

**BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, January 2, 2024

7:00 PM

Prior to the start of the biennial reorganization meeting, Mayor Betty Copeland administered the oaths of office to newly elected council members Jason Ferri, Shane Franchick and Jason Sarasnick.

The meeting was held within Council Chambers at the Bridgeville Borough Building, 425 Bower Hill Road and virtually on the website www.Zoom.us. Mayor Betty Copeland 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:

Councilwoman Justine Cimarolli
Councilman Jason Ferri
Councilman Shane Franchick
Councilman Bruce Ghelarducci
Councilman William Henderson
Councilman Jason Sarasnick
Councilman Joseph Verduci

Mayor Betty Copeland, Solicitor Thomas McDermott, Assistant Fire Chief Bob Siegwarth, Chief of Police Chad King, EMS Supervisor Mark Succheralli, Borough Engineer John Hyle, and Borough Manager Joseph Kauer

Absent: None.

REORGANIZATION OF BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Mayor Copeland called for the following nominations:

1. Nomination and Election of Council President
Mr. Sarasnick made a motion to nominate Mr. Verduci as Council President, seconded by Mr. Ferri; all were in favor electing Mr. Verduci as Council President.

2. Nomination and Election of Council Vice President
Mr. Sarasnick made a motion to nominate Mr. Ghelarducci as Council Vice President, seconded by Mr. Franchick; all were in favor electing Mr. Ghelarducci as Council Vice President.

Mayor Copeland then turned the meeting and gavel over to the newly elected President of Council.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Mr. Greg Jones, The One Music Fest, invited the community to attend the 6th annual Martin Luther King Day Celebration that will be held on Monday, January 15, 2024, 6:30PM at New Life Fellowship Church on Prestley Road.

BUSINESS

1. A motion to reappoint the law firm Gaitens, Tucceri & Nicholas, PC, as the Borough Solicitor was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to reappoint the firm LSSE Civil Engineers and Surveyors as the Borough Engineer was made by Ms. Cimarolli, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to appoint Mr. Dale Livingston to the Bridgeville Planning Commission with a term that is to expire the first Monday of January 2028 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Henderson; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to appoint Mr. Michael Tolmer to the Bridgeville Planning Commission with a term that is to expire the first Monday of January 2028 was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to appoint Mrs. Elizabeth Bellaver to the Bridgeville Planning Commission with a term that is to expire the first Monday of January 2028 was made by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to appoint Mr. Lin St. Clair to the Bridgeville Zoning Hearing Board with a term that is to expire the first Monday of January 2029 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to appoint Mr. George Aspiotes to the Bridgeville Zoning Hearing Board with a term that is to expire the first Monday of January 2029 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to appoint Mr. Nino Petrocelli, Sr., to the Bridgeville Parking Authority Board of Directors with a term that is to expire the first Monday of January 2029 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to appoint _____ to the Bridgeville Parking Authority Board of Directors with a term that is to expire the first Monday of January 2025. (*Note: fills the remaining term of a recent resignation.*) No action was taken at this time.
10. A motion to appoint James Haley as the Vacancy Board Chairman with a term that is to expire the first Monday of January 2026 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
11. A motion to authorize the advertisement of the 2024 meeting schedule for the Borough Council (2nd Monday of the Month, 7PM), Parking Authority (3rd Monday of the Month, 7PM), Planning Commission (4th Monday of the Month, 7PM), Zoning Hearing Board and

- Civil Service Commission to meet as needed was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
12. A motion to approve the December 11, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes, as submitted was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Henderson; motion carried with Councilmen Ferri, Franchick and Sarasnick abstaining as they were not officials then.
 13. A motion to approve the January 2024 Bill List was made by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
 14. A motion to approve the January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2 and 9, 2024 payrolls was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
 15. A motion to exonerate Tax Collector Anne Marie Parisi from the collection of 2020 delinquent Real Estate Taxes that have been sent to Jordan Tax Service for liening was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
 16. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-1, 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. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Henderson; Mr. Ferri asked the Borough Manager for an explanation. Manager Kauer stated that every year the actuary to the Police Pension Plan completes a review of the need based on state aid received to both pension plans to determine the contribution rate paid by the police officers. He said that the actuary's review recommends reducing the employee contribution from 8% to 3.5% for 2024. Motion carried unanimously.
 17. A motion to authorize the purchase of a 2024 Ford F-350 truck with utility body from the Laurel Auto Group at a State Costars Contract price of \$64,600 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
 18. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – December 2023 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
 19. A motion to accept all submitted December 2023 official reports was made by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL TO APPOINT:

- ADMINISTRATION

- FINANCE
- PARKS & RECREATION
- PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS
- PUBLIC SAFETY
- DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE TO CHAR-WEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
- DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE TO COUNTY AND STATE BOROUGH ASSOCIATIONS
- DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE TO ALLEGHENY SOUTHWEST TAX COLLECTION DISTRICT

Mr. Verduci stated that he will make committee appointments over the next couple of weeks.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland had no report.

POLICE CHIEF, CHAD KING – Chief King stated that he was able to secure generous donations for the toy distributions before Christmas. He stated that they raffled off 30 bicycles and made sure a toy was given to all children at the Winter Blast, at daycares in town and during the Buddy the Elf event.

SOLICITOR, THOMAS MCDERMOTT – Solicitor McDermott thanked the Borough Council for reappointing him and asked for Council to meet in Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss a legal matter.

BOROUGH ENGINEER, JOHN HEYL – 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 38 calls for service this past month and 407 this year to-date; 58 more calls than 2022.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – Supervisor Mark Succheralli had no report.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MARY WEISE – Mayor Copeland reported that the next speakers' program will be held on January 25th, discussing "Route 66". She also stated that the sale of the old Borough Street Name Signs is going well, signs are selling quickly.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – Director Weaver provided her written report and reported that the library is having a Fundraiser later this month at Chipotle Restaurant. Mr. Verduci stated that Ms. Weaver is now the Library Director.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – no report.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Ms. Cimarolli reported that the next meeting will be January 22nd, 7PM.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Manager Kauer reported that the first week of biweekly recycling is January 12th and that efforts are underway to spread the word of the changes. He also stated that the new recycle carts are still on schedule to be delivered the week of January 15th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Ghelarducci welcomed the new members of Borough Council and stated that he looks forward to working with them.

Mr. Verduci reported that the Council will meet in Executive Session after the meeting, no actions will be taken.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Franchick, motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary