

**BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 8, 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
Councilwoman, Justine Cimarolli

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

Absent: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

1. Mr. Bob Fryer, 508 Hunters Path, South Fayette Township, stated that the community's future depends on the new Comprehensive Plan. He then shared plans he developed to solve traffic problems in Bridgeville, South Fayette and Collier Townships and asked for the communities to work together to implement such recommendations. Mr. Henderson stated that the Borough has already reached out to both communities to initiate such. Mr. Fryer then shared a Redevelopment Plan to expand the Bridgeville Business District west to Shady Avenue and also expressed desires that Bower Hill Road should be widened to four-lanes.

BUSINESS

1. A motion to approve the April 10, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to approve the May 2023 Bill List was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the May 12, 19, 26, June 2 and 9 payrolls was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-4, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville requesting a Flood Mitigation Program Grant of \$500,000 from the Commonwealth

Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the Commercial Street Culvert Replacement Project was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-5, a Resolution agreeing to reimburse PENNDOT for the design, construction and inspection costs associated with the curb ramps and bump-outs on S.R. 3005, at the intersections of Bank Street in Bridgeville was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; Mr. Henderson stated that this is a 2024 Construction Project for ADA Sidewalk Ramps and Bump Outs on Bank Street previously authorized by Borough Council. Motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to accept the lowest responsible bid received from Robinson Pipe Co. in the amount of \$36,010 for the Base Bid and Add Alternate No. 1 of the 2023 Sanitary Sewer O&M CCTV Program subject to the contractor obtaining the required insurance certificates, performance bond, payment bond, and review and approval of same by the Borough Solicitor prior to execution of the Agreement by the Borough was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; Mr. Verduci questioned if there is concerns regarding the difference in bid prices? The Engineer stated no and that this company has worked for the Borough in the past.
7. A motion to accept the 2022 Financial Statement Report and Audit of the Borough of Bridgeville as prepared by Mark C. Turnley, CPA was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to concur and authorize the granting of a Right of Way acquisition of 160.62 square feet in the front of McLaughlin Run Park for the existing guardrail and to permit a Temporary Construction Easement of 934 square feet of the park land adjacent to McLaughlin Run Road Bridge No. 2 to PENNDOT for the planned project to replace the bridge in 2025 was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$114,019.00 from the Capital Project Fund to Westmoreland Electric Services LLC for Payment Application 1 and Final for the Chartiers Park Lighting Improvements Project. Was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
10. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$147,800.00 from the Capital Project Fund to Sports & Recreation Associates for Invoice No. 1 of the Chartiers Park Playground Project was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously. Mr. Henderson stated that the new playground is beautiful and a nice addition to the park.
11. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – April 2023 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the April 2023 Treasurer’s Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion to accept all submitted April 2023 official reports was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION, NICHOLAS CIESIELSKI – Mr. Ciesielski stated that there are a lot of projects going on right now in the Borough with construction on our roads and in the parks. He thanked everyone involved.

FINANCE, JOE VERDUCI – Mr. Verduci reported that the 2022 Audit has been accepted and thanked Mr. Turnley for his work. He also reported that both Senator Casey and Senator Fetterman have pledged a federal appropriation in the amount of \$1.5 million towards the McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project.

PARKS & RECREATION, JOE COLOSIMO – Mr. Colosimo reported that barbeque grills have been add to all the park shelters. He also stated that the Public Works crew, with the assistance of the Bridgeville Athletic Association, have improved the infield at Cook School Park. Lastly, he stated that the safety surface for the new playground at Chartiers Park is being installed now and the plan is to have this playground open within the week.

Ms. Cimarolli asked if we could host a community event to celebrate the opening of the new playground. Mr. Colosimo stated that we will be improving the playgrounds also this year at Cook School and McLaughlin Run Parks, and the Committee can discuss hosting something.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, NINO PETROCELLI, SR. – Mr. Petrocelli stated that our new employee started on April 12th. He also stated that the Department has ordered an additional 50 tons of rock salt. He also stated that the crew restored water service to all parks for the season and the parks look gorgeous. Mr. Henderson stated that the recently completed improvements at Triangle Park look beautiful.

PUBLIC SAFETY, BRUCE GHELARDUCCI – Mr. Ghelarducci had no report.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported that that on April 16th she presented a Proclamation to the Eagle Scout who last year painted the picnic shelter at Cook School Park. On April 29th, she stated that she attended an Eagle Scout ceremony at St. Barbara’s Church. Mayor Copeland informed everyone that a Chartiers Valley teacher recently wrote a children’s book on the history of the Chartiers Valley and this book will go public for sale on May 26th, costing \$22. Lastly, she wished all mothers a Happy Mother’s Day.

POLICE CHIEF, CHAD KING – Chief King reported that the annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 29th, started at 10AM. He also reported that there are no planned closures of the Washington Avenue Bridge this week and will not be closed over the Memorial Day weekend.

The Chief also reported that the officers are now wearing body-worn cameras and that the officers

are being trained now on their use. He explained that the new in-car camera and body cameras are synchronized and work together.

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 were any. He also stated that the 2023 Road Program work is scheduled to start this week. Ms. Cimarolli questioned driveway access during paving and the Engineer explained that residents will have access, typically only a 15-minute interruption.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – Assistant Chief Siegwarth reported that the Department responded to 21 calls for service in April. He also stated that the Department is doing the truck raffle again this year and is selling raffle tickets.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MARY WEISE – Mayor Copeland reported that on May 18 and 19, they will be having a Bake Sale. She also reported that on May 26th, the monthly program will be on “McKeesport 23 – Vietnam Remembrance.”

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – Director Ben Hornfeck reported that the Friends of the Library will have a Fashion Show Fundraiser this Friday. He added that summer programs start June 12th and spring programs end this Friday.

Mr. Hornfeck stated that both Library Boards have agreed to end the Management Contract with South Fayette Library on January 1, 2024, ending a 10-year partnership. He stated that this will end the financial ties between the two libraries. He stated that starting next year, he will work solely for South Fayette Township and the current Assistant Director, Erin Weaver, will be promoted to the Bridgeville Director’s position.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – Mrs. Colosimo reported that lighting has been repaired in Lot 5, landscaping improvements are underway in all the Authority's lots, and patching is being addressed in Lot 2 and 5.

Mrs. Colosimo reported that the Authority is offering free public parking during the extended Washington Avenue Bridge Closures weekends, Friday through Sunday. She also thanked Council for appointing Mr. Neely to the Parking Authority Board.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Cimarolli reported that the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee is making progress with the new Plan. She stated that this past month, she met with planners from the County who will be assisting the Borough this summer improve efforts in the business districts. Ms. Cimarolli reported that 350 responses have been received for the Baldwin Street Lot Repurposing Survey with the leading response being a plan to use the lots for a public venue. Lastly, she reported that she will be meeting with representatives from Tree Pittsburgh next month to finalize the plan to plant trees at 646 Baldwin Street.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Manager Kauer reported that roadway restoration from the Union Street Landslide Project is scheduled to be completed this Wednesday and guardrail installed next Monday finishing this project. He added that due to delays from the power company caused by the Washington Avenue bridge project, the landslide repair project on Werner Street is being delayed until an August 1 start.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Verduci stated that the Southwest Communities Regional Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual Community Outlook Meeting on May 17th where the local municipal managers will be presenting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Verduci, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:33PM. All in favor, motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary