

**BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 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 7:00 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, Assistant Fire Chief Bob Siegwarth, EMS Director Dan Miller, Borough Engineer Kevin Brett, and Borough Manager Joseph Kauer.

Absent: Council Vice President, Nino Petrocelli, Sr. and Police Chief Chad King,

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Mr. Bob Kohlmyer, 1405 Missouri Avenue, thanked the members of Council for their service and suggested that before the next election a meet the candidate's event be held to introduce those running for public office to the community. Mr. Henderson thanked him for his comments and stated that he wonders if the public is reaching out to learn about those running for local office. Solicitor McDermott stated that the Borough Council meetings are not the forum for such events. Mr. Verduci stated that such an event would be best left to the local political parties to organize.

Mr. Kohlmyer also asked if the punch list items on Bank Street, a PENNDOT paving project, have been completed yet? He added that their contractor's laydown area on Washington Avenue needs cleaned up and that seams in the shoulder parking lanes are now separating. Manager Kauer informed him that PENNDOT has told him that the contractor has until December to address all the remaining work.

BUSINESS

1. A motion to approve the September 11, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to approve the October 2023 Bill List was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the October 13, 20, 27, November 3 and 10 payrolls was made by Mr. Colosimo, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-11, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, setting the Police Pension Fund contributions to fund the shortfall in the Police Pension Fund evidenced by an independent actuarial study and as permitted by previous ordinances and the police collective bargaining agreement was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-12, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the President of Council and Borough Manager to execute forms and documents for the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant that will construct Phase 1A of the McLaughlin Run Flood Control Project was made by Ms. Cimarolli, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to schedule and advertise the 2024 Budget Meeting for Monday, November 6, 2023, 7PM in Council Chambers was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci, motion carried unanimously.
7. Prestley Road / Charlet Street / Perrett Street Intersection Improvements Plan: Mr. Henderson stated that a plan has been prepared by Pennoni Engineer's through the PENNDOT Local Technical Assistance Program that would restripe areas of Prestley Road at this intersection to calm traffic entering Charlet Street. A motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli to authorize the submission of a request to PENNDOT for review and approval to implement this traffic improvement plan; motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – September 2023 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the September 2023 Treasurer's Report was made by Mr. Verduci, seconded by Mr. Ciesielski; motion carried unanimously.
10. A motion to accept all submitted September 2023 official reports was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION, NICHOLAS CIESIELSKI – Mr. Ciesielski thanked the Borough Manager for his efforts to write multiple grants recently.

FINANCE, JOE VERDUCI – Mr. Verduci reported that the 2024 Budget Meeting will be held on November 6th and that the Finance Committee will be meeting soon to review the first draft of the

proposed Budget.

PARKS & RECREATION, JOE COLOSIMO – Mr. Colosimo reported that construction on the new playgrounds at both Cook School and McLaughlin Run Parks has started. He also reported that the Cook School Basketball / Pickleball Court Project will be bid in the spring. Ms. Cimarolli suggested that a program be established to rent out the pickleball courts to leagues and teams.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, NINO PETROCELLI, SR. – Mr. Colosimo reported that curbside leaf collection started today and runs through December 8th, and that Brush Collection will be November 6th through 30th.

Mr. Colosimo reported that alley paving by the Public Works crew has been completed and that they are working to improve the walking trail that connects McLaughlin Run Park to Romano Drive.

PUBLIC SAFETY, BRUCE GHELARDUCCI – Mr. Ghelarducci reported that three applications have been received for the position of full-time patrolmen, and that Civil Service Testing will be held on October 19th.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported that Officer Bill Young retired on October 1st and that she presented him with a retirement watch in recognition of his service. On October 12th she reported that Senator Robinson will be having a Senior Citizen Expo at the Library VFD in South Park. She also reported that on October 13th will be viewing and visitation for Michael Connolly, the former Chairman of the Parking Authority who recently passed away. Lastly, on October 20th, 6:00PM, she invited everyone to the ribbon cutting for Cox Woodworking at their new shop on Washington Avenue.

POLICE CHIEF, CHAD KING – no report.

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 reported that both he and the Borough Manager hosted a pre-bid meeting with trash haulers on October 4th to answer questions on the bid documents. The bid opening is scheduled for November 6th.

BOROUGH ENGINEER, KEVIN BRETT – The Engineer stated that he has presented the Borough Council with his monthly report and can answer any questions.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – Assistant Chief Siegwarth reported that the Department responded to 25 calls for service this past month. He also stated that the BVFD is hosting a Trunk or Treat Event on October 30th and will be participating in the annual Halloween Parade on October 28th.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – Director Miller stated that KDKA news recently did a report on the EMS crisis in the county due to reduced insurance reimbursements and staffing shortages. He stated that it will show on KDKA today and tomorrow and encouraged everyone to watch the report.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MARY WEISE – Mayor Copeland reported that this month's speakers' program will be held on October 24th, discussing "Brick Collecting," and that they

will be hosting a bake sale on October 26 and 27 from 11AM to 2PM.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – Assistant Director Weaver provided her written report and reported that the library is hosting an indoor sculpture exhibition this month. She also invited the community to attend their Haunted Library event on October 27th, 6PM to 8PM.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – Mrs. Colosimo reported that the next Authority meeting will be held on October 16th. She stated that their new part-time employee is working out well. Mrs. Colosimo also offered her condolences to the Connolly family. She also reported that of the military banners that were replaced this year, many of the replacements are still at the Parking Authority office if the family's would like to have their banner.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Cimarolli reported that at its last meeting the Steering Committee has reviewed the draft of the Comprehensive Plan and that it will be up for a vote of the Commission at the October Meeting to start the adoption process. Ms. Cimarolli also reported that a Tree Planting Event will be held on Saturday, October 21s, 9AM at 646 Baldwin Street and that volunteers are still needed.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Manager Kauer reported that the Borough has been awarded a \$1,117 grant from the Pennsylvania Attorney General for say no to drug handouts that will be included in the Halloween treat bags.

He also reported that the Borough's workplace safety committee has completed its annual training and has been certified for 2023-24 by the State, giving the Borough a 5% discount on the firefighter's policy. The Manager informed the Council that he has completed a draft 2024 budget that he will be presenting to the Finance Committee that does not call for a tax increase.

Manager Kauer reported that the fourth quarter newsletter has been written and will be mailed out with garbage bills next week. He also informed the Council that the new recycling carts for all households in the Borough have been ordered and that delivery is scheduled for mid-January.

Lastly, the Borough Manager reported that PENNDOT has approved the Public Safety Committee's request for a study to institute a truck prohibition, those over 30', on Station Street between Railroad Street and Washington Avenue. PENNDOT will be installing the signage later this year in this corridor.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Verduci, and carried out to adjourn the meeting at 7:35PM. All in favor, motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary