

MINUTES
BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, December 5, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, December 5, 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

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
John Pozza
Rose James
Scott Shindledecker
Jean Hidingier
Rick Baughman
Ryan Pearsall

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 (November 21, 2017):

Member Dave Ferringer moved to approve the minutes of the November 21st meeting as submitted; seconded by Member Karen Allgeier. 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. Jean Hidingier – Casino's in the Borough** – Jean Hidingier stated she was here to speak about the matter of casinos in the borough. Jean Hidingier stated she cannot see the benefits of gambling in our town. Jean Hidingier stated gambling can become an addiction and a lot of people will spend more money than they can afford. Jean Hidingier stated anything she knows about gambling is not good. President John Blazosky thanked Jean Hidingier for her comments.

REPORTS:

Chief of Police

- A. **Statistics for November** – Police Chief Jason Brown reported in the month of November officers of the Brookville Police Department responded to 1,330 calls for service, wrote 69 reports, made 88 traffic contacts, filed 2 felony charges, 40 misdemeanor charges, 5 summary charges, and there was 1 301-302 committal.
- B. **Light Up Brookville/Victorian Christmas** – Police Chief Jason Brown stated the Brookville Police Department assisted with the Light Up Brookville festivities and the parade on the 24th of November. Police Chief Jason Brown stated there was a great turn out for Victorian Christmas, and no incidents were reported there.

Fire Company

- A. **Statistics for November** – Ryan Pearsall, Deputy Chief of the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company, reported in the month of November they had 10 runs, 2 structure fires, 1 activated fire alarm, 1 fuel spill, 3 trees/lines down, and 1 public service call.
- B. **Ladder Truck** – Deputy Chief Ryan Pearsall stated the ladder truck should go into assembly next week.
- C. **State Grant** – Deputy Chief Ryan Pearsall reported they applied for a state grant and heard they will be receiving it. Deputy Chief Ryan Pearsall stated they do not know how much the grant will be for, and it will be used for equipment for the new ladder truck.

Director of Public Works – Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated leaf pickup in the borough will be extended to tomorrow. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated all work orders are current.

Zoning/Health Officer – Zoning Officer Emerson Turnbull reported in the month of November he issued 2 sign permits, did Zoning and Hearing Board prep for the code review, posted the property for the hearing for tomorrow, hand delivered a notice to the neighbor that will be directly affected, had 1 call regarding a burglar alarm hookup, and checked on the hotel demolition that is still going on.

Code Enforcement Officer – Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek reported he issued three warnings for different things on Mabon Street. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated a television was left out for weeks there, and now it is gone. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated he had several complaints about a garage on Euclid Avenue, and he issued two warnings to the owner. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated he gave a property owner on East Main Street a warning about having garbage in their yard.

Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

- 1. **2018 Budget** – Finance Committee Chairman Phil Hynes stated the budget has been properly advertised and displayed for the ten day period that is required. Finance Committee Chairman Phil Hynes made a motion

coming from committee to vote on the proposed budget that was presented to Council at the last meeting. President John Blazosky asked all Council Members in favor of the 2018 budget as presented to say 'aye'. Motion carried 7-0.

Solicitor

- A. **Tax Ordinance/ Uniform Pension Plan** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated with the adoption of the budget, he will have the Tax Ordinance at the next meeting. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated your Labor Council Rich Miller has finalized the labor agreement with the police union. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he will send a copy to each Council Member. Solicitor Jim Dennison asked Council's permission to advertise the uniform pension plan. Member Karen Allgeier moved that Solicitor Jim Dennison be allowed to advertise the pension plan changes and the tax ordinance; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 7-0.

Borough Manager

- A. **Resolution 537-17 – Category 4 Casinos** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated if Council passes Resolution 537-17 regarding category 4 casinos you are denying category 4 casinos at this point and time. Manager Dana D. Shick stated if Council does nothing, they are opening the borough to be considered for category 4 casinos. Police Chief Jason Brown stated the resolution is only if you will forbid it or not. Police Chief Jason Brown stated all the finite details would be taken care of at a later date. Member Dave Ferringer stated it would bring some jobs to the borough. Member Dave Ferringer stated he wants jobs for our people, and he does not want to lose any jobs by not having a casino. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz stated he did some biblical research regarding this. After some discussion, Member Karen Allgeier moved to table this until the next meeting for further investigation; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. **Resolution 540-17 – Close Out Community Conservation Grant** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated Resolution 540-17 is to close out our Community Conservation Grant. Manager Dana D. Shick stated this is to simply close out the project for the master site plan for Walter Dick Memorial Park. Manager Dana D. Shick stated this does not lock us in to any future work. Manager Dana D. Shick stated this is closing out the work that has been completed. Manager Dana D. Shick stated DCNR has approved the project and just needs the close out resolution to release the remaining funds. Member Karen Allgeier moved to approve Resolution 540-17 closing out community conservation partnerships grant project brc-tag-20-199; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 7-0.
- C. **PLGIT Street Light Account** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated there is money in PLGIT for the Street Light Account. Manager Dana D. Shick stated she needs access to it to pay the bills to get it from PLGIT into our S&T Bank account for \$15,000.00. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz moved to approve

Manager Dana D. Shick's request as presented; seconded by Member Ken King. Motion carried 7-0.

- D. Brookville Police Department Secretary** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated she would like to welcome Jennifer Dolan. Manager Dana D. Shick stated she accepted the Police Department Secretary position, and she will be starting on December 18th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

- A. Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck thanked Jean Hiding for coming to the meeting and for her comments.
- B. Member Ken King** – Member Ken King stated he thinks it is a good idea to table the casino vote, and at this time he is thinking the disadvantages would outweigh the advantages of a casino. Member Ken King stated he is in favor of further studies.
- C. Member Clarinda R. Darr** – Member Clarinda R. Darr thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting. Member Clarinda R. Darr stated opting out of the category 4 casinos is the way she would vote if she were voting today. Member Clarinda R. Darr thanked the Brookville Police Department for their help with Light Up Brookville. Member Clarinda R. Darr thanked the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company for all of their help. Member Clarinda R. Darr stated Victorian Christmas was a success. Member Clarinda R. Darr stated those two events brought a lot of people to town.
- D. Member Karen Allgeier** – Member Karen Allgeier thanked Jean Hiding for coming to tonight's meeting and for her comments. Member Karen Allgeier thanked Heidi Hoak and her committee for their hard work on Victorian Christmas. Member Karen Allgeier stated the Wine Walk and Victorian Christmas Dinner Theatre went very well. Member Karen Allgeier thanked everyone who came out and made the town alive this past weekend.
- E. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz** – President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz stated he thinks everyone on council is weighing this casino issue carefully and no one is taking it lightly. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz stated they are concerned about job creation and tax revenue, but at the same time we do not want people getting addicted to gambling. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz stated it is a tough one.
- F. Vice-President Phil Hynes** – Vice-President Phil Hynes stated it was nice to see that with Victorian Christmas Brookville had a parking problem again over the weekend.
- G. President John Blazosky** – President John Blazosky stated he heard from a lot of people that they appreciate the meter bags. President John Blazosky stated they are receptive to more public comment on the casino issue. President John Blazosky asked the media if they had any questions.

MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION:

- A. **Randy Bartley** – Reporter Randy Bartley asked President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz about his biblical research. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz stated his assumption was the people who are against casinos coming into the area would probably be religious people. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz stated there was nothing he could find that was directly against gambling. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz stated it is also gambling when we buy stocks in the stock market.

ADJOURNMENT:

Member Karen Allgeier moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Dave Ferringier.
Motion carried 7-0 at 7:34 P.M.

Borough Manager