repairs on Chartiers Street. Mr. Verduci added that the paving looks great and asked the Public Works Department to patch the first section of road that was not repaved.

Mr. Colosimo also reported that at the entrance to Cook School Park, two large dying Pine Trees were removed and stated that it may allow us to add more parking in the park. He also stated that replacement trees will be planted in the fall.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, NINO PETROCELLI, SR. – Mr. Petrocelli reported that line painting has been completed. He also stated that paving as part of the 2022 Road Program has been

completed on Bluff Street, Alice Drive, Nancy Drive, Crestvue Drive, Grandview Avenue and Missouri Avenue. He thanked the Borough Council for dedicating additional funding to the road paving this year outside of the Liquid Fuels Fund.

Lastly, he reported that street sweeping will be completed in town the third week of the month.

PUBLIC SAFETY, BRUCE GHELARDUCCI – Mr. Ghelarducci reported that the Committee recently met and discussed several items including:

- Station Street Parking – he added that the Ordinance will be drafted, and we’ll talk about the issue more before it is acted upon.
- Unnamed Alley between Orchard Avenue and Dewey Avenue at Oak Way the request to make this intersection a two-way stop intersection.

Motion to amend the agenda to consider action on authorizing the drafting an Ordinance to create a two-way stop intersection at this Unnamed Alley and Oak Way was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an Ordinance and advertise such to create a two-way stop intersection at this Unnamed Alley and Oak Way was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Henderson stated that there is a lot of construction going on in and around Bridgeville that is causing increased traffic in the Borough. He remarked that it is only going to get worse before it gets any better and asked for everyone to remain patient, and Council will address the issues as they come up.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported that there will be a fundraiser on Wednesday at 7PM at the Crafty Jackalope to raise funds for the Classic Movies in the Park Program. She stated that the fundraiser will have a “Wizard of Oz” theme.

The Mayor also informed everyone that the Knights of Columbus will have the annual 9/11 ceremony on September 11th. She also thanked the Manager and Public Works Department for making repairs to the Little Free Library at Cook School Park.

POLICE CHIEF, CHAD KING – Chief King reported that he submitted his written report and could answer any questions. He added that two officers recently took the Sergeants Civil Service Promotional Exam and that a recommendation will be made for a promotion at the September Council Meeting.

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 he submitted his monthly report in writing and could answer any questions if there was any. He reviewed ongoing projects, highlighting the following:

- Asphalt paving work has been completed as part of the 2022 Road Program
- Chartiers Park Lighting Improvements Project – preconstruction meeting will be held next

week.

- Werner Ave / Union Street Landslide – construction documents ready to go out to bid next week and he hopes that construction can be completed this year.
- Blight Removal Projects – work is planned to start next week.
- MS4 annual report is due the end of September and that annual outfall screening has been completed.

Ms. Cimarolli questioned if the property at 671 Baldwin Street would be able to be developed after demolition and the Borough Manager stated that there were no restrictions with this property and its demolition grant.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – Assistant Chief Meglen stated that the Fire Department has been very busy and that their Gun Bash will be held this month. He also reported that the Department is selling raffle tickets for their truck raffle.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – Director Miller reported that their Billing Office will be moving to Hickman Street and that they added additional crews and staffing at their main station. Director Miller also reported that they recently received a new ambulance and placed an order on another.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MARY WEISE – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Cimarolli reported that a community survey is underway as part of the Comprehensive Plan update. It is posted online, and hardcopies are available in the Borough Building lobby.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Manager Kauer reported that the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event was held over the past weekend, 149 citizens participated, and 14,000 pounds of materials were safely recycled. The Borough Manager also reported that the flood and blight demolition work is now underway.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Verduci stated that the Rotary Club’s Chili Cookoff will be held on October 9th and that they will also show the Steeler’s game during the event.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary