

**BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 12, 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 (participated virtually)
Councilman Jason Ferri
Councilman William Henderson
Councilman Jason Sarasnick

Solicitor Thomas McDermott, Borough Engineer Kevin Brett, Borough Manager Joseph Kauer, Chief of Police Chad King, and EMS Chief Dan Miller

Absent: Councilman Franchick, Mayor Copeland, and Fire Chief Costain

PRESENTATIONS: Members of the Bridgeville-South Fayette Rotary Club presented a check in the amount of \$7,000 to the Borough Council for the McLaughlin Run Park Meadow Project.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

1. Ms. Jeannie Crowell, Patterson Avenue, stated that a sheriff's sale that was scheduled for a property on her street has been cancelled and that this house has no utilities for people living there. She stated that there has been multiple police and ambulance calls at this house and two people have died there. The Solicitor asked that she talk to the Chief of Police directly about this matter. She made complaints about property maintenance issues at other houses on the street. Mr. Ferri stated that he appreciates Jeannie being an advocate for the residents of Patterson Avenue.
2. Mr. Bob Bopp, Patterson Avenue, called for this problem house on Patterson Avenue to be condemned and expressed concerns and complaints about other properties on his street.
3. Mr. John McCans, May Avenue, stated that 170 cars participated in the Day on the Avenue Car Cruise, and estimates that 400 people from the Car Cruise supported the booths at the event. He gave each Council member an event dash plaque.

BUSINESS

1. A motion to approve the July 8, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.

2. A motion to approve the August 2024 Bill List was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the August 16, 23, 30, and September 6, 2024, payrolls was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-7, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville requesting a Banner Permit from PENNDOT to display a banner over Washington Avenue (PA. Route 50) for the Rotary Club Chili Cook-off was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$173,606.03 from the Capital Project Fund to Pave and Plow LLC for Partial Payment No. 2 of the 2024 Roadway Improvement Program was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to authorize the disbursement of \$157,951.80 from the Sewer Fund to Jet Jack, Inc. for Partial Payment No. 1 of the 2023 Work Area 4 Sanitary Sewer Lining Program was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ferri; Mr. Ferri added that the crews are doing a good job and that they are really nice guys, motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to authorize A.G.I. to complete crack filling and asphalt sealing of the McLaughlin Run Park Basketball and Tennis Courts at a cost not to exceed \$4,500 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to authorize the transfer of 2023 General Fund surplus funds of \$348,000 to the Capital Project Fund and \$50,000 to the Flood / Budgetary Reserve Fund was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to authorize JR Contracting to resurface the remaining section of Center Street from Back Alley to Liberty Street at a cost of \$11,610. (*Note: PAWC will be resurfacing Center Street from Luna Street to Back Alley*) Motion was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick, Mr. Ferri asked the Solicitor if he should abstain from the vote as this contractor is his cousin. The Solicitor advised that he did not have to abstain from the vote; motion carried unanimously.
10. A motion to authorize Salandro Construction Co. to make improvements to the storm sewer inlet on Station Street adjacent to the railroad crossing at a cost not to exceed \$13,900 was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; Mr. Ghelarducci asked if this project could be completed by the Public Works Department. The Manager stated that he did review this project with them, and it was determined that it is beyond their capabilities. Motion carried unanimously.
11. A motion to partner with Upper St. Clair Township and authorize Trans Associates to complete a Roundabout Traffic Analysis, Conceptual Plan and Estimate Preparation for the Mayview Road / Bank St. / Lesnett Road / Chartiers Street Intersection, paying half of the project cost of \$18,750 with each municipality contributing \$9,375 was made by Mr.

Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Ghelarducci. Mr. Henderson stated that he believes PENNDOT should be paying for this study. Mr. Ferri stated that it is hard to believe that there are not more traffic accidents at this intersection. Mr. Sarasnick stated that the McLaughlin Run roundabout is working out well and if this concept is duplicated at this Bridgeville intersection it would be a great improvement. Motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – July 2024 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
13. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the July 2024 Treasurer’s Report was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
14. A motion to accept all submitted July 2024 official reports was made by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

FINANCE, JOE VERDUCI – Mr. Verduci reported that the Committee met recently and reviewed the 2024 budget to-date and reviewed the recent Act 205 report for the Police Pension Fund.

PARKS & RECREATION, SHANE FRANCHICK – Manager Kauer reported that construction on the Cook School Park basketball court area continues. Asphalt work resumed today as the basketball hoops have been installed. He stated that the project is on track to be completed by next week.

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, JASON SARASNICK – Mr. Sarasnick reported that the Public Works Department has been busy cutting grass, street sweeping and keeping up on projects. He said the crew is always busy and are doing great work.

PUBLIC SAFETY, WILLIAM HENDERSON – Mr. Henderson stated that he is interested in what is going on, on Patterson Avenue. He stated that the Committee will review the matter and see what can be done.

CHAR-WEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, JASON FERRI – Mr. Ferri reported that there was no meeting of the COG in July.

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – No report.

POLICE CHIEF, CHAD KING – Chief King stated he can update the officials on the Patterson Avenue details privately, and that on August 24, the Police Department will be taking three local children shopping for back-to-school clothes as part of the “Shop with a Cop” program.

SOLICITOR, THOMAS MCDERMOTT – Solicitor McDermott reported that he submitted his written monthly report and could answer any questions. He asked for an Executive Session after the

meeting to discuss a legal matter.

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

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – No report.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – Chief Miller stated that this month’s report was more detailed than normal showing call data and financial information across the entire system.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MARY WEISE – No report.

BRIDGEVILLE LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE – Director Weaver reported that September is “Love Your Library” Month. She stated that there will be a used book sale and mystery dinner fundraiser next month. Mr. Ghelarducci stated that this month’s outdoor Classic Movie is being shown Friday at dusk on the library patio.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – Chairwoman Colosimo reported that the authority is operating in the black for the year and that there will be no meeting this month. She highlighted some upcoming maintenance work that included line painting, LED lighting upgrades and upgraded security cameras for the Baldwin Street lot.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Mr. Tolmer stated that at the last Planning Commission Meeting, they discussed the future of the Baldwin Street flood lots and minimum parking standards.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Manager Kauer reported that he submitted his written monthly report and could answer any questions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Henderson reported that he attended St. Clair Hospital’s 70th anniversary celebration and that the Mayor sent them a nice congratulatory letter.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Ghelarducci, seconded by Mr. Ferri, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM. Council went into an Executive Session after the meeting to discuss a legal matter, no action was taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary