

BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 8, 2024
7:00 PM

The meeting was held within Council Chambers at the Bridgeville Borough Building, 425 Bower Hill Road and virtually livestreamed on the website www.zoom.us. Council President Joseph Verduci 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 Joseph Verduci
Council Vice-President Bruce Ghelarducci
Councilwoman Justine Cimarolli
Councilman Jason Ferri
Councilman Shane Franchick
Councilman William Henderson
Councilman Jason Sarasnick

Mayor Betty Copeland, Solicitor Thomas McDermott, Borough Engineer Kevin Brett, Borough Manager Joseph Kauer, Assistant Fire Chief Bob Siegwath, Chief of Police Chad King, and EMS Chief Dan Miller

Absent: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

BUSINESS

1. A motion to approve the June 10, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion to approve the July 2024 Bill List was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the July 12, 19, 26, August 2 and August 9, 2024, payrolls was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Franchick; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to appoint the law firm Campbell Durrant, PC, as special legal counsel for the Borough's Police Pension Plan and Non-Uniformed Employees' Pension Plan was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Henderson; Ms. Cimarolli questioned how many proposals were received. Solicitor McDermott stated only one, but this firm specializes in labor issues and is well versed in public entity pension regulations. Motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor to prepare and advertise an Ordinance that would enact an Engine Brake Retarder Restriction on McLaughlin Run Road from the

Bower Hill Road intersection to the Bridgeville / Upper St. Clair Township border. Motion was made by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Franchick; Mr. Verduci stated that the Borough Council previously authorized a request to PENNDOT for them to complete a study of this request, and their Engineering & Traffic Study has determined that this area meets the criteria necessary to restrict the use of engine brake retarders. Motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor to prepare an Ordinance that would create and establish a Bridgeville Borough Shade Tree Commission as recommended by the Bridgeville Planning Commission was made by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; Mr. Ghelarducci questioned the regulations proposed by the Planning Commission. Mr. Tolmer stated that the Planning Commission is recommending that the Borough Council keep the formation and operation of a Bridgeville Shade Tree Commission be kept simple. Ms. Cimarolli stated that this Commission will protect trees already in the Borough's parks.

Mr. Verduci stated that this motion is only for the Solicitor to prepare an Ordinance that will go back to the Planning Commission for comments before being considered by the Borough Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion to authorize the Borough Manager to apply for a Pennsylvania Municipal Assistance Program grant that would fund half of the professional service costs for the creation of the Downtown Zoning District as recommended by the Bridgeville Planning Commission was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci; Mr. Sarasnick stated that development is flourishing in the communities around Bridgeville and doesn't want to see additional regulations put in place that would make it harder for someone to develop or open a business in Bridgeville. He stated that things need to be more lax and hoped that this project will help make Bridgeville flourish. Mr. Ghelarducci questioned the estimated cost of this project, and the Borough Manager replied that it is estimated to cost \$20,000 with a grant paying half.
8. A motion to reject all bids received for Contract A, and accept the lowest responsible bid received from Jet Jack, Inc. in the amount of \$167,800 for the Center Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project Contract B, 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. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – June 2024 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Franchick; motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the June 2024 Treasurer’s Report was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
11. A motion to accept all submitted June 2024 official reports was made by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
12. Motion to amend the agenda to add a motion to authorize payment of Payment 1 to Pave and Plow for the 2024 Road Paving Project was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
13. Motion to authorize the disbursement of \$61,282.27 from the Liquid Fuels Fund to Pave and Plow for Payment Application No. 1 of the 2024 Road Paving Project was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Franchick; motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION, BRUCE GHELARDUCCI – Mr. Ghelarducci had no report.

FINANCE, JOE VERDUCI – Mr. Verduci reported that the Committee will be meeting next week to review the Borough’s finances at the close of the second quarter.

PARKS & RECREATION, SHANE FRANCHICK – Mr. Franchick reported that Westmoreland Electric has fixed the field lights at Chartiers Park, and that the Committee and Manager are looking for funding to upgrade this lighting. Mr. Franchick reported that the road within Chartiers Park has been fixed by the paving contractors and thanked the Public Works for cutting back the walking trail.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, JASON SARASNICK – Mr. Sarasnick reported that the Public Works Department has been busy cutting grass, street sweeping and clearing the McLaughlin Run Park Field from sediment build up. He stated that line painting has been completed and that the crew is doing a great job.

Ms. Cimarolli asked the Public Works Department to go slower with tractors around kids that are in the parks.

PUBLIC SAFETY, WILLIAM HENDERSON – No report.

CHAR-WEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, JASON FERRI – Mr. Ferri reported that the County Council is discussing a County-wide reassessment. He also stated that the COG Fire Chiefs are scheduling training opportunities for this fall and that upgrades are being made to the County 9-1-1 Center. Mr. Ferri also stated that the COG recognized former Councilman Joe Colosimo for nine years of perfect attendance to COG meetings.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland stated she was a speaker at the annual Flag Day ceremony on June 14th. She also reported that on June 29th, she swore into office Patrolman Tyler

Evans.

The mayor stated that St. Clair Hospital is celebrating their 70th anniversary this year and will be sending a congratulatory message to them.

POLICE CHIEF, CHAD KING – Chief King reported that next month with funding from the South Hills Women’s Club, the Police Department will be able to take three children shopping for back-to-school clothes.

SOLICITOR, THOMAS MCDERMOTT – Solicitor McDermott reported that he submitted his written monthly report and could answer any questions.

BOROUGH ENGINEER, JOHN HEYL – Engineer Brett had no report.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – Asst. Chief Siegwarth reported that the Department responded to 37 calls last month and 233 calls year to date. He also reported that they are selling raffle tickets for a motorcycle.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – No report.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MARY WEISE – Mayor Copeland reported that the Historical Society has an intern this summer who has been assisting in archiving artifacts. She also stated that the Historical Society has a raffle right now for a child’s quilt.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – Director Weaver reported that the library has a Science Program for children in grades 2-5. She stated that on July 15th a local author will present their book and that the Story Walk at Chartiers Park has been updated. Mr. Ghelarducci stated that the Pittsburgh Classic Movie Club has a free movie at the Library this Friday evening, starting at dusk on the library patio.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – Chairwoman Colosimo reported that their next meeting is next Monday, and that additional signage has been added to Lots 2 and along Hickman Street. She reported that additional lighting upgrades will be made this month in Lot 1 and that four LED wall lights will soon be added in Lot 5. Lastly, she reported that the ADA warning pad in Lot 4 has been repaired.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Mr. Livingston stated that at their last meeting they discussed the creation of a Shade Tree Commission and the creation of the Downtown Zoning District. He also stated that they are discussing reuse plans for another flood lot on Baldwin Street.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Manager Kauer reported that the Electronic Recycling event held on June 29th was a success, it had good participation and that the event is scheduled to be held again next year this same weekend. He stated that a separate Household Hazardous Waste Collection event will be held on July 24th, 9AM at the Fire Station.

The Manager reported that the 2024 Road Program is actively underway. Work is nearing

completion as crews started today putting down the topcoat of asphalt on all selected streets. He also stated that sanitary sewer lining work is also underway throughout town. Today crews were installing a liner on Sarah Street. This work will take a couple more weeks to complete.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Verduci stated that a Route 50 Corridor Meeting was held in June. He stated that it has been a good discussion between the five communities, working together. He stated that the group is talking about ways to connect a sidewalk from Bridgeville to Carnegie on Route 50, and ways to improve the north end of Bridgeville between Bridgeville and Collier Township. Mr. Verduci stated that it has been good conversation and ideas shared.

Mr. Franchick thanked all of the Borough Staff and volunteers who helped make this year's Day on the Avenue community day a success. He stated that it was a great day and everyone did a great job.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary