

**BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 11, 2023
5:30 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 5:30 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 Nicholas Ciesielski
Councilwoman, Justine Cimarolli

Mayor Betty Copeland, Solicitor Thomas McDermott (participated virtually), Assistant Fire Chief Bob Siegwarth, Police Chief Chad King, and Borough Manager Joseph Kauer.

Absent: Councilman Joseph Verduci, EMS Director Dan Miller, and Borough Engineer Kevin Brett,

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

BUSINESS

1. A motion to approve the August 14, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to approve the September 2023 Bill List was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the September 15, 22, 29, and October 6 payrolls was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to accept the request and grant retirement to Patrolman William Young effective October 1, 2023, was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; Mr. Ghelarducci thanked Officer Young for his 28 years of service to the community. Motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to take personnel action on the issue discussed in the Executive Session was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to request the Bridgeville Civil Service Commission to complete the necessary

- testing and to prepare a hiring eligibility list for the position of probationary full-time Patrolman was made by Ms. Cimarolli, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to approve the Marie-Johnsen-Jass Plan of Lots, Subdivision / Lot Line Revision at 1401 Union Street of Two Existing Parcels 254-A-65 and 254-A-370. *Note: The plan proposes to convey 0.1003 (approximately 30' in width) from 254-A-370 to 254-E-370. The plan has been reviewed by the Borough Engineer and Planning Commission and conforms to the Borough's Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances. The plan was also reviewed by Allegheny County Economic Development, and they had no comments.* Motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; motion carried unanimously.
 8. A motion to accept the 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) to the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$63,723 as prepared by the Borough Manager was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
 9. A motion to accept the 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) to the Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of \$87,199 as prepared by the Borough Manager was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
 10. A motion to request PENNDOT to study the concept of constructing a roundabout at the intersection of Bank Street, Chartiers Street, Lesnett Road and Mayview Road, working in partnership with Upper St. Clair Township, as recommended by the Planning Commission and the adopted Active Transportation Plan was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski, Mr. Ciesielski questioned is this motion to ask PENNDOT to study this concept or to construct it. Mr. Henderson stated that it is to have them look into this concept. Ms. Cimarolli stated that it is to seek support from PENNDOT and Upper St. Clair Township to further advance the studying of this intersection. Mr. Petrocelli stated that a roundabout at this intersection is a good idea.
 11. A motion to grant a dedicated on-street handicapped parking space on Elizabeth Street adjacent to 1024 Bank Street was made by Mr. Petrocelli, seconded by Mr. Colosimo; Ms. Cimarolli questioned when the parking space can be removed? Mr. Henderson stated that it is for as long as the requesting residents live there, once they move it sunsets. Chief King stated that this space would allow anyone with a valid handicapped placard or plate to park there. Motion carried unanimously.
 12. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-10, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville authorizing the submission of a GEDFT grant to Allegheny County for the Gregg Avenue Stairway Project was made by Mr. Ciesielski, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – August 2023 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
14. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the August 2023 Treasurer’s Report was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Petrocelli; motion carried unanimously.
15. A motion to accept all submitted August 2023 official reports was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION, NICHOLAS CIESIELSKI – Mr. Ciesielski reported that this meeting started earlier so that the officials and everyone can attend the annual 9/11 ceremony tonight at Holy Child Church that starts at 7PM.

FINANCE, JOE VERDUCI – No report.

PARKS & RECREATION, JOE COLOSIMO – Mr. Colosimo reported that construction on the new playgrounds at both Cook School and McLaughlin Run Parks is scheduled to start on September 20th. He also reported that the last scheduled movie in the park will be this Friday and shown at the Fire Station.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, NINO PETROCELLI, SR. – Mr. Petrocelli reported that the Public Works Department is now paving alleys for the year. He stated that street sweeping for the year ends on September 26th and that curbside leaf pickup starts on October 9th. Mr. Petrocelli also reported that the crew upgraded the lighting to LED in Chartiers Park Shelter No. 3.

PUBLIC SAFETY, BRUCE GHELARDUCCI – Mr. Ghelarducci suggested to the Parks Committee that McLaughlin Run Park should close at dusk and not 11PM due to recent vandalism in the park.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported that she visited a new business in town, Cox Woodworking on Washington Avenue, and welcomed them to Bridgeville.

POLICE CHIEF, CHAD KING – Chief King reported that Officer Young had close to 29 years of service to the community and thanked him. He also reported that the Police Department arrested the individual who vandalized McLaughlin Run Park and another group of juveniles from Pittsburgh who were entering unlocked cars. The Chief encouraged everyone to lock their cars.

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 – No report.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – Assistant Chief Siegwarth reported that the Department responded

to 21 calls for service this past month.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MARY WEISE – Mayor Copeland reported that the Monthly Speakers Program on September 26th will be “Sculptures” presented by Guy and Bitsy Bellaver.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – Assistant Director Weaver provided her written report and reported that September is Love Your Library Month. Any donations made in September are matched by a grant. She reported that the Friends of the Library used book sale is this weekend.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – Mrs. Colosimo reported that the next Authority meeting will be held on September 18th. She stated that a new employee will be starting shortly and improvements to Lot 4 (line striping) and 1 (LED upgrades) are scheduled for this year. Lastly, she said that two additional security cameras are in the progress of being added to the Railroad Street parking lot.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Cimarolli reported that at its August Meeting, it was announced by Council President Bill Henderson that the Borough was awarded a \$5.33 million dollar grant for the McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project Phase 1A. She thanked everyone who made this project’s planning and grant possible. Ms. Cimarolli also reported that the Commission approved the Union Street lot revision plan, discussed the future of the Chartiers Park Soccer-field, and recommended to Council to advance the planning of the Bank Street Roundabout at the last meeting.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Manager Kauer reported that with the award of the \$5.33 million FEMA flood grant, that the Borough has secured almost \$10,000,000 in grant funding in the past three years. He also updated Council that the 2024 Trash Contract is out to bid with a scheduled November 6th bid opening. Mr. Henderson thanked the Borough Manager for his work in securing the FEMA flood grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Ghelarducci stated that the Rotary Club Chili Cookoff will be held on September 17th at Fairview Park.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:55PM. All in favor, motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary