

**BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 9, 2023
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 7:10 PM with the following present:

Council President William Henderson
Council Vice President, Nino Petrocelli, Sr.
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, EMS Director Dan Miller, and Borough Manager Joseph Kauer.

Absent: Council President Pro Tem Joseph Colosimo and Fire Chief Ray Costain

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Greg Jones, 1 Music Festival, informed the Council that they will be hosting the 5th annual Martin Luther King Celebration on January 16th, 6:30PM at Bethany Church. He said there will be musical performances and a community prayer service.

Ms. Mary Weise, 654 Orchard Avenue, thanked the Borough Council and Mayor for the renaming of the alley behind her home and explained her family's history to the audience. She also reported that the Historical Society will have the monthly speaker's program on January 29th, 1:30PM at the BVFD Chartiers Room and the topic will be "Early Railroads of the Chartiers Valley" presented by John Oyler.

Mr. Pat DeBlasio, 447 Washington Avenue, stated that our community has faced structural problems that has spanned decades. He asked Council to find solutions in 2023 to make our community even more vibrant and prosperous.

Mrs. Deb Colosimo, 992 Ella Street, thanked everyone for keeping Councilman Colosimo in their thoughts and prayers. She said he is doing better and is recovering from heart surgery.

BUSINESS

1. A motion to approve the December 12, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli with one typographical correction to be made; motion carried unanimously.

2. A motion to approve the January 2023 Bill List was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the January 13, 20, 27, February 3 and 10 payrolls was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to approve the project's design and authorize the purchase of playground equipment and improvements for Cook School and McLaughlin Run Parks from Sports & Recreation Associates at a combined price of \$444,500 at State Costars pricing. Motion was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; Mr. Henderson stated that half of these costs are paid for from an awarded DCNR Grant. Ms. Cimarolli questioned the design of the benches asking if they are steel. The Borough Manager stated that they would have a plastic coating the same as the playground equipment and many of the benches will be under shade structures or trees. Motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to ratify the purchase of new replacement in-car camera equipment for all police cruisers from Motorola Solutions at State Costars pricing of \$35,850. Motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; Mr. Henderson stated that this project is fully funded by an awarded PCCD Grant. Motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to authorize the execution of Change Order No. 2 / Final for the 2022 Roadway Improvement Program reducing contract costs by \$26,970.86 based on quantities in place and authorize the disbursement from the Capital Project Fund of \$92,417.08 to Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc., for Partial Payment No. 2 / Final was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$337,559.87 from the Capital Project Fund to A. Merante Contracting, Inc. for Partial Payment No. 1 of the Werner Street Slope Stabilization and Retaining Wall Improvements Project (*work completed on Union Street.*) Motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$25,030 from the Capital Project Fund to Myers Demolition & Excavation for Partial Payment No. 1 / Final of the Structure Demolition Project. Motion was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; Mr. Henderson stated that grant funding enabled this project to demolish two properties on Bower Hill Road and Baldwin Street; motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to recommend payment to the Char-West Council of Governments, in the amount of \$16,100 to Myers Demolition & Excavation for Partial Payment No. 1 / Final of the Structure Demolition Project that completed work at 105 Prestley Road. Motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare plans, specifications and bid the 2023 Sanitary Sewer O&M CCTV Inspection Project. Motion was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
11. A motion to amend the 2023 Capital Project Fund Budget to allocate an additional \$100,000 to the 2023 Road Program from the 2022 General Fund surplus was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Verduci, Mr. Henderson stated that is will allow us to pave more roadways this year; motion carried unanimously.
12. A motion to authorize the hiring of two part-time police officers pending the applicant successfully passing a background investigation per the recommendation of the Chief of Police and Mayor was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
13. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – December 2022 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
14. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the December 2022 Treasurer's Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
15. A motion to accept the December 2022 Police Report was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION, NICHOLAS CIESIELSKI – Mr. Ciesielski reported that the Council met in executive session before the start of tonight's meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

FINANCE, JOE VERDUCI – Mr. Verduci reported that the Borough ended 2022 in a good financial position that will enable additional funds for capital projects.

PARKS & RECREATION, JOE COLOSIMO – Mr. Henderson reported that Mr. Colosimo has informed him that he is happy with all the new playground equipment plans.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, NINO PETROCELLI, SR. – Mr. Petrocelli reported that the Public Works Department recently took delivery of 125 tons of rock salt and that the storage bin is currently full.

PUBLIC SAFETY, BRUCE GHELARDUCCI – Mr. Ghelarducci reported that the Public Safety Committee met this evening and reviewed multiple streets that are currently posted no parking but lack an ordinance to make it fully enforceable. He stated that the Committee will be sending a letter to the Solicitor to draft an ordinance to rectify this. The Committee also discussed a request that will be sent to PENNDOT for them to study a possible truck prohibition on Station Street between

Washington Avenue and Railroad Street citing multiple accidents where tractor trailers have hit the traffic signal mast arms, light poles, adjacent buildings and other traveling vehicles.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported that last Thursday she administered the oath of office for the 2023 Bridgeville Fire Department officers. She also stated that on January 11th she will be attending the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Halcyon Senior Living Home on Dewey Avenue.

POLICE CHIEF, CHAD KING – Chief King reported that the Buddy the Elf event was a success giving toys out to about 200 children. The Chief then reviewed 2022 year end statistics, noting that the department answered 7,000 calls for service, made 81 arrests and that there were 47 reportable traffic accidents in the Borough.

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 – No report.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – No report.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MARY WEISE – Ms. Weise reported that the February speakers' program will be about Bridgeville World War II prisoners of war.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – Director Ben Hornfeck reported that the Library's Winter / Spring programs started this week, summarizing a new preschool art program and an open mic night. He also stated that on January 28th there will be an event at the library where cards will be prepared for veterans.

Lastly, the Director reported that the library has new carpet and a book clock above the fireplace.

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. Mrs. Colosimo stated that at the December meeting of the Parking Authority Board, the majority of the Board agreed to not complete a budget.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Cimarolli stated that the next couple of months will be busy for the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee including an upcoming Business Focus Group meeting.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Manager Kauer reported that the Borough was awarded a Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency grant in the amount of \$35,850 to fund the full costs to upgrade the in-car camera equipment in all Bridgeville police cruisers.

He also stated that the Critchfield Drive Sanitary Sewer Lining was completed today, project went smoothly. Regarding the Union Street Landslide: the retaining wall to repair the landslide is substantially completed. Roadway base paving and guard rail installation is to be completed this month, weather permitting. The guard rail was extended an additional 25' to protect the adjacent steep slope. West Penn Power is scheduled to relocate two utility poles later this week so that the repairs on Werner Street can commence.

Lastly, Manager Kauer reported that the first quarter newsletters will be mailed out with January garbage bills the end of next week and we are on track to have the larger annual community guide / newsletter mailed out by mid-February.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Verduci stated that the Bridgeville Athletic Association will be having a Bowling Fundraiser on January 15th at Sports Haven at 1:30 and 3PM. There will be raffles and a buffet catered by Texas Roadhouse.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:40PM. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary