

MINUTES
BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, November 7, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

John Blazosky
Phil Hynes
Bill Kutz
Karen Allgeier
Dave Ferringer
Clarinda R. Darr
Ken King
Dalynn Park - Arrived
@ 7:03 P.M.

STAFF

Manager Dana D. Shick
Mayor Richard Beck
Police Chief Jason Brown
Public Works Director -
Dave Vallosio
Zoning & Health Officer -
Emerson Turnbull
Code Enforcement Officer -
Donald Jonischek
Recorder Christine Gunning
Solicitor Jim Dennison

VISITOR/MEDIA

Randy Bartley
Scott Shindledecker
Rose James
John Pozza
Melissa Gelnette
Sharon Cooper
Ryan Pearsall
Derek Weisner
Adam Terwilliger
Annoria Schreckengost
Maya Isaac

CALL TO ORDER:

President John Blazosky called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES (October 17, 2017):

Member Karen Allgeier moved to approve the minutes of the October 17th meeting as submitted; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 7-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- A. Approval of Expenditures** – The current bills were presented for approval. Member Karen Allgeier moved to approve the bills as submitted; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. Fund Level Financial Statements** – President John Blazosky stated if anyone has any questions regarding the financial statements, Manager Dana D. Shick and Vice-President Phil Hynes are here.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Melissa Gelnette and Sharon Cooper – Dovetail Services** – Melissa Gelnette, LPC, Program Director, and owner of Dovetail Services thanked council for giving her and Sharon Cooper, LPC, CAADC, Clinical Director and owner of Dovetail Services some time at the meeting to share the services they will be providing. Melissa Gelnette stated even though they are not located in the borough they anticipate treating people who live in the borough. Melissa Gelnette stated Dovetail Services is a therapy agency, and they currently have their mental health component up and running. Melissa Gelnette stated they see people with

anxiety disorders, post-traumatic stress, depression, or anything along those lines. Melissa Gelnette stated within a few months they anticipate having their drug and alcohol building up and running. Melissa Gelnette stated they are getting licensed by the state for that. Melissa Gelnette stated they are both licensed therapists that help people with private insurance. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz asked where Dovetail Services is located. Melissa Gelnette stated it is in Falls Creek on Main Street. Melissa Gelnette stated in the future they want to hire more licensed therapists to help a larger amount of the population. Member Karen Allgeier asked if they have been in touch with Community Connections for Clearfield and Jefferson Counties. Melissa Gelnette stated they sent information and reached out for a meeting with them. Member Karen Allgeier asked Melissa Gelnette to try to get on the agenda for their next board meeting, and stated she is the President of the Advisory Council for Community Connections. Member Karen Allgeier stated she will take this information back to them and ask them to give her a call. Council thanked Melissa Gelnette and Sharon Cooper from Dovetail Services for their presentation.

REPORTS:

Chief of Police

- A. **Statistics for October** – Police Chief Jason Brown reported in the month of October officers at the Brookville Police Department responded to 1,256 calls for service, wrote 72 reports, made 74 traffic contacts, filed 7 felony charges, 13 misdemeanor charges, 2 summary charges, and also had 1 301-302 commital.
- B. **Request to Hire Part-time Police Officers** – Police Chief Jason Brown stated he is requesting council's permission to hire several more part-time officers. Police Chief Jason Brown stated he spoke to Chief Peck in Clarion, and he agrees this is a statewide problem to find part-time officers. Police Chief Jason Brown stated the officers are getting burnt out. Member Karen Allgeier moved to allow Police Chief Jason Brown to look for and hire more part-time police officers for the police department; seconded by Member Clarinda R. Darr. Motion carried 7-0.

Fire Company – Ryan Pearsall, Deputy Chief of the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company, reported in the month of October they had 20 alarms, 1 structure fire, 2 activated fire alarms, 1 natural gas incident, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 4 trees/lines down, 4 EMS assists, 1 landing zone, and 2 PD assists. Deputy Chief Ryan Pearsall stated they had fire prevention this month, and it went very well. Deputy Chief Ryan Pearsall reported Pinecreek and Sigel fire departments assisted them. Deputy Chief Ryan Pearsall reported the new ladder truck should be starting in production the first or second week of December in Wisconsin, and will possibly be completed around February 9th.

Director of Public Works – Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated paving has been completed in the borough. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated leaf pickup has started. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated all work orders are current.

Zoning/Health Officer – Zoning Officer Emerson Turnbull read his written report. Member Clarinda R. Darr asked if any action is going on at Union Apartments. Zoning

Officer Emerson Turnbull stated he has not seen anything. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated a realtor has shown it a couple of times over the last few weeks. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he let realtors know that if someone does agree to buy it, they would have to come back to the borough and show they have the plans to rebuild it.

Code Enforcement Officer – Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated he had several complaints from people regarding their neighbors' garbage and they have all been taken care of. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek reported regarding the six letters he sent out last month, the last three have been taken care of.

Committee Reports – No Reports

Solicitor – No Report

Borough Manager

- A. **2018 Budgets** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated council has received the proposed 2018 budget, and she encourages them to review it before the next meeting. Manager Dana D. Shick stated at this time there is no tax increase for the General Fund. Manager Dana D. Shick stated there is a necessary tax increase of .3 mil for the Street Light Fund. Manager Dana D. Shick stated that is to cover the street lights in town.
- B. **Additional Tax Fund Payments** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated she was reviewing the funds and she would like to pay back some overpayments that we have acquired. Manager Dana D. Shick stated this regards the Library Fund which is the library tax and the Fire Fund which is the fire tax. Manager Dana D. Shick stated money gets left over from year to year by overestimating expenditures. Manager Dana D. Shick stated she would like to pay one thousand dollars from the library fund to the library, and five thousand dollars from the Fire Fund to the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company. Member Karen Allgeier moved to authorize Manager Dana D. Shick to write checks in the amounts of one thousand dollars to the library and five thousand dollars to the fire company as payment of leftover funds; seconded by Vice-President Phil Hynes. Motion carried 7-0.
- C. **Gaming Expansion in Municipalities – Deadline for Opt-Out** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) sent out an email on Friday, November 3rd alerting us to a deadline for municipals opting out of the gaming expansion in municipalities. Manager Dana D. Shick stated the deadline is December 31st. Manager Dana D. Shick stated the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board has changed the Pennsylvania race horse development and gambling act which allows category four casinos to expand. Manager Dana D. Shick stated this means they can come into municipalities where they could not before. Manager Dana D. Shick stated the municipalities would have to pass a resolution by December 31st blocking category four casinos from coming into their municipality. Manager Dana D. Shick stated Solicitor Jim Dennison drafted a sample resolution. After some discussion, Member Ken King stated there are unknown consequences of a

casino coming in, and he is in favor of voting no. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz stated he would like to hold this over to the next meeting, and asked Police Chief Jason Brown what he thought. Police Chief Jason Brown stated usually they police themselves pretty well, and there is usually a significant tax revenue for the borough. President John Blazosky stated we will hold this over and discuss it at the next meeting.

- D. **Executive Session – Personnel** – Manager Dana D. Shick requested an executive session for personnel, and stated she was not sure if there would be action or not.
- E. **Work on 2018 Budgets** – Member Clarinda R. Darr stated she wanted to publicly thank Manager Dana D. Shick for all the hard work she did on the 2018 budgets.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

- A. **Junior Council Member Dalynn Park** – Junior Council Member Dalynn Park apologized for being late to the meeting, and stated she was at musical practice. Junior Council Member Dalynn Park invited everyone to come to the musical next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.
- B. **Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck thanked the people from Dovetail Services for their presentation.
- C. **Member Ken King** – Member Ken King stated he wishes Dovetail Services success in their venture, and thanked Public Works Director Dave Vallosio and his crew for the great work they do, especially with the leaves.
- D. **Member Clarinda R. Darr** – Member Clarinda R. Darr welcomed all the guests at the meeting tonight, and wished Dovetail Services good luck. Member Clarinda R. Darr stated there are Veterans Day celebrations coming up this weekend, and she hopes that everyone voted.
- E. **Member Dave Ferringer** – Member Dave Ferringer welcomed the new business and wished them the best of luck.
- F. **Member Karen Allgeier** – Member Karen Allgeier stated she wants to echo that, and as President of the Advisory Council that is one of the issues they have been toiling with over the last ten years, and she cannot wait for them to come and see what they have available for them. Member Karen Allgeier stated the musical is one of the best shows you have seen in a long time, and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
- G. **President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz** – President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz wished the Dovetail ladies good luck and thanked them for their presentation. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz wished Mr. Pozza good luck in running for school board.
- H. **Vice-President Phil Hynes** – Vice-President Phil Hynes stated he had nothing to add.
- I. **President John Blazosky** – President John Blazosky thanked Dovetail Services for their presentation, and asked the media if they had any questions.

MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION:

A. John Pozza

1. **Parking Code** – Reporter John Pozza asked Police Chief Jason Brown if officers are enforcing the new parking code regarding parking cars with the wheels on the passenger side alongside the curb. Police Chief Jason Brown stated the officers enforce that when they can, but parking unfortunately has to take a back seat to some of the things that are going on.

B. Randy Bartley/John Pozza

1. **2018 Budget** – Reporter Randy Bartley asked Manager Dana D. Shick what the projected amount of the 2018 budget is. Manager Dana D. Shick stated for just the General Fund it is \$2,316,825.00. Reporter John Pozza asked regarding the proposed .3 mil for the Street Light Fund, what does it amount to and what is the reason for that. Manager Dana D. Shick stated it will take us to a total of .9 mil for street lights, dollarwise she has not calculated yet for the average homeowner. Manager Dana D. Shick stated the reason we are doing that is we have depleted the reserves we had in the Street Light Fund and she needs money to pay the electric bill. Reporter John Pozza stated he just wondered what .3 equals to. Member Dave Ferringer stated \$20,000.00. Vice-President Phil Hynes stated street lights are getting damaged. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz stated it is very expensive to replace street lights.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Brookville Borough Council entered an executive session at 7:30 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter with possible action. Executive session ended at 7:52 P.M. with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Member Karen Allgeier moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 7-0 at 7:52 P.M.

Borough Manager

