

**BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 12, 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, including the late Mrs. Petrocelli, and those serving in the military.

ROLL CALL – Roll was called at 7:00 PM with the following present:

Council President William Henderson
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: Council Vice President, Nino Petrocelli, Sr.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Pat DeBlasio, 447 Washington Avenue, thanked everyone who participated and helped make the 2022 Winter Blast possible, including the Public Works, Police, and Fire Departments.

BUSINESS

1. A motion to approve the November 14, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski, motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to approve the December 2022 Bill List was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the December 16, 23, 30, and January 6 payrolls was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to adopt 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. Motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-18, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania approving the Budget for the fiscal year 2023 and adopting the same was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
 6. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-19, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania setting the tax rates for the year 2023 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Colosimo, Mr. Henderson stated that there is no increase in real estate taxes. Motion carried unanimously.
 7. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-20, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, pursuant to the Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18, Part 3, Section 301-304, establishing 2023 Sanitary Sewage Rates was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Verduci; motion carried unanimously.
 8. A motion to amend the agenda to add Sections 3 and 3B to and adopt Resolution No. 2022-21, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, fixing the salaries and wages to be paid to the staff not represented by a collective bargaining agreement for the calendar year 2023. Motion was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Verduci; motion carried unanimously.
 9. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-23, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, requesting a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for the Gregg Avenue Public Step Reconstruction Project was made by Ms. Cimarolli, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
 10. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-24, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, requesting an H20 PA Grant of \$1,000,000 for the McLaughlin Run Storm-Sewer Improvements and Flood Control Project was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
 11. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-25, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, requesting a PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant of \$500,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the McLaughlin Run C-54 Multi-Municipal Sanitary Sewer Rerouting Project was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
 12. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$26,376.27 to Stash Contracting for Partial

- Payment Application No. 3 of the Baldwin & Margaret Street Demolition Project. (*Note: amount of retainage withheld to finish hydroseeding in the spring is \$1,998, and project will then be closed out.*) Motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
13. A motion to authorize Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC to complete lining of 364 linear feet of sanitary sewer on Critchfield Drive at a cost not to exceed \$17,516 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
 14. A motion to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare contract bid specifications and authorize the advertisement of the Backflow Preventor Phase 6 Project. Motion was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; Mr. Henderson questioned limits of this phase. Manager Kauer stated that it is on McLaughlin Run Road from the area of Coolidge Street to the park. Motion carried with Mr. Ghelarducci abstaining as he owns a property that will be receiving a backflow preventor.
 15. A motion to approve the 2023 Street Sweeping, Leaf & Brush Collection Schedule (*Note: minor rerouting changes have been made.*) Motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
 16. A motion to authorize the procurement of a Cub Cadet Zero-turn Tractor from Jefferson Hills Lawn Equipment Co, at state Costars price of \$12,785.80 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski, Mr. Henderson stated that this purchase is allocated within 2023 budget. Motion carried unanimously.
 17. A motion to authorize the execution of an agreement by and between the Borough of Bridgeville and the Seward Johnson Atelier, Inc. for the 2023 lease of two sculptures to be displayed in the 2023 Public Art Bridgeville Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition. Motion was made by Ms. Cimarolli, seconded by Mr. Verduci; motion carried unanimously.
 18. A motion to authorize providing insurance coverage on the sculptures displayed in the 2023 Public Art Bridgeville Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Verduci; motion carried unanimously.
 19. A motion to appoint Dennis Orient to the Bridgeville Zoning Hearing Board with a term that will expire the first Monday of January 2028 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
 20. A motion to appoint Ed Pelino to the Bridgeville Parking Authority Board of Directors with a term that will expire the first Monday of January 2028 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

21. A motion to appoint Justine Cimarolli to the Bridgeville Planning Commission with a term that will expire the first Monday of January 2027 was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried.
22. A motion to appoint Melissa Guiliani to the Bridgeville Planning Commission with a term that will expire the first Monday of January 2027 was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Henderson thanked the four appointees for their willingness to serve additional terms.

23. A motion to exonerate Tax Collector Anne Marie Parisi from the collection of 2019 delinquent Real Estate Taxes that have been sent to Jordan Tax Service for liening was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
24. A motion to authorize disbursement of a Real Estate Tax Refund due to a change in assessment to the following:
 - a. Annette Kirkpatrick, Parcel: 255-P-178, Years 2021 and 2022, total: \$529.98
 - b. Michael & Christina Stubna, Parcel: 254-E-84, Years 2021 and 2022, total: \$281.55

Motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION, NICHOLAS CIESIELSKI – Mr. Ciesielski reported that the Committee met prior to this meeting and an executive session was held to discuss personnel items. He offered his condolences to the Petrocelli family and thanked the community for supporting the annual Ciesielski Twin Food Drive.

FINANCE, JOE VERDUCI – Mr. Verduci reported that the 2023 budget has been approved and thanked the Borough Manager for educating the Council on it. He also stated that the Borough has

been active applying for multiple grants to help complete various projects around the community that enabled us to not raise taxes.

PARKS & RECREATION, JOE COLOSIMO – Mr. Colosimo reported that the Committee has reviewed the plans for the new playgrounds at Cook School and McLaughlin Run Parks and the plans are within budget. Mr. Colosimo also stated that the Christmas Lights in Triangle Park look great and commended the Public Works crew for their good work.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, NINO PETROCELLI, SR. – no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY, BRUCE GHELARDUCCI – Mr. Ghelarducci thanked the Departments for keeping our community safe and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported that she recently attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Chick-fil-a Restaurant and stated that she is looking forward to the opening of Primanti's.

POLICE CHIEF, CHAD KING – Chief King reported that the written report has been submitted and can answer any questions. He also stated that on December 16th, he will be participating in the annual Shop with a Cop event with children from Chartiers Valley Life Skills program. This year they will be shopping for food to donate to the Bridgeville Food Bank. On December 18th, the Police and Fire Departments will host the annual Buddy the Elf event and so far, he has raised funds and secured the donation of 19 bikes and scooters to be raffled off that day. Lastly on December 20th, the officers will be visiting daycares in town passing out toys.

Mr. Ciesielski stated that the Chief went above and beyond passing out toys to the children who attend the Winter Blast on December 2nd.

SOLICITOR, THOMAS MCDERMOTT – Solicitor McDermott reported that he submitted his monthly report in writing and could answer any questions if there was any. He also expressed gratitude to Council for the opportunity to serve our community and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

BOROUGH ENGINEER, KEVIN BRETT – Engineer Brett reported that he submitted his monthly report in writing and could answer any questions if there was any. He also expressed gratitude to Council for the opportunity to serve our community and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – Chief Costain reported that the Department responded to 31 calls for service this past month and that they will be escorting Santa around town on December 18th.

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

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – Director Miller wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MARY WEISE – no report.

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. Mr. Henderson reported that the Authority has a meeting next week.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Cimarolli thanked her fellow members of Council for the reappointment. She also stated that the next couple of months will be busy for the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.

Mr. Tolmer suggested that the meeting times for the Planning Commission and Steering Committee be swapped to get more members there participating.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Manager Kauer reported that demolition work funded by the awarded State Blight Grant and County Demo Grant has been completed at the three locations, the contractor still has to restore the sites and a request has been made to PENNDOT to install guardrail along the Prestley Road location.

The Borough manager stated that several grant applications have been completed and submitted this past month including:

- FEMA BRIC grant submitted to PEMA on November 16th for Phase 1A of the Flood Control Project. Application seeks \$5,334,092.25 of the \$7,112,123 project.
- PA Council on the Arts Creative Communities grant completed and submitted seeking \$100,000 over four years to fund the Public Art Bridgeville programs.
- PENNDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund grant completed and submitted seeking \$246,400 for the Gregg Avenue Stairway Replacement Project (project identified within the Active Transportation Plan.)

The Manager also informed Council that the Borough Building west façade wall work begun on November 3rd and was completed right before Thanksgiving. All the planned projects to improve the Borough Building in 2022 have been completed which included interior painting, awning / porch rehabilitation, and the side wall façade.

Manager Kauer reported that a Snow Angel Program has been created for Bridgeville citizens. Enrollment has been slow. It is still being promoted and we recently reached out to Southwest Meals on Wheels to see if anyone could use the help in partnership with them.

He also reported on the Union Street Landslide, stating that the contractor mobilized on December 5th; Union Street will be closed in the construction area for possibly six to seven weeks. Notification provided to emergency services, school district, Silhol, nearby residents and the garbage company. Lastly, he wished everyone a Merry Christmas and reminded the community that there is no delay in trash / recycling pickup for both Christmas and New Year's.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Verduci, and carried to adjourn the meeting

at 7:30PM. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary