

**BRIDGEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**MAY 12, 2014**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**425 BOWER HILL ROAD**  
**BRIDGEVILLE, PA 15017**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Council President,  
Michael Tolmer  
Council Vice President,  
Bruce Ghelarducci  
Council,  
Nino Petrocelli, Sr.  
Jason Sarasnick  
William Colussy  
William Henderson  
Neil Lyons

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Mayor, Pasquale DeBlasio  
Engineer, Joe Sites  
Borough Manager, Lori Collins  
Police Chief, Chad King  
Fire Chief, William Chilleo  
SouthBridge EMS, Dan Miller

The meeting is opened with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for the sick, handicapped, departed and military personnel of the community.

**ROLL CALL**

**VISITORS, PLEASE STATE NAMES AND ADDRESSES**

Bob Fryer – 521 Washington Avenue  
Bridgeville, PA 15107

Mr. Fryer suggested terms of a proposal that Bridgeville may make jointly with South Fayette and Upper St. Clair. Council went into further discussion regarding this issue. He also presented some letters for public record that are attached to the minutes.

Susan Andreone – 809 Bower Hill Road  
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Ms. Andreone stated that she attended last month's meeting asking if an ordinance could be changed about junk cars and a refrigerator sitting in her neighbor's driveway. She came here tonight to personally thank Chief King and relay her thanks to Officer Itzel for his intermediating in this situation. Within 4 days, the car has been moved into the garage and the refrigerator is gone.

Tom Drucis – 602 Baldwin Street  
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Mr. Drucis stated that there hasn't been any communication on the Baldwin Street flooding and the road. There is a culvert in front of his residence and when a heavy truck goes over it; it pounds it down even more.

Engineer Sites stated that we are working in conjunction with Bethel Park and Upper St. Clair to study the C-53-10 overflow structure on Commercial Street. The sewer runs parallel to McLaughlin Run Road and crosses Baldwin Street. There is a manhole on Baldwin

Street were the two sewers cross each other. We had our survey crew take elevations on the entire length and there is going to be a model completed of the sewer. 3 communities are under the orders of the DEP to make modifications of the overflow structure down at the backchannel of McLaughlin Run. One of the options that they want to investigate is if we can raise it up so that the pool of overflow no longer exists. We are going to run a model and raise the elevation to see what would happen with the properties on Baldwin Street. We've been holding the paving contractor up until we get our investigation done to determine whether we need to make any modifications to the sanitary sewer laterals on Baldwin Street.

Manager Collins stated that right after the flood, the Health Department came through first and then we had the representatives from FEMA and PEMA who took an inventory of what home were affected. They had to check to see the elevations. There was no emergency declared or any assistance available for the private homes. The only assistance available was for the municipalities, school districts, etc. There wasn't any information to pass along because they didn't have anything for the residents or local businesses. It didn't meet their criteria because first floor flooding had to occur; basement flooding did not qualify.

Bruno Tambellini – 413 Railroad Street  
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Mr. Tambellini stated that the only solution about the flooding was to dredge the creek.

M. Tolmer stated that we are not permitted to dredge the creek. We are only permitted to remove sediment and we cannot go down lower than the base elevation of the stream per the Army Corp of Engineers.

Manager Collins stated that after the flood, we were permitted to go in and take debris and sediment out that was left in that area by the flood. They have told us that we are not permitted to dredge. Approximately 10 municipalities have gotten together from McDonald to our area. We have sent a letter of intent request to the Army Corp of Engineers to do a study on all of these tributaries of Chartiers Creek. The Army Corp of Engineers is the group that has the finances to be able to do that type of a study. First they will do a study and then come back and propose a project. We also requested that they take over the maintenance of the tributaries. We are permitted to go up 50 feet from each bridge and take just the sediment that was deposited from the major storm.

Council went into further discussion regarding this issue.

Liz Calabro – Bridgeville Farmer's Market  
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Mrs. Calabro stated that the Farmer's Market starts June 17<sup>th</sup>.

She questioned cars parking on the sidewalks especially on McLaughlin Run Road. Sometimes she has to go out onto the road to get around cars.

Chief King stated that we have Patterson Avenue, Ramsey Avenue, Saint Clair Street and Prestley Road that residents do not have anywhere to park besides the sidewalk. It is the same issue on McLaughlin Run Road. We do try and monitor it, but the rule of thumb is; as long as there is enough room for a woman to push a baby carriage through without coming out onto the road then it's ok. We cannot pick and choose and say it is ok to do it in one place and not the other.

### MINUTES

A motion was made by N. Petrocelli Sr., seconded by B. Ghelarducci approving the minutes of the March 10, 2014 regular meeting as submitted. All in favor, motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by W. Colussy, seconded by B. Ghelarducci approving the minutes of the April 7, 2014 workshop meeting as submitted 7-0.

### RESOLUTION NO. 2014-05

A motion was made by J. Sarasnick, seconded by W. Colussy approving Resolution No. 2014-05 as per PennDOT requirements 1.10.14 Signs and Banners Across State Highways; a resolution designating the intention of the Bridgeville Borough to place one (1) banner across State Route 50 to be installed May 18, 2014 and removed June 15, 2014 for the Bridgeville Borough Day on the Avenue Celebration to be held on June 14, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All in favor, motion carried 7-0.

### PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 979

A motion was made tabling Proposed Ordinance No. 979; an ordinance prohibiting parking on the southerly side of Baldwin Street (Tambellini's side) each Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. and prohibiting parking on the northerly side of Baldwin Street each Thursday from 9-10 a.m. Remarks: This ordinance was tabled due to the fact that we are amending the hours and times so we can re-advertise and make a motion on this next month.

### MONTHLY WORKSHOP MEETING DATE CHANGE AND ADVERTISEMENT

A motion was made by N. Petrocelli Sr., seconded by J. Sarasnick approving a change in the monthly workshop meeting from the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. to the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and authorizing Manager Collins to advertise the same. All in favor, motion carried 6-1 with W. Colussy voting no.

### BILL LIST

A motion was made by B. Ghelarducci, seconded by W. Colussy approving the May 2014 Bill List. All in favor, motion carried 7-0.

### PAYROLLS

A motion was made by B. Ghelarducci, seconded by W. Colussy approving the payrolls of May 16, 23, 30 and June 6, 2014. All in favor, motion carried 7-0.

### MONTHLY REPORTS

A motion was made by N. Petrocelli Sr., seconded by J. Sarasnick approving to pay any commissions due the April 2014 Real Estate Tax Collector Report. All in favor, motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by B. Ghelarducci, second by W. Colussy approving the March 2014 Financial Report. All in favor, motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by W. Henderson, seconded by J. Sarasnick approving the April 2014 Police Report. All in favor, motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by W. Henderson, seconded by N. Petrocelli Sr. approving the April 2014 Zoning Report. All in favor, motion carried 7-0.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **ADMINISTRATION, BRUCE GHELARDUCCI**

No Report.

#### **FINANCE, NINO PETROCELLI, SR.**

N. Petrocelli, Sr. stated that the fund ending balances as of April 2014 were as follows: General Fund \$1,066,495.49; Sewer Fund \$346,225.26; Garbage Fund \$38,769.29; Capital Improvement Fund \$25,099.39; Liquid Fuels \$222,258.79. We received a grant from FEMA in the amount of \$90,136.96 on April 17, 2013. The Public Works truck will be ready for delivery this week budgeted at \$57,300.00.

#### **PARKS & RECREATION, JASON SARASNICK**

J. Sarasnick stated that the parks are being used for ball.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, WILLIAM COLUSSY**

B. Colussy stated that the parks look good and public works have been doing a good job putting the catch basins in.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY, WILLIAM HENDERSON**

B. Henderson stated that we are in the process of updating the Civil Service rules and regulations. The first draft has been completed and we will anticipate the second draft of it. Paul Cengia is in attendance tonight, who is our newly appointed Civil Service Commissioner.

### **MAYOR, PASQUALE DEBLASIO**

Mayor DeBlasio complimented Fire Chief Chilleo and the Fire Department on the Cash Bash and the incident where the telephone pole was hit out on Washington Avenue. The members of the fire department showed up and handled traffic. They did an outstanding job.

The Taste of the Town was a very nice event.

**POLICE CHIEF, CHAD KING**

Chief King stated that a driver hit a telephone pole on the 200 block of Washington Avenue. Unfortunately, he was found in possession of heroine, suboxone and was charged with a DUI. He thanked the fire department, who was a tremendous help to them.

**SOLICITOR, THOMAS MCDERMOTT**

Solicitor McDermott stated that council has been provided a copy of his written report.

**ENGINEER, JOE SITES**

**2013 Pavement Maintenance Program – Contract A – Baldwin Street  
2014 Pavement Maintenance Program – Ridge Road**

Youngblood Paving has been awarded both of the contracts and we have been in communication with them regarding the start. We are currently looking at the interceptor sewer that crosses Baldwin Street in conjunction with C-53-10 and want to verify that no work is needed on the Baldwin Street crossing before the resurfacing is completed. Work on Baldwin Street will be completed by Youngblood Paving in the spring of 2014 since Baldwin Street was the detour for Bower Hill Road. They will be holding their prices as bid.

**Sanitary Sewer Repairs – Operation and Maintenance – 2013 Project**

Insight Pipe Inc. has completed all of the repairs and everything is done except for some punch list items. We have contacted Insight Pipe and reviewed the punch list and restoration items to get them completed. The project will not be finalized until all outstanding items are addressed.

**Rear of New York Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements**

The existing conditions survey has been completed and we are in the process of developing conceptual designs to determine the best way to replace the sewer while determining how the affected properties will be impacted. We will meet with the affected property owners to review the design prior to placing the project out for bid.

**2014 Sanitary Sewer CCTV Inspection and Cleaning**

The Borough of Bridgeville is currently in Year 4 of the Operation and Maintenance Phase of the Consent Order. Bids were received on April 9, 2014 for the CCTV Inspection and Cleaning. These bids are under review by the solicitor before any award recommendation will be made. Completion of the proposed work is required to stay in compliance with the Operations and Maintenance Plan, as was submitted to the Allegheny County Health Department, as well as inspection of segments with incomplete or no CCTV inspection records fulfilling the requirement to inspect 100% of the sewer system.

**Chartiers Park Stream Bank Stabilization**

A motion was made by N. Petrocelli, Sr., seconded by J. Sarasnick authorizing Manager Collins and Engineer Sites to proceed with the preparation of the plans and specifications to place the project out for bid. Note: Manager Collins stated that the public works department has taken a look at this and feel that they cannot handle it. All in favor, motion carried 7-0.

**Chartiers Street, Washington Avenue and Chartiers Creek Bridge Intersection**

We have been in communication with the neighboring communities of South Fayette, Upper St. Clair and Collier Township. We will be scheduling a meeting before the end of the month to review and discuss the next step and plans.

**FEMA Map and Ordinance Updates**

We will be attending a meeting with the manager during the week of May 12, 2014 to review the changes and updates to the FEMA maps and the required ordinance updates.

**GIS Mapping, Signs and Fire Hydrants**

We have met with the manager to discuss the Borough GIS Mapping updates, sign inventory and fire hydrant mapping. We have developed scopes and some budget amounts for consideration to proceed with the projects to address regulatory requirements.

**FIRE CHIEF, WILLIAM CHILLO**

Fire Chief Chilleo thanked everyone that supported the Cash Bash and Fish Fry's this year. They were a huge success.

**SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER**

No Report.

**LIBRARY DELEGATE, MICHAEL AQUILINA**

No Report.

**BOROUGH MANAGER, LORI COLLINS**

Manager Collins provided her written report to council noting the following:

Cargill Deicing Technology has informed all of the municipalities participating that they are not willing to extend the existing contract for rock salt for an additional one (1) year term. With that information received, the SHACOG will proceed with re-bidding the contract.

Bridgeville Day on the Avenue – The committee continues to make preparations for the event scheduled on Jun 14, 2014. \$5,295 in donations has been received to date.

I have been in contact with the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad regarding the condition of the sidewalk and trestle. They informed me that painting is not a part of their maintenance program but would give the Borough permission to take on this task. I also addressed the condition of the sidewalk with them. I will keep Council informed as communication continues. The railroad did inform me that they will be re-decking this area at the end of 2014 or beginning of 2015.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

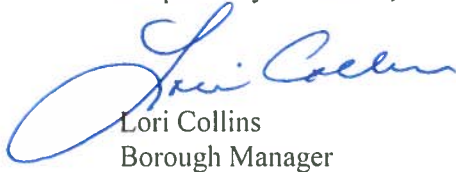
W. Henderson stated that he is working with a teacher at the Chartiers Valley High School that handles the television program. They did away with their Senior projects but they are looking to have the members of the senior class do small stories and projects about communities. He volunteered to work with them to promote Bridgeville in anyway. The first thing that came to mind was the Military Banner Program. If anyone has any stories that they think will be worthwhile for this program, please let him know and he will pass along the information.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to have an executive session regarding legal issues at 7:53 p.m.  
Council returned at 10:00 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by B. Ghelarducci, seconded by J. Sarasnick. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,

  
Lori Collins  
Borough Manager

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Dear Lori,

At last month's Council meeting, as you know, in the presence of the public and the news media, my family and I were falsely accused by Councilman Petricelli of being the cause for Bridgeville's loss of a \$300,000 grant from the State in the past, that was to be for the widening of Washington Avenue to 4 lanes from the U.S. Post Office to the South End bridge over Chartiers Creek.

This was just the most recent in a series of false, misleading, slanderous statements made in these chambers by Bridgeville public officials about me, that have risen to the level of libel because of their entries into the official public record.

**The following information was provided to me about last month's slanderous comments by the member of Council, by former Councilmen Danial Saccani and Thomas Grossi through 2 conversations : They both would welcome the opportunity to further verify these comments, since they were the only 2 dissenting members of the Council that refused to accept the \$300,000 State grant.**

The **TRUTH** regarding the loss of the \$300,000 grant is as follows :

About twenty years ago, five of the members of Bridgeville Council voted to turn down the offer from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to make 2 lane wide Washington Avenue, one lane wider on both sides of the street in front of the Bethany Church, and the former Fryer Funeral Home between the United States Post Office and the bridge over the creek.

The members of the Fryer family who owned the property across the from the church, **never took any action or made any statement** to oppose or even delay the widening of the road, no matter how much had to be taken from the funeral home's side of that city block, as Councilman Petrocelli has falsely stated.

The **FACTS are....** the town's utilities were buried under the Fryer family's side of the street and it would have cost the state as much as the widening of the road to move them further away from the center line of the street.



**Also, the land next to the street on the Fryer side was about 10 feet higher than the street level, compared to the church's side, where it was nearly level with the street.**

**Also, the church was 3 times the distance back from the edge of the street compared to the buildings on the Fryer side, which would have required Penn DOT to construct costly retaining walls special steps to maintain pedestrian access to the entrances of 5 buildings.**

**Privately, all of council had agreed to vote to accept the money, UNTIL they attended a public meeting where a group of people from the church understandably demanded that they vote against the grant and the widening.**

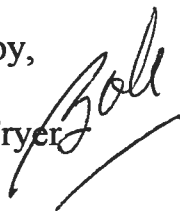
Tom Grossi and Dan Sacconi were the only councilmen who were not intimidated because they knew the wider road would be better for the People and business owners in Bridgeville. They both voted to accept the \$300,000 and the new road. Bridgeville would have only had to pay \$ 15,000 to get the \$300,000, which in today's money was equivalent to \$593,000 !

The members of Council at that time were... **Nino Petrocelli, Robert Flemming, Mary Weise, Bert Cherry and Susan Edinger, who switched their votes to turn down the money and the 4 lane wide street.**

Please see that this letter in made an official part of the minutes of Bridgeville Council, as have similar letters like this one, that have been addressed to you, and been read at the Council meetings in to the public record, over the last 6 months.

Submitted by,

Robert B. Fryer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob", written over the printed name "Robert B. Fryer". The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.



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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

BUREAU OF WATERWAYS ENGINEERING AND WETLANDS

August 21, 2013

Mr. Robert Fryer  
521 Washington Avenue  
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Re: DEP File No. C2:25

Dear Mr. Fryer:

Thank you and Councilmen Michael Tolmer and William Colussy for meeting with Bill Kcenich on August 15 to discuss ongoing flooding problems along McLaughlin Run in Bridgeville Borough. While touring the area, Bill was shown many houses and several businesses located within the Borough that have experienced repeated flooding. As Bill explained at the meeting, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) administers a statewide flood protection program that considers the feasibility of providing structural solutions (i.e., flood protection projects) for flood-prone communities within the Commonwealth. These structural solutions are typically large projects that can consist of a combination of channel improvements, earthen levees, concrete or sheet pile floodwalls, concrete channels, riprapped channels, concrete box culverts, and/or detention dams.

Before we can recommend a flood protection project to the Pennsylvania General Assembly for funding, we must confirm that it is economically justified. Justification is based on a favorable comparison of project benefits to project costs. Essentially, the cost of flood damages that will be prevented by a project must equal or exceed the cost of constructing that project.

The process to determine if a project is justified is as follows:

- **STEP 1: The Borough must conduct a Flood Damage Inventory of residences and businesses in the flood-prone area.** Enclosed, for your use, is DEP's "Flood Damage Inventory" package, which contains Flood Damage Inventory forms and instructions on how to complete them. The Borough should distribute the enclosed forms to the owners of all properties impacted by flooding, identify those properties on a tax map, collect the forms after the property owners have completed them, and return the completed forms and tax map(s) to this office.
- **STEP 2: DEP will review the results of your flood damage inventory to determine if a flood protection project feasibility study is warranted.** A feasibility study is a detailed engineering analysis that considers the impacts that flooding will have on a community and determines what measures can be applied to protect the high damage areas. Project justification, or lack thereof, is determined through this study. After reviewing the Borough's flood damage inventory, DEP will notify the Borough if a study is warranted or not warranted.

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Dear Lori,

Attached is type written transcript of a Planning Commission meeting over a year ago, at which Councilman Nino Petrocelli shouted false statements from the back of the room about me, as I was formally addressing the Commission.

The Councilman stated that I was insulting that the members of the Commission and also Bridgeville Council of being stupid and unintelligent.

The transcript proves that the Councilman's statements are completely false fabrications regarding my questions to the Commission about the traffic congestion and the parking problems in our community.

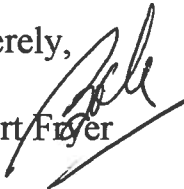
This was a open slanderous statement at an official public meeting, by an elected Bridgeville official that is in the public record.

Please see that this letter and the attached transcript is made an official part of the minutes of Bridgeville Council, as have similar letters like this one, that have been addressed to you, and been read at the Council meetings in to the public record, over the last 6 months.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Fryer



Transcript  
Bridgeville Planning Commission Meeting  
July, 02009

Individuals present

Bert Cherry  
Rich Deklewa  
Joseph Mezia  
John McGann  
Lori Collins

Robert Fryer  
Richard Kasmer  
Nino Petrocelli

**Mr. Cherry :** Are there guests or correspondence ? Mr. Fryer would you speak first ?

**Mr. Fryer :** I just came down for my own information. I was curious at what the planning commission's most important projects are. If you have things you might be interested in like....eliminating the traffic congestion problem, the parking (problem) ? I'd like to know what you sort of ideas you had as your primary agenda the past year or two years.

**Mr Cherry :** Our primary agenda the past year, has been updating the borough ordinances, which was time consuming. We spent countless hours here. We got that achieved about two months ago.

**Mr. Fryer :** I'm sure that was very tedious. What were the (Commission's) goals ? I'm assuming you had a professional agency do that for you, or did you do it yourself ?  
What primarily did you tell the agency that you wanted the comprehensive plan to achieve ?

**Mr. Mezia :** We wanted to help make it easier for the business district.

**Mr Fryer :** To stimulate the business and the community ? I assume to improve tax revenues so we would have more money.

**Mr. Mezia :** Exactly.

**Mr. Fryer :** Have you made any other, have you invented any other capital improvement projects that you would like to see built in the community.?

**Mr. Petrocelli :** (Speaking from the back of the planning commission's chambers)

**I'd like to.... it's not right what I'm doing. But, all this gentleman is doing, in questioning us (about) what we did, what we asked this professional person (the consultant for the ordinance's updating).....**

**We had public meetings and he could have been here and been part of it. Now he's trying to tell us we weren't intelligent enough to ask all these certain things. We asked (about) everything that we did. He shouldn't be asking these questions. It makes us look stupid, because we are not stupid.**

I know that you've noticed that we have to sit 15 minutes in mid-day when we're on Washington Pike (Route #50) trying to get through the community heading South, and the same thing in the other direction.

If the Comprehensive Plan has been designed to attract businesses into the community, it's going to have little success in doing that, unless some thing's done about the traffic congestion problem.

You're not going to get businesses to invest hundreds of thousands of dollars in the community when it takes so long (for people) to go to (and from) any new stores, apartments or office buildings.

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Dear Lori,

At the November or December 2013 Council meeting, former Councilman Joseph Colosimo read a letter with false statements about me into the public record.

The letter denied my working with South Fayette officials over a period of about a year, in an effort to investigate the possibilities of having Penn DOT widen key sections of Washington Pike to eliminate the extensive, decades long traffic congestion in South Fayette and Bridgeville.

Councilman Colosimo had certainly read the previous Bridgeville Area News front page article in which a South Fayette official stated they has been working with Penn DOT and me regarding traffic congestion solution. Therefore, he was fully aware that the letter would be misleading, yet he still read it, and emphatically asked that it be included in the public record in the presence of a newspaper reporter and the People in Council Chamber's audience.

Enclosed is a copy of the list of only a few of the meetings I've had that included South Fayette officials and other parties critical to the solution of the traffic congestion problem.

Also, the photocopy of the Bridgeville Area News article that states :

**" THE SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP MANAGER SAID THAT TRAFFIC HAS BEEN AN ON GOING PROBLEM IN THAT SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP, AND IT IS SOMETHING THAT THE TOWNSHIP HAS BEEN WORKING WITH BOTH (BOB) FRYER AND PENN DOT. "**

**"EGGLESTEIN SAID THAT THE TOWNSHIP HAS BEEN WORKING WITH AND GETTING FEEDBACK FROM FRYER FOR A WHILE, BUT THEY ARE ALSO WORKING WITH PENNDOT...."**

All of this series of 4 slanderous statements have been made by Bridgeville officials in their official capacity as public officials, not in private discussions with others in the community, which is most likely.

Sincerely,

Bob Fryer

