

**BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, November 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](http://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, Police Chief Chad King, Fire Chief Ray Costain, EMS Director Dan Miller, and Borough Manager Joseph Kauer.

**Absent:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. **Ordinance No. 1028 – An Ordinance of the Borough of Bridgeville, naming a certain “Unnamed Alley” connecting McMillen Street and Chartiers Street.**
  - a) Public Comment on the Proposed Ordinance: None.
  - b) A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1028, An Ordinance naming a certain “Unnamed Alley” connecting McMillen Street and Chartiers Street as Wise Way was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
  - c) Mr. Henderson read the Ordinance to Ms. Weise and the public. Ms. Weise was then presented with a copy of the Ordinance, street name sign and proclamations from Senator Devlin Robinson and Representative Anita Kulik.
2. **Proclamation Recognizing State Representative Jason Ortity’s Service to the Citizens of Bridgeville.** Mr. Henderson read the proclamation and the Borough Council and Mayor presented it to Representative Ortity. Representative Ortity thanked the community and stated that he is still available to help.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR** – None.

## **BUSINESS**

1. A motion to approve the October 10, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to approve the November 7, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the November 2022 Bill List was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to approve the November 18, 25, December 2, and 9, payrolls was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to authorize the advertisement and public display of Ordinance No. 1027, an Ordinance of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, amending the Borough of Bridgeville Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles & Traffic, Part 2, Traffic Regulations, 15-206.1, Turning at Certain Intersections Prohibited or Restricted, specifically, to prohibit left turns for vehicles traveling in a southerly direction from Washington Avenue onto Chartiers Street, and to prohibit left turns for vehicles traveling in a northerly direction from Washington Avenue onto Church Street, Monday through Sunday, during the hours of 7AM to 7PM, as recommended by the Public Safety Committee and PENNDOT Traffic Unit. (*Tabled from October Meeting.*) Motion was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to ratify the execution of a Temporary Irrevocable License / Right-of-Entry Agreement with Silhol Builders Supply Co., owners of 100 Union Street, concerning the construction of a retaining wall to repair the Union Street landslide was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to authorize Garvin, Boward, Beitko Engineering Inc. (Geotechnical Engineering Firm) to complete construction-phase field monitoring and evaluation for the landslide projects on Union Street and Werner Street at an estimated cost of \$23,964 as recommended by the Borough Engineer was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to accept the ALCOSAN Green Revitalization of Our Waterways (GROW) Program grant in the amount of \$350,000 which will fund 40% of the McLaughlin Run / C-54 Sanitary Sewer Re-Routing Project was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion to authorize the execution of an agreement with Municipal Advertising Consultants for the creation of the 2023 Annual Borough Newsletter – Guide was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
10. A motion to authorize the purchase of a Tarco Windy 100 Leaf Machine from A&H Equipment Company at State CoStars Pricing in the amount of \$72,715 and two truck body collection cap-boxes (Leaf and Chipper) in the amount of \$19,400. Mr. Henderson stated that 90% of this equipment purchase costs are paid from an awarded Pennsylvania DEP Recycling Grant. Motion was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
11. A motion to accept the lowest bid received and recommend awarding contract to the Char-West COG, in the amount of \$48,375 from Swede Construction for the ADA Walkways Triangle Park CDBG Project, and further authorize the execution of an agreement with North Fayette Township that would allow the Borough to receive the Township’s CDBG Year 48 COG-wide allocation and the Borough will then forgo our Year 49 COG-wide allocation to the Township. Mr. Henderson stated that this project is funded by \$40,026 in CDBG grant funding, Borough match is \$8,349. Manager Kauer explained that this project will replace the bulging sidewalks in the front of the park, replace the sidewalk with a wider version to the gazebo and add two ADA picnic tables with pads. He added that through this agreement with North Fayette, Bridgeville will receive their COG wide allocation this year and next year we’ll defer our funding to them for their larger ADA sidewalk project. Motion was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Verduci; motion carried unanimously.
12. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-22, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville seeking a Community Development Block Grant for ADA sidewalk ramps on Station Street and authorizing Michele Lutz of Char-West COG to file and execute documents on behalf of the Borough of Bridgeville. Motion was made by Ms. Cimarolli, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
13. A motion to request PENNDOT to incorporate the construction of bump-outs on Bank Street at the intersections of Winfield Street and Gregg Avenue in conjunction with their 2024 project that will install ADA sidewalk ramps. Mr. Henderson reported that the Borough will be obligated to reimburse PENNDOT for the bump-out construction. Ms. Cimarolli questioned why not do all three intersections, and it was discussed that Grandview Avenue was eliminated to save costs as that corner involved extensive storm sewer work to accommodate a bump-out. Motion was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion to designate The Almanac / Observer-Reporter as the alternate newspaper of general circulation to advertise official public notices of the Borough of Bridgeville was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
15. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – October 2022 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
16. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the October 2022 Treasurer’s Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
17. A motion to accept the October 2022 Police Report was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ADMINISTRATION, NICHOLAS CIESIELSKI** – no report. Ms. Cimarolli questioned where the leaf collection schedule is posted on the Borough website. Manager Kauer stated that it is combined with street sweeping but will improve the way it is labeled.

**FINANCE, JOE VERDUCI** – Mr. Verduci reported that the proposed 2023 budget has been advertised and posted on the website and in the lobby. It does not call for a tax increase next year. He also informed Council that the second Bednar settlement payment has been received.

Mr. Mike Tolmer (in audience) congratulated members of Borough Council for completing a number of projects and providing services without raising taxes.

**PARKS & RECREATION, JOE COLOSIMO** – Mr. Colosimo reported that the Committee met last week with the Engineer and Playground Vendor to start design of the new Cook School and McLaughlin Run Park Playgrounds. He stated that we plan to have them all completed by next summer and work is being made possible with a state park grant paying half of the project costs.

Mr. Colosimo reported that the restrooms at Cook School Park were recently vandalized, and the camera system quickly enabled our officers to identify who did the vandalism.

**PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, NINO PETROCELLI, SR.** – Mr. Petrocelli reported that the written report has been submitted and can answer any questions. He also stated that 100 tons of rock salt have been recently delivered and that our bin is full going into winter.

**PUBLIC SAFETY, BRUCE GHELARDUCCI** – no report.

**MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND** – Mayor Copeland reported that on November 10<sup>th</sup>, she attended a Veteran’s Day Ceremony at the Chartiers Valley Primary School.

**POLICE CHIEF, CHAD KING** – Chief King reported that the written report has been submitted and can answer any questions. He also stated that a large toy donation has been received for the annual Buddy the Elf event planned for December 18<sup>th</sup>.

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 also reported that the steel has been ordered for the Werner and Union Street Landslide Projects and that we are waiting for West Penn Power to relocate electric wires on Werner Street for the project.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – Chief Costain reported that the Department responded to 19 calls for service this past month and that they will be escorting Santa around town on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Costain stated that the Fire Department is selling truck raffle tickets through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Verduci thanked the Firefighters for their recent help assisting a resident with a busted water pipe inside their home.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – No report.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MARY WEISE – Mayor Copeland reported that the monthly speaker's program will be held on September 29<sup>th</sup> and the topic is "Coreless Explosion of 1902".

Linda Tome also reported that the annual calendar is for sale, costing \$10 and each month spotlights a topic of Bridgeville history.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – No report.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – No report. Mr. Verduci questioned if a 2023 Budget has been received from the Authority. Manager Kauer stated that we haven't received anything yet.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Cimarolli reported that the Planning Commission has been discussing multiple reuse options for the Baldwin Street Flood Lots. The next Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup>.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Manager Kauer reported that demolition work funded by the awarded State Blight Grant and County Demo Grant is now underway, work has been completed on Baldwin Street and Bower Hill Road, site restoration is still outstanding. The work on Prestley Road should be starting shortly. Regarding the McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project Phase 1A: he stated that he just finished drafting our second application to FEMA for 2022 consideration. The application is to be submitted to PEMA later this week. The application is seeking \$5.3 million.

The Borough Manager stated that the South-end Bridge construction has been delayed due to fabrications issues, PENNDOT reports there are no closures planned for this month now. The widening work on Chartiers Street has been completed but will not fully open until the new lanes on the new bridge are in place to accept the traffic.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Petrocelli stated that he has been working with Ms. Mary Weise for over 30 years, adding that she is a good person who helped build the new library.

**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,

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Joseph Kauer  
Borough Manager / Secretary