

BIRDSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2011, 7:00 P.M. – BOROUGH HALL

MINUTES

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

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

PRESENTATION: Gloria Uhniat from the Recreation Board reported that the 3rd annual Christmas in Birdsboro was a huge success. She estimated 6000 people attended the craft show and the evening festivities. She wanted to thank all the volunteers, employees and corporate sponsors who made the event possible and successful.

PRESENTATION- Portnoff Law Associates – collect delinquent real estate property taxes. Mr. Lineager gave an overview of the process and how it would work. He explained it speeds up the process as it is quicker than the county used process. All fees for collection will be passed on to the consumer. There will be no Borough costs. Manager Durso expressed he would like to use the law firm for particular absentee landlord properties that continue to be nuisance properties. Vice President Templin would like to see a draft agreement between the Borough and Portnoff Law Firm. Council could possibly vote on it at one of the January meetings,

PRESENTATION- Downtown Grant Committee- gave an overview of current meetings. Community strengths and weaknesses were discussed. Local business was discussed. Short term recommendations were given. Council will be updated in the near future by the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

None

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December 5, 2011: **Motion** to approve December 5, 2011, meeting minutes. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Kanuck and 2nd by Councilman Tucci. Motion passed 5-0.

BILLS LIST

- a. Bills List dated December 12, 2011- Councilman Tucci made a motion to approve and it was 2nd by Councilman Kanuck. **Motion** passed 5-0.

BILLS LIST(con't)

b. List of bills for ratification dated December 12, 2011. Councilman Tucci made a motion to approve and it was 2nd by Councilman Kanuck. **Motion** passed 5-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

a. Report for November, 2011: **Motion** to accept Treasurer's report for the month of November, 2011. Councilman Tucci made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and it was 2nd by Councilman Kanuck. Motion passed 5-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT

2012 Budget- Manager Durso informed council they need to make a motion to pass the 2012 budget. President Lusky then informed council they need to make one motion for the 2012 budget then a second motion to approve the employee wage increases for 2012.

A motion was made by Councilman Tucci and it was 2nd by Councilman Kanuck to pass 2012 budget. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tucci and 2nd by Councilman Kanuck to approve the following salary increases for 2012:

Police secretary - \$.62/hr increase.
Borough Treasurer - \$.65/hr increase
Administrative Assistant -\$.65/hr increase
Borough Manager \$2200.00/yr increase (salaried)

Motion passed 5-0

ENGINEER REPORT:

N/A

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

No Report

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No Report

MAYOR/POLICE REPORTS:

No Report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Weiler told Council they need to make a motion to advertise Ordinance #430- Tax Rate Ordinance - same as 2011. Councilman Tucci made a motion and it was 2nd by Councilman Kanuck. Motion passed 5-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT(con't)

Solicitor Weiler also reminded Council they will need to reorganize before the regular meeting on 1/3/12.

Solicitor Weiler will review the reorganization agenda with Manager Durso prior to the meeting.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Water Department

See attached

Wastewater Treatment Plant

See Attached

Streets Department

See Attached

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Kanuck- He made a motion for the Borough Manger to develop pay scales for non union employees within the 1st quarter of 2012. It was 2nd by Councilman Tucci . Motion passed 5-0. Councilman Kanuck also stated that the committees he serves on need to be filled. The Berks Tax Committee and the Berks County Commission Advisory Board. He stated perhaps the new council members should serve on these committees.

President Lusky- He thanked the borough employees, the volunteers and businesses for all their work and donations towards Christmas in Birdsboro. He also thanked Mr. Kanuck and Mr. Tucci for their dedication and commitment to the Borough as they served on council. He wishes them well in the future.

BIRDSBORO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY: The next meeting is scheduled for **December 19, 2011 6:30 pm**

PLANNING COMMISSION: No meeting in December.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion made by Councilman Tucci and 2nd by Councilman Tucci, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Durso
Borough Manager

PENDING BUSINESS

Armorcast Property
Rental Inspection Registrations

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday January 3, 2012.

