

**BOROUGH OF BRIDGEVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 9, 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 (left meeting at 7:21PM)
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, Fire Chief Ray Costain, Chief of Police Chad King, and EMS Chief Dan Miller

Absent: None.

PRESENTATIONS: The Borough Council and Mayor recognized Mark Macala, Devlin Robinson, Fire Chief Ray Costain, Police Chief Chad King, Paramedic Mark Succheralli, EMT Joshua Hankins and the St. Clair Hospital Emergency Department for their life-saving efforts on June 13, 2024 when they all played a role in the Chain of Survival that through CPR saved the life a FedEx delivery driver who became unresponsive while making a delivery on Calvert Street.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

1. Mr. Jay Steck, 716 Maple Street, made a complaint about a drainage concern on Maple Street adjacent to the retaining wall. He then stated that flood insurance premiums are very high and asked the Borough Council to freeze real estate taxes for property owners who have to pay for flood insurance. Lastly, he asked for the grass near the Laurel Street / Gregg Avenue steps to be cut.
2. Mr. Bob Kohlmyer, 1405 Missouri Avenue, stated that his property abuts several undeveloped parcels in Upper St. Clair Township that rumor is that it is in the early stages of being sold for development of a townhouse community. He expressed concern that this development plans to use a parcel on Missouri Avenue as an entrance to this new community and if so, it would increase traffic in the neighborhood.

BUSINESS

1. A motion to approve the August 12, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted was made by Ms. Cimarolli, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.

2. A motion to approve the September 2024 Bill List was made by Mr. Franchick, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion to approve the September 13, 20, 27, October 4 and 11, 2024 payrolls was made by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion to ratify Resolution No. 2024-8, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville authorizing an application to the Pennsylvania Municipal Assistance Program for funding of the Downtown Zoning District Project was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Henderson, Mr. Ferri questioned if the Borough is committing to this Ordinance amendment by adopting this Resolution. The Manager and Solicitor stated that this Resolution only authorizes a grant to be submitted that would fund the hiring of a planning consultant who will prepare a draft zoning amendment and that this process will include public involvement and input; Ms. Cimarolli stated that the process will involve multiple public meetings of both Borough Council and Planning Commission before its considered complete; motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-9, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville authorizing the execution of a five-year winter maintenance service agreement with PENNDOT for work performed by the Borough on State roadways in the Borough of Bridgeville was made by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; Ms. Cimarolli questioned if it were to be a severe winter would PENNDOT offer additional support. The Borough Manager explained that such language is included in the agreement; motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion to ratify Resolution No. 2024-10, a Resolution of the Borough of Bridgeville authorizing an application to the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for GEDTF funding for the Chartiers Park Lighting Improvements Project was made by Mr. Franchick, seconded by Mr. Ferri; motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1030, an Ordinance amending the Borough of Bridgeville Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles & Traffic, Part 2, Traffic Regulations, to add subsection 15-215, Use of Brake Retarders Prohibited if Authorized by PENNDOT; and to prohibit the use of Jake Brake Retarders on McLaughlin Run Road (SR 3004) from Bower Hill Road to the Upper St. Clair Township border was made by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
8. A motion to accept the 2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) to the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$63,496 as prepared by the Borough Manager was made by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Sarasnick; motion carried unanimously.
9. A motion to accept the 2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) to the Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of \$110,900.44 as prepared by the Borough Manager was made by Mr. Franchick, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion to accept and pay any commission due – August 2024 Real Estate Tax Collector Report was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Henderson; motion carried unanimously.
11. A motion to acknowledge receipt of the August 2024 Treasurer’s Report was made by Mr. Franchick, seconded by Ms. Cimarolli; motion carried unanimously.
12. A motion to accept all submitted August 2024 official reports was made by Ms. Cimarolli, seconded by Mr. Henderson; motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION, BRUCE GHELARDUCCI – No report.

FINANCE, JOE VERDUCI – Mr. Verduci reported that the Borough was awarded a Community Development Block Grant to upgrade ADA sidewalk ramps on Station Street and that the Borough Manager has started work on preparing the 2025 Borough Budget.

PARKS & RECREATION, SHANE FRANCHICK – Mr. Franchick thanked the Manager for preparing and submitting a grant to upgrade the field lighting at Chartiers Park. He also stated that the fall baseball season has started and thanked everyone for keeping the parks looking nice.

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 reported that curbside leaf collection starts on Monday October 14th and that the crew repainted the rear benches at Triangle Park.

PUBLIC SAFETY, WILLIAM HENDERSON – Mr. Henderson reported that at last month's meeting there was discussion regarding a concerning property on Patterson Avenue, and that recently action was taken to abate those concerns. He said that the house has been condemned and that the bank is in the process of taking it over.

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

MAYOR, BETTY COPELAND – Mayor Copeland reported that the annual 9/11 ceremony hosted by the Knights of Columbus will be this Wednesday, 7PM at St. Barbara’s Church and urged everyone to attend.

POLICE CHIEF, CHAD KING – Chief King stated that he can answer any questions regarding the written report and that on August 24th, the Police Department took three children from the Borough to back to school shopping with the annual “Shop with a Cop” program. He thanked Councilman Franchick for helping as well.

SOLICITOR, THOMAS MCDERMOTT – Solicitor McDermott reported that he submitted his written monthly report and could answer any questions. He stated that the final easements for the

Flood Control Project have been received and recorded. The Solicitor also reported that the Borough Manager in his role as the Borough's Zoning Officer, with the assistance of the Police Department, secured and boarded up the condemned house on Patterson Avenue.

BOROUGH ENGINEER, JOHN HEYL – Engineer Brett presented the annual MS4 stormwater training to the Borough Council, officials and community. The presentation slides are attached to these minutes as “Exhibit 1”. Ms. Cimarolli questioned if efforts are being made to reduce sedimentation in the tributaries, why aren't we seeing progress in the McLaughlin Run watershed. Engineer Brett stated that it will take 40-50 years to see this progress. Ms. Cimarolli questioned the noticeable acid mine drainage in McLaughlin Run. Engineer Brett stated that he anticipates the DEP to start regulating cleanup efforts of this acid mine drainage in the future as part of construction development permit approvals.

FIRE CHIEF, RAY COSTAIN – Chief Costain reported that the Fire Department responded to 33 calls for service in August and to-date has responded to 297 calls. The Chief stated that the pumper is out of service as result of a catastrophic equipment failure of the pump transfer case. He stated that the pump needs to be completely rebuilt and that Bower Hill VFD has lent the community its pumper while ours is out for repairs. Lastly, the Chief reported that the Department has three members who recently earned their EMT certifications. Mr. Verduci thanked the many firefighters who were in the audience for attending tonight's meeting and ceremony.

SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER – Chief Miller stated that he could answer questions on the written report. Mr. Verduci thanked Chief Miller for tonight's CPR recognitions.

BRIDGEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MARY WEISE – Mayor Copeland reported that this month's speaker's series program will be held on September 24th and the topic is “Overview of the Heinz History Center.”

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 this weekend and that all donations received this month are eligible to be matched.

BRIDGEVILLE PARKING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE – Chairwoman Colosimo reported that there was no meeting last month and the September meeting is next Monday.

BRIDGEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE – Mr. Tolmer stated that at the last Planning Commission Meeting, they discussed minimum parking standards and the potential development adjacent to Missouri Avenue.

BOROUGH MANAGER, JOSEPH KAUER – Manager Kauer reported:

- Cook School Park Basketball Court reconstruction project has been completed. There were a couple of punch list items that have been noted and provided to the contractor to address.
- McLaughlin Run Park Meadow Project – the DCNR contractor has applied the first herbicide treatment to ready the field, the interpretive signs have been received and the Lion's Club has received the benches for the site.
- Bank Street Bump-outs are on track to be constructed this fall. PENNDOT is finalizing the

design of their construction at Winfield Street and Gregg Avenue.

- Center Street Project: PAWC water main and service lines has been upgraded, JetJack completed construction of the new sanitary sewer line last week and all homes are now connected, DPW rebuilt multiple catch basins on the street and cut back the area of wooded right of way. The PAWC contractor is planning to repave the street by the end of September.
- Completed and submitted application to DCED seeking a \$10,000 Municipal Assistance Program grant to fund half the costs of the Downtown Zoning District Project.
- Completed and submitted application to the County seeking a \$488,175 GEDTF grant that would upgrade the field lighting at both Chartiers Park Baseball Fields.
- Completed and submitted a digital connectivity grant that if awarded would provide the Borough with 32 laptop computers to provide to all staff and officials.
- Completed and submitted a CDBG preapplication that is seeking \$22,000 to upgrade the water drinking fountains in Triangle and Cook School Parks.
- Completed and submitted a Community Drug Abuse Prevention Grant seeking \$1,700 for handouts to be included in Halloween treat bags.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sarasnick, seconded by Mr. Henderson, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph Kauer
Borough Manager / Secretary

**Bridgeville Borough
Borough Council**


Annual MS4 Update

SEPTEMBER 9, 2024



MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4)

- **Agenda:**
 - Permit Overview
 - Annual MS4 Tasks
 - Stormwater Management Program (Minimum Control Measures)
 - PADEP Compliance Evaluation
 - Annual Report
 - DEP Inspection
 - Pollutant Reduction Plans
 - Permit Renewal



MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4)

● Permit Overview – NPDES Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small MS4s

- Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) - Permit applies to stormwater infrastructure that is:
 - Used for collecting and/or conveying stormwater
 - Owned by a municipality or any other public body
 - Not used as a combined sewer
 - Not part of Publicly Owned Treatment Works (i.e. sewage treatment plant)
- NPDES MS4 Permit authorizes discharge of stormwater from the MS4 to Waters of the Commonwealth
- NPDES MS4 Permit issued by PADEP in Pennsylvania. The program is administered nationally by EPA
- Primary goal of the permit: Protecting water quality and limiting stormwater pollution



MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4)

● Annual MS4 Tasks

- Update and Implement Stormwater Management Program (Written Plan) addressing each MCM:
 - MCM #1 - Public Education and Outreach on Stormwater Impacts
 - MCM #2 - Public Involvement/Participation
 - MCM #3 - Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
 - MCM #4 - Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control
 - MCM #5 - Post-Construction Stormwater Management (PCSM) in New and Re-Development Activities
 - MCM #6 - Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping
- The Stormwater Management Program must:
 - Reduce the discharge of pollutants from the MS4 to the maximum extent practicable.
 - Protect water quality, and
 - Satisfy appropriate water quality requirements of the Clean Water Act and the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law



MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4)

- **Annual Reports**

- Due September 30 of each year
- Self reporting on progress made for each MCM, along with PRP and PCM progress
- \$500 renewal fee due annually

- **DEP or EPA Inspections**

- DEP Inspects each permittee at least once every 5 years
- Inspections for 2018 Permit are underway (completed in 2021)
 - Office Review - Thorough review of written plans and documentation of compliance with required Minimum Control Measures. Documentation of all MS4 related activities (event flyers, distributed materials, work logs, complaint resolution tracking, outfall screening etc.)
 - Field Review -- Evaluation of municipal facilities including Public Works yard, garage, salt storage and other facilities. Field review of BMPs and outfalls



MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4)

- **Pollutant Reduction Plans (PRPs) were developed in 2017 and submitted to PADEP to meet the following requirements:**

- The following reductions must be achieved within 5 years of permit issuance (March 2023 for General Permits):
 - Achieve 10% reduction in pollutant loading of sediment
 - Achieve 5% reduction in pollutant loading of total phosphorus

- **Each Annual Report will include documentation and supporting calculations for reductions achieved through implementation of the Pollutant Reduction Plan.**

- **PRPs approved by PADEP established:**

- Total pollutant loading required to be addressed in permit term
- Potential BMPs to be constructed to achieve required pollutant reduction goals.

- **Borough PRP Status**

- Stormceptors Installed



MS4s – PERMIT TIMELINE

• Permit Timeline

- General Permits issued in 2018-2019
- September 2022 - Administratively extended two years (March 2025)
 - Annual Tasks/Maintenance Activities to be completed (training, BMP reviews, outfall screening, etc.)
- May 2024 - Currently the Permit has extended indefinitely until the next draft Permit has been issued
 - DEP Working Group drafting new permit regulations
- Anticipate at least one year from draft permit published to when renewals are due



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MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4)

• Permit Renewal

- Current Permit expires when new PAG-13 Permit is issued
 - Borough to continue with annual tasks (Outfall Testing, BMP Reviews, Training, etc.)
 - Notice of Intent not required as long as Annual Progress Report is submitted each September unless otherwise directed by DEP
 - Coverage under current Permit will renew unless otherwise notified by DEP
 - DEP has not issued any information regarding future PRP Requirements



MS4s – PERMIT – WHAT'S NEXT?

- **PADEP Compliance Inspections**

- Most permittees have received the initial and second compliance inspection.
- DEP has indicated the second inspection to include enforcement for non-compliance; DEP reviewing previous action items to see if address and if PRP is being implemented
- Inspections have both been in-person and virtual

- **Annual Report due September 30 (each year)**

- **Annual MS4 Tasks**

- Update and Implement Stormwater Management Program (Written Plan) addressing each MCM (all Plans updated to reflect 2018 Permit):
 - MCM #1 - Public Education and Outreach on Stormwater Impacts
 - MCM #2 - Public Involvement/Participation
 - MCM #3 - Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
 - MCM #4 - Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control
 - MCM #5 - Post-Construction Stormwater Management (PCSM) in New and Re-Development Activities
 - MCM #6 - Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping



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MS4s – PERMIT – WHAT'S NEXT?

- **What's Left in Current Permit:**

- Complete PRP projects 5 years from when PRP approval was received
 - 2023-2024
 - Pond Retrofits, New Detention Facilities, Rain Gardens, Stream Restoration
- Provide final PRP Report as part of Annual Progress Report Submission
 - PRP Reports were included in 2023 Annual Progress Report Submissions identifying status
 - If PRP Completed, included final design calculations/record drawings
 - If PRP outstanding, identify reasons why project not completed
 - Updated PRP Reports to be included with 2024 Annual Progress Report for communities where additional PRP Progress is Made



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MS4s – PERMIT – WHAT'S NEXT?

• Next Permit Requirements:

- Permit Working Group currently working through next permit requirements
 - Incentivize inter-municipal cooperation
 - Focus on larger watershed-driven projects
 - Focus on volume detained instead of pollutants removed calculations (lbs of sediment/year)
 - Allow for longer timeline for planning purposes prior to implementation
 - More uniform reduction requirements
 - Potential consideration for reduction required based on socio-economic factors



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MS4s – PERMIT – WHAT'S NEXT?

• Focus in 2024:

- Complete Remaining PRP Projects – Minor punch list items remain on stream restoration projects
 - Submit 2024 PRP Report with Annual Report
- Submit Annual Report in September
- Complete Annual Tasks
 - Training
 - BMP Reviews
 - Outfall Screening
- Continue to document all MS4 activities in Binders



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