

BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
November 1, 2010, 7:00 P.M. – BOROUGH HALL

MINUTES

PRESENT: Steven Lusky, President
Kenneth Templin, Vice President
Tom Kanuck, Member
Nancy Kauffman, Member
Neil McCauley, Member (absent)
Angelene McKinney, Member
Anthony Tucci, Member
Robert M. Myers, Mayor
Aaron J Durso, Borough Manager
Theodore R. Roth, Chief of Police
Terry D. Weiler, Esq., Solicitor
Thomas J. Yuhas, P.E., Borough Engineer (absent)

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Lusky called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

MINUTES:

- a. October 11, 2010: **Motion** to approve October 11, 2010, meeting minutes. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Tucci and 2nd by Councilwoman Kauffman. Motion carried 5-0. Councilwoman McKinney abstained due to not being present at that meeting.

BILLS LIST

- a. Bills List dated November 1, 2010- Councilwoman Kauffman made a motion to approve and it was 2nd by Councilman Tucci. The motion passed 6-0.
- b. List of bills for ratification dated November 1, 2010. Councilwoman Kauffman made a motion to approve and it was 2nd by Councilman Tucci. Motion passed 6-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- a. **Benecon Life Insurance/LTD-** Manager Durso reported if the Borough went with Benecon Life Insurance the Borough would save \$2000/yr. The rate is locked in for three years. Motion was made by Councilwoman Kauffman and 2nd by Councilwoman McKinney. Councilwoman Kauffman asked if there would be a cancellation penalty if we opted out before the 3 year period was over. Manger Durso said he would check. Motion was amended to state it would be approved if no cancellation penalty existed. Motion passed 6-0.

MAYOR/POLICE REPORTS

Mayor Myers asked council for an executive session after the meeting to discuss an employee matter.

Mayor Myers reported the Halloween parade was a huge success.

Chief Roth reported the Borough had little to no mischief over the Halloween weekend. He asked council to review the alarm ordinance so it could be passed. Councilwoman Kauffman asked for a new copy. Solicitor Weiler said he would e-mail one to her. Councilman Kanuck asked if there were any major alarm problems within the Borough. Chief Roth stated no. Councilman Kanuck asked if weather was a factor in the alarms in the Borough. Chief Roth said it is for a few of the alarms.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Weiler stated he delivered copies of the new zoning ordinance and maps to Borough Hall.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Water Department

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Streets Department

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Tucci gave a report of the Recreation Board meeting. He also gave dates of the additional meetings relating to the Christmas in Birdsboro event.

Vice President Templin read a letter from the VFW requesting funds of \$1500.00 from Harms Benefit to help defray the costs of their new roof. Motion was made by Councilman Kanuck and 2nd by Vice President Templin to give the VFW \$1500.00 out of Harms Benefit. President Lusky reminded council that this is a budgeted expense from Harms Benefit. Motion carried 6-0.

President Lusky gave a report on the October 23rd opening of the Dog Park. Five hundred people were in attendance. The dog park is being used heavily.

BIRDSBORO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY: The next meeting is scheduled for **November 15, 2010**

PLANNING COMMISSION: The next meeting is scheduled for **November 23, 2010**

RECREATION BOARD: The following dates have been scheduled for meetings relating to Christmas in Birdsboro: **November 17, 2010, December 1, 2010, and December 8, 2010.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Glen Miller of Berks Street congratulated Manager Durso on his appointment as Borough Manager. Mr. Miller expressed that he knows Manager Durso will do a great job. Mr. Miller also stated Manager Durso was to contact him at any time if he needs anything.

Mr. Miller thanked the Borough for the concave mirror at Hopewell and Union Streets. He asked council if the mirror could be turned so those exiting Union Street could see the traffic on Hopewell Street.

Mike Welsh, of 210 Cole Court, inquired of President Lusky if the money was reimbursed to the Borough for Christmas in Birdsboro. President Lusky informed Mr. Welsh the Borough did not borrow money for Christmas in Birdsboro, all donations were received. Mr. Welsh questioned Vice President Templin why the Borough Manager position was appointed without advertising. Vice President Templin gave Mr. Welsh an overview of that matter by explaining who was consulted to bring the recommendation to Council. Members consisted of President Lusky, Vice President Templin, Chief Roth and Authority Chairman Morse.

Council recessed at 7:26 pm for an executive session. Council reconvened at 8:20 pm. Solicitor Weiler gave an overview.

Councilwoman Kauffman made a motion and it was 2nd by Councilman Tucci to set the salaries for 2011 budget year. The Administrative Assistant's salary will be \$16.42 The Treasurer's salary will be \$16.42. The Police Administrative Assistant's salary will be \$15.53. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilman Tucci made a motion and it was 2nd by Councilwoman McKinney to approve the 2011 Borough of Birdsboro Budget with **no tax increase**. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion made by Councilwoman Kauffman and 2nd by Councilman Kanuck, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron J. Durso
Borough Manager

PENDING BUSINESS

Armorcast Property
Codification
Rental Inspection Registrations
Public Works Facility Expansion
Sidewalk/Curb Project

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 11, 2010.