

**BRIDGEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 9, 2013**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**425 BOWER HILL ROAD**  
**BRIDGEVILLE, PA 15017**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Council President,  
Nino Petrocelli, Sr.  
Council Vice President,  
Joseph Colosimo  
Council,  
Mary Weise  
Jason Sarasnick  
William Colussy  
Michael Tolmer

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Mayor, Donald Dolde  
Solicitor, Richard Ferris  
Attorney, Phil Sbrolla  
Borough Manager, Lori Collins  
Police Chief, Chad King

Engineer, Joe Sites – entered at 7:09 p.m.  
Bruce Ghelarducci - Absent  
Fire Chief, William Chilleo – Absent  
SouthBridge EMS, Dan Miller - Absent

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**

Mindy McCartney – 630 Bank Street  
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Mrs. McCartney stated that she had an incident on August 20<sup>th</sup> due to the truck detour for Bower Hill Road. There were low overhead wires that crossed over from one side of the street to the right hand side of Bank Street. A tractor trailer pulled the wires down which ripped the siding off of her house and broke the window. She stated that she called the Borough and they sent the Fire Department up. The Fire Department cut the wires and wrapped them around the tree and tied them to the fence post in her yard. She is a renter and does not believe this should be her landlord's responsibility. She contacted PennDOT and they finally got back to her about a week later because they didn't know who was responsible. Jeff Thompson from PennDOT stated that it is the Borough's responsibility. Talon Logistics' is the truck that hit the wire. He didn't even realize that he pulled the wires down. According to PennDOT law; you have to make sure that the truck detour has to be able to accommodate any truck that you are detouring up that avenue. That was not done because you would have known that the height of those wires were not enough to accommodate a 13' 6" box truck, which is a standard size box truck. She was without cable and phone service and this is a major problem. She stated that the Police do a very good job of patrolling.

Manager Collins stated that she spoke with Mr. Thompson last week regarding this situation and she was getting all of the information together so she could give Mrs. McCarthy a call back. The Police gave her a copy of the Police Report and they had spoken with Mr. Gibbons who is the owner of the property and asked him if he would contact his homeowner's insurance to see what they were requiring to be done. There are no height restrictions on Bank Street. These size trucks are not restricted in this area.

Chief King stated that tractor trailer's do travel Bank Street on a regular basis.

Mrs. McCartney also stated that another issue that she has is the parking on Bank Street. There is No Parking from her driveway around the bend down to Dewey Avenue. Every Sunday the front of 600 Bank Street is lined with cars. She stated that she knows that it has been addressed but that whole street needs to be corrected. Her husband's truck has been hit 3 times.

Council went into further discussion regarding both issues.

Rick Hughan – 1047 Coolidge Street  
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Mr. Hughan stated that 25 years ago he moved into his residence which already had bamboo growing and now there are some neighbors that are complaining about the roots going onto the neighboring properties. He stated that he is working on removing the bamboo and root growth.

Pasquale DeBlasio – 447 Washington Avenue  
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Mr. DeBlasio stated that at some point he would like to see a report from either the Flood Control Authority or Engineer, Joe Sites indicating as to what the proximate causes of the flooding is and what possible solutions there are.

Manager Collins stated that about 5 years ago, she requested a study from the Army Corp of Engineers that they extend their maintenance of the James Fulton project up into McLaughlin Run because that would benefit us in many ways. They have not responded to us. We have sediment at the intersection of Chartiers and McLaughlin where the Army Corp of Engineers is mandated to remove it. We met with many municipalities last week and she feels that this is the first time that there is a plan for many municipalities to work together. The Army Corp of Engineers, DEP, PennDOT and Congressman Murphy's office all stated that we could do many things within our Borough but it will not help unless the whole area is done. All of these municipalities will be applying for a multi-municipal study from the Army Corp of Engineers. The representative from the Army Corp of Engineers stated that a large study, looking at the watersheds needs to be done. The DEP does not have the money to fund these projects. The Army Corp of Engineers has the funding. We finally felt after struggling through all of these years that all of us are now working together towards one goal. In the meantime, they let us know what we can and can't do to clean up. FEMA, at this time is not funding any clean-up for any of the municipalities. That decision has been appealed by PEMA. We have to make a plan to do our clean-up. We have reviewed the McLaughlin area and we have many issues and struggles. As far as permitting to go into the creek; we have to specifically permit for that. We can keep equipment out of the creek and just try to dig the sediment out without dredging. We unblocked one culvert as an emergency situation. We have another one blocked and a sanitary

sewer line that needs repaired. Property owners do not realize that at the end of the embankment, the trees and brush are on their property and are their responsibility. We have to do this a section at a time. We are moving in the right direction but we have to get to the clean-up. She went into further discussion regarding this issue.

Bob Fryer - 521 Washington Avenue  
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Mr. Fryer stated that he took some measurements of the bridges and the culvert on McLaughlin Run Road through Bridgeville trying to determine what was causing the flooding. He took all the dimensions, drawings and photographs and sent them to the Department of Environmental protection in Harrisburg. They sent one of their state wide investigators to take a look at the bridges and creek beds from Bridgeville up to Upper St. Clair Township. During that visit, Councilman Mike Tolmer, Councilman Bill Colussy and he met with him. After the visit; the investigator sent him a letter requesting the he ask the Army Corp of Engineers to take a look at the culvert and the whole situation. As a result, he wrote a letter to the Army Corp and the Department of Protection. He stated that this problem is man made and he asked how an inadequate culvert gets built when it had to get ok'd by either the Army Corp of Engineers, Department of Environmental Protection or Bridgeville Borough. He heard that it was built between 1990 and 1994. Whoever allowed this to be built needs to explain some things.

Council went into further discussion regarding this situation.

Eric Rousell – 710 Charlet Street  
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Mr. Rousell stated that with the bridge being opened on Prestley Road, the traffic on Charlet Street is going to be horrific. The residents there were wondering if Charlet Street could be blocked off and made a dead end.

Manager Collins stated that if Council would like to move forward with a traffic study there, we will make recommendations that are viable and meet regulations for that area. Before we make any changes, a traffic study will have to be done. They will make the recommendations as to what is feasible as far as liability, etc.

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

Mrs. Calabro stated that the Farmer's Market is still open and we need the community out there more. It is from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesdays.

## **MINUTES**

A motion was made by J. Sarasnick, seconded by M. Tolmer approving the minutes of the August 27, 2013 special meeting as submitted. All in favor, motion carried 6-0.

**CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 3 – 2013 SANITARY SEWER POINT REPAIR PROJECT**

A motion was made by J. Sarasnick, seconded by M. Weise approving the remittal of Current Estimate No. 3 in the amount of \$80,653.05 to Insight Pipe Contracting, LP for work completed to date on the 2013 Sanitary Sewer Point Repair Contract. Remarks: Manager Collins stated that the estimate has been reviewed and certified by Engineer Sites. All in favor, motion carried 6-0.

**CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 1 – CONTRACT B – BOWER HILL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

A motion was made by J. Colosimo, seconded by J. Sarasnick approving the remittal of Current Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$49,781.18 to Peter J. Caruso for work completed to date on the Bower Hill Road Improvement Project. Remarks: Manager Collins stated the estimate has been reviewed and certified by Engineer Sites. All in favor, motion carried 6-0.

**POLICE PENSION (MMO) MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION**

A motion was made by J. Sarasnick, seconded by M. Tolmer approving the receipt of the Police Pension (MMO) Minimum Municipal Obligation of \$84,672 for the 2014 Budget Year as prepared by Manager Collins. The pension contribution for 2014 has been calculated to continue at the maximum permitted by Act 600-8%. An actuarial review is conducted each year to revisit the required contribution. All in favor, motion carried 6-0.

**NON-UNIFORMED PENSION (MMO) MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION**

A motion was made by M. Weise, seconded by M. Tolmer approving the receipt of the Non-Uniformed Pension (MMO) Minimum Municipal Obligation of \$29,891 for the 2014 Budget Year as prepared by Manager Collins. All in favor, motion carried 6-0.

**CD YEAR 39 GRANT – STRUCTURE DEMOLITION**

A motion was made by J. Colosimo, seconded by M. Weise approving the Char-West Council of Governments to award the contract for the demolition of the structure located at 1240 Union Street to Continental Construction & Demolition in the amount of \$6,000. Remark: Manager Collins stated that Continental Construction & Demolition is the second lowest bidder. A rejection of the low bidder A.W. McNabb was due to unacceptable work on previous demolition projects within the Borough; thus the company was considered an irresponsible bidder. All in favor, motion carried 6-0.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FULL TIME OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT**

A motion was made by M. Tolmer, seconded by M. Weise approving an offer of employment for the full time position of Public Works Employee plus Mechanic to Gregory Allott contingent upon the results of all pre-employment checks in progress at this time. Remarks: Manager Collins stated that salary and benefits will follow the Public Works Collective Bargaining Agreement in place at this time. All in favor, motion carried 6-0.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION**

A motion was made by M. Tolmer, seconded by M. Weise approving the resignation of Gerald Novelli from the Zoning Hearing Board effective October 1, 2013. Remarks: Manager Collins thanked Mr. Novelli for his service to the community. All in favor, motion carried 6-0.

**BILL LIST**

A motion was made by M. Weise, seconded by J. Sarasnick approving the September 2013 Bill List. All in favor, motion carried 6-0.

**PAYROLLS**

A motion was made by J. Sarasnick, seconded by M. Tolmer approving the payrolls of September 13, 20, 27 and October 4 and 11, 2013. All in favor, motion carried 6-0.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

A motion was made by J. Colosimo, seconded by M. Weise approving to pay any commissions due the August 2013 Real Estate Tax Collector Report. All in favor, motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by M. Weise, seconded by J. Colosimo approving the July 2013 Financial Report. All in favor, motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by J. Sarasnick, seconded by M. Tolmer approving the August 2013 Police Report. All in favor, motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by J. Sarasnick, seconded by J. Colosimo approving the August 2013 Zoning Report. All in favor, motion carried 6-0.

**REAL ESTATE TAX REFUNDS**

A motion was made by J. Sarasnick, seconded by J. Colosimo approving the following Real Estate Tax Refunds due to changes in the assessments as requested by the Real Estate Tax Collector:

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Lot/Block</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Name and Address</u></b>
2013	256-M-101	\$ 119.12	John and Madeline Kosky 214 Hickory Grade Road Bridgeville, PA 15107
2013	322-F-58	\$ 77.61	Steve and Kimberly Bush 673 Chestnut Street Bridgeville, PA 15017
	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 196.73</u></b>	

Copies of the Official Change Orders are on file in the Real Estate Office. All in favor, motion carried 6-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

ADMINISTRATION, JOSEPH COLOSIMO

No Report

FINANCE, MARY WEISE

M. Weise stated that Real Estate Tax Collections for 2013 stand at 73%. We will be watching the finances very closely.

PARKS & RECREATION, JASON SARASNICK

No Report

PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS, NINO PETROCELLI, SR.

N. Petrocelli stated that the Public Works Department does a very good job. They have been asphaltting streets and maintaining them. The community is well taken care of.

PUBLIC SAFETY, BRUCE GHELARDUCCI

Absent

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, MARY WEISE

M. Weise stated that it is very important that you stop by the Farmer's Market.

Manager Collins noted that we had some issues with the plantings on Main Street. She stated that she has been talking with the nursery to get some replacements.

**MAYOR, DONALD DOLDE**

No Report

**POLICE CHIEF, CHAD KING**

Chief King stated that there are 2 full-timers off the schedule. Officer Haley is off with a broken shoulder and Officer Bujakowski is off with a broken hand.

He thanked Fire Chief Chilleo for help with an incident that happened Saturday night at McLaughlin Park. We had a resident from McLaughlin Run Road go into South Park Township and pistol whipped another male. He returned to Bridgeville where we located him at 6:00 a.m.

at McLaughlin Park where he committed suicide by hanging. The Fire Department went shoulder to shoulder through the creek and swept it for the gun. The gun was not located but was found Sunday in South Park. He thanked the Fire Department for their assistance.

### **SOLICITOR, RICHARD FERRIS**

No Report

### **ENGINEER, JOE SITES**

#### **2013 Pavement Maintenance Program – Contract A – Baldwin Street**

The contracts have been executed by Youngblood Paving and the Borough. Prior to any work being started on the project, we want the Sanitary Sewer Repair contractor to complete the work on Baldwin Street so that the new pavement is not disturbed. Since Baldwin Street will be used for the detour of Bower Hill Road for the outbound traffic, no work will be occurring until Bower Hill Road is done. Once Bower Hill Road and the sanitary sewer repair work is completed, we will be holding a pre-construction meeting with Youngblood Paving to get the project started.

#### **2013 Pavement Maintenance Program – Contract B – Bower Hill Road**

Work is progressing with the replacement of the sidewalk which should be completed in the next week and then traffic will be switched to the other side to permit completion of the inlet work. The manager is in receipt of Application for Payment 1 in the amount of \$49,781.18 in which payment is recommended.

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

Insight Pipe Inc. has been working on the point repairs and will start completing restoration work this coming week. The manager is in receipt of Application for Payment 3 in the amount of \$80,653.05 in which payment is recommended.

#### **Street Opening Permit – St. Clair Street**

The transfer of all of the residential services and restoration remains on St. Clair Street to be completed. Once the services are transferred, the pavement restoration can be completed.

#### **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. All data files were updated on the Borough computer system during the past month and the ability to enter Building Permit information for tracking and archiving was added.

**850/861 McLaughlin Run Road Wall – DEP Bureau of Mine Reclamation**

The contractor for the DEP has started the wall installation.

**FIRE CHIEF, WILLIAM CHILLO**

Absent

**SOUTHBRIDGE EMS, DAN MILLER**

Absent

**LIBRARY DELEGATE, MICHAEL AQUILINA**

Deb Colosimo stated that the Jill West Blue's Band concert is September 13<sup>th</sup> and will be held indoors. It is a fundraiser for the library and is bring your own bottle.

**BOROUGH MANAGER, LORI COLLINS**

Manager Collins provided her written report to Council for review.

**OLD BUSINESS**

M. Weise stated that she is publicly urging the residents of Bridgeville Borough to photograph everything. You will want a copy for your safety deposit box and a copy for a fire proof safe. It is very helpful to the insurance companies if you have a fire, flood, robbery or changes in your area. It would help to some extent that you have pictures to corroborate.

September 10<sup>th</sup> at the library from 7:00 p.m. will be Bridgeville History between World War I and World War II. On Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, the Annual 911 service will be held at Holy Child Church at 7:00 p.m. On Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Chili Cook-Off at Fairview Park. It starts at 12:00 p.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Fryer stated on record that he asked in writing to be put on a committee when there was an opening and he was rejected several times.



**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,

  
Lori Collins  
Borough Manager