

**BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 13, 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 7:00 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

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

Absent: Councilwoman, Justine Cimarolli

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- 1) Mrs. Deb Colosimo, 992 Ella Street, read a proclamation issued by State Representative Anita Kulik honoring Mayor Copeland on her upcoming birthday.
- 2) Mr. Bob Kohlmeyer, 1405 Missouri Avenue, expressed concern about proposed Ordinance No. 1030 and its effects on rental properties; adding that he is not in support of a program that would require regular inspections of rental properties in the Borough.

Solicitor McDermott stated that this Ordinance is not creating a rental inspection program and is only an update to the Borough's already adopted Property Maintenance Code, taking it from the 2009 to 2018 versions of the International Property Maintenance Code. Mr. Henderson stated that it will be recommended that Ordinance No. 1030 be tabled tonight so that additional discussion can take place.

BUSINESS

1. A motion to approve the February 13, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to approve the March 2023 Bill List was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the March 17, 24, 31, and April 7 payrolls was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1029, an Ordinance of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, amending the Borough or Bridgeville Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles & Traffic, Part 4, General Parking Regulations, 15-402, Parking Prohibited at All Times in Certain Locations, specifically, repealing certain prior parking prohibited locations, and establishing updated parking prohibited locations on Bank Street, Eisner Avenue, and Station Street was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; Chief King commented that there were several sections in our code that contradict each other regarding on-street parking on Bank Street and other areas that are currently posted no parking but the code didn't reflect that. This Ordinance cleans this all up. Motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1030, an Ordinance of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, adopting the 2018 Edition of the ICC *International Property Maintenance Code*, with such revisions and additions as noted herein, regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; providing for the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use and for the demolition of such structures in the Borough; providing for the issuance of permits and collections of fees therefor; providing for administration and enforcement; providing for appeals from adverse decisions; and providing for penalties for violation thereof, repealing and replacing Chapter 5, Part 1, of the Bridgeville Code of Ordinances in its entirety. Motion to table was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to approve and grant a Borough Earned Income Tax Credit for year 2022 in accordance with Chapter 24 of the Bridgeville Code of Ordinances, Part 1, Section 111 (Tax Credits for Volunteer Firefighters of the Bridgeville VFD), for the eligible and active members as recommend by the Fire Chief was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously. Mr. Henderson stated that this is the third year the Borough has offered this program to our firefighters.
7. A motion to enter into an agreement with Cowden Associates Inc., for actuarial services to the Police Pension Fund for the period of January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024 was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to authorize the execution of a lease agreement with the Bridgeville Athletic Association for the Chartiers Park Concession Stand for the 2023 seasons was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$76,938.04 from the Sewer Fund to Osiris Enterprises for Partial Payment No. 2 / Final of the Backwater Valve Contract Phase 5 was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – February 2023 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
11. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the February 2023 Treasurer’s Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
12. A motion to accept all submitted February 2023 official reports 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 annual reports to the state have been completed and submitted. He also stated that there were a couple of large bills this month that were expected for the year that were paid, and that everything is running smoothly.

PARKS & RECREATION, JOE COLOSIMO – Mr. Colosimo reported that the new playground equipment at Chartiers Park will be installed this spring and the new playgrounds at Cook School and McLaughlin are planned for this summer.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, NINO PETROCELLI, SR. – Mr. Petrocelli reported that this winter has been mild, and we are saving money using less salt. He also reported that Foreman Bill Bott has retired; 15 applicants for the replacement position have been received. The Committee will start interviews next week.

PUBLIC SAFETY, BRUCE GHELARDUCCI – Mr. Ghelarducci had no report. Mr. Petrocelli asked the Committee to study the intersection of Prestley Road and Perrett Street, encouraging the placement of a 4-way stop sign there.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported that that on March 10th she attended the grand opening of Masala House Indian Bistro at 500 Washington Avenue.

POLICE CHIEF, CHAD KING – Chief King reported that he has submitted his written report and could answer any questions. He also stated that there have been some recent calls for thefts from unlocked cars and two attempted home burglaries today. He urged the public to keep their cars locked and windows on their homes locked as well.

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 stated that all of the agreements for Phase 6 of the Backflow Preventor Project have been recorded.

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 informed Council that regarding the Werner St. Landslide Project, West Penn Power has relocated their wires, we are now waiting on Comcast and Verizon to relocate theirs.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – Chief Costain stated that in February the Fire Department responded to 49 calls for service. He also reported that they will be having Fish Frys on March 24 and April 7, and that the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 1st, 11AM at Chartiers Park.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – No report.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MARY WEISE – Mayor Copeland reported that on March 28th, 7:30PM at the Chartiers Room, the monthly speaker’s program will be on the Life and Times of Alexander Hamilton.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – Director Ben Hornfeck reported on upcoming programs at the library including March 20th: Property Tax / Rent Rebate Workshop with Representative Kulik’s Office Staff and an upcoming nature walk at Settlers Cabin Park. He also stated that there are two open board seats on the Library Board and that they are now working on a Strategic Plan to help improve service to the community.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – Mrs. Colosimo reported that there have been recent staff changes with the Authority. She also stated that the Authority is now following its by-laws and that there will be an upcoming vacancy on the Board. Mrs. Colosimo reported that the Authority is now working on developing a Budget for the year and that the next meeting is Monday, March 20th.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – No report.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Manager Kauer reported that the 2023 Borough Guides have been published and mailed out. He also stated that work started today on the improvements to the sidewalks within Triangle Park.

The Manager informed Council that the Public Works crews are assisting volunteers from Public Art Bridgeville making concrete pads for the 2023 Sculpture Exhibition. The sculptures around town are now being swapped out.

Lastly, he reported that Occupancy Permits have been issued for two new businesses this month in town: Masala House Indian Bistro at 500 Washington Avenue and Pristine Pools for their Business Offices at 715 Washington Avenue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Verduci made a motion to amend the agenda, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to authorize the disbursement of \$83,830 from the Sewer Fund to Jet Jack for the Center Street Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair Project was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Petrocelli wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick’s Day.

Mr. Verduci reported that the Rotary Club will hold its annual Trivia Night on April 1st.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Verduci, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:41PM. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary