

**MINUTES**  
**BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 6, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.**

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Phil Hynes  
Bill Kutz  
Karen Allgeier  
Dave Ferringer  
Ken King  
Rick Baughman  
Randy Bartley

**STAFF**

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

**VISITOR/MEDIA**

Roy Darrin  
John Pozza  
Rose James  
Scott Shindledecker  
Joy Norwood  
Clarinda R. Darr  
Carole Briggs  
Judy Shirley  
Brad Hice  
Ryan Pearsall  
Michael Allgeier  
Mark Lussky

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Phil Hynes called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. President Phil Hynes welcomed new Member Randy Bartley, and stated he was properly sworn in and is now an official Member of Council.

**CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES (January 16, 2018):**

President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to approve the minutes of the January 16<sup>th</sup> 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. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to approve the bills as submitted; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. Fund Level Financial Statements** – President Phil Hynes stated the financial statements summary is in the agenda packet, and asked if anyone had any questions.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- A. Roy Darrin – Blighted Buildings** – Brookville resident Roy Darrin stated there is a problem with a building and he thought Council should know about it. Roy Darrin stated on Church Street there is a church they never use. Roy Darrin stated there is a hall in back of it and around the doorway it is all caving in. Roy Darrin stated someone should check that out because that is a great place for little

kids to play. Roy Darrin stated there is another one behind the old library when you are going up West Main Street, and the whole roof has been caving in for a couple of years. President Phil Hynes asked Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek to check these places out and report back to Council.

**B. Carole Briggs – Resolution in Support of a Citizens Commission for Legislative and Congressional Redistricting** – Brookville resident Carole Briggs stated she was here on behalf of Fair Districts of Pennsylvania. Carole Briggs stated later Manager Dana D. Schreckengost will talk about a resolution for you to adopt that will support a Citizens Committee for Redistricting in Pennsylvania. Carole Briggs stated gerrymandering is a problem in Pennsylvania, and she is asking Council to support a Citizens Redistricting Commission. Carole Briggs stated that when Manager Dana D. Schreckengost brings up the resolution, she hopes Council votes in favor of it.

**C. Clarinda R. Darr – Rebecca M. Arthurs Memorial Library** – Library Board Representative Clarinda R. Darr stated she was here on behalf of the library. Clarinda R. Darr stated Janine Strohm is the new director and is installing new concepts including science labs and fundraising. Clarinda R. Darr asked everyone to visit the library. Clarinda R. Darr welcomed the two new Council Members Randy Bartley and Rick Baughman, and wished Police Chief Jason Brown fair winds and following seas. Clarinda R. Darr thanked Public Works Director Dave Vallosio for everything he does.

## **REPORTS:**

### **Chief of Police**

**A. Statistics for January** – Police Chief Jason Brown reported in the month of January officers of the Brookville Police Department responded to 1,231 calls for service, wrote 57 reports, made 30 traffic contacts, filed 15 felony charges, 43 misdemeanor charges, 12 summary charges, and there was 1 301-302 committal.

**B. Departmental and Citizen Commendations** - Police Chief Jason Brown stated Officer Mickey Stormer, Deputy Sergeant Sam Bartley, and Deputy Mark Humes from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department were all presented with a Departmental Commendation, and a Mr. David Harris of Reynoldsville was given a Citizens Commendation for their actions on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Police Chief Jason Brown stated on that day a man was located in Sandy Lick Creek, and all those involved assisted in his rescue without regard to their own safety and comfort. Police Chief Jason Brown stated due to scheduling conflicts unfortunately none of them could be here today for a formal presentation.

**C. Last Council Meeting** – Police Chief Jason Brown stated since this is his last Brookville Borough Council meeting, he would like to say thank Council for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Brookville, and to say adios my friends. President Phil Hynes thanked Police Chief Jason Brown for his service and stated he will be missed.

### **Fire Company**

**A. Statistics for January** – Assistant Fire Chief Michael Allgeier reported in the month of January the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company had 31 calls, 4

structure fires, 4 activated fire alarms, 1 vehicle fire, 1 carbon monoxide alarm, 2 flooded basements, 1 tree down, 10 motor vehicle accidents, 2 P.D. assists, 4 E.M.S. assists, and 1 water rescue.

- B. Request to the Public** – Assistant Fire Chief Michael Allgeier stated the members and officers of the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company would like to remind all motorists, that when there is an emergency vehicle approaching to please pull over to the right and stop, not to slow down and continue.
- C. Ladder Truck** – Assistant Fire Chief Michael Allgeier stated the new ladder truck will be completed tentatively February 26<sup>th</sup>. Assistant Fire Chief Michael Allgeier stated once the truck is complete, members will travel to the main factory in Wisconsin to do a final inspection. Assistant Fire Chief Michael Allgeier stated after the final inspection, the truck will go to Zelienople in Pennsylvania where mounting brackets and accessories will be mounted on the truck, and they should have final delivery of it at the end of March.

**Director of Public Works** – Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated his crew is as ready as they can be for tomorrow, and everything is stocked up. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated in January they used eighty four hours of overtime, and a lot of storms occur on the weekends. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated so far this month they used thirty four hours of overtime. President Phil Hynes stated Public Works Director Dave Vallosio is doing a fine job.

**Zoning/Health Officer** – President Phil Hynes stated Zoning and Health Officer Emerson Turnbull sent a message that he was unable to attend tonight's meeting because he is under the weather.

**Code Enforcement Officer** – Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek reported he is trying to keep the sidewalks clean, which is not prospering too well but hopefully we can get them squared away. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated if anyone has any problem getting their snow removed, call him anytime.

**Solicitor** – No Report

#### **Borough Manager**

- A. Special Event Permit – Light Up Brookville** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we have a special event permit for Light Up Brookville which is scheduled for Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated all authorized signers except Brookville Borough Council has signed off on the event. Vice-President Bill Kutz moved to approve the special event permit for Light Up Brookville as presented; seconded by President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. Special Event Permit – Relay for Life** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we have a special event permit for Relay for Life scheduled for Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. in Brookville's Town Square. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated they are anticipating 150 people. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to approve the special

event permit for Relay for Life as submitted; seconded by Member Rick Baughman. Motion carried 7-0.

**C. Resolution 543-18 – Tax Collector’s Fees – Manager Dana D.**

Schreckengost stated we have Resolution 543-18 at the request of our new tax collector. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated she would like a fee schedule to be established. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated the resolution spells out a non-sufficient funds fee and the average cost for copies and postage to mail those out. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved approval of Resolution 543-18 Tax Collector’s Fees; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 7-0.

**D. Resolution 544-18 – Resolution in Support of a Citizens Commission for Legislative and Congressional Redistricting - Manager Dana D.**

Schreckengost stated we have Resolution 544-18 that Carole Briggs was discussing regarding the Citizens Commission for Redistricting. President Phil Hynes asked if Council wanted to open this up for discussion. Vice-President Bill Kutz asked Solicitor Jim Dennison if he had any advice or thoughts regarding this. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated whether you are for or against gerrymandering, he does not think it directly affects the Borough of Brookville. Member Randy Bartley moved to table this topic; seconded by President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.

**Committee Reports**

**A. Personnel Committee**

1. **Executive Session** – Personnel Committee Chair Karen Allgeier requested an executive session for a personnel matter with possible action. President Phil Hynes stated we will have this at the end of the meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:**

- A. **Junior Council Member Dalynn Park** – President Phil Hynes stated Junior Council Member Dalynn Park sent word that she was not going to be here tonight because there is at a school function.
- B. **Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck thanked Public Works Director Dave Vallosio and his crew for keeping the streets clear. Mayor Richard Beck thanked everyone for coming to tonight’s meeting.
- C. **Member Rick Baughman** – Member Rick Baughman stated he echoes those comments regarding Public Works Director Dave Vallosio. Member Rick Baughman stated there is a lot of work out there, and it takes time and commitment. Member Rick Baughman stated he thinks the Street Department is doing an excellent job. Member Rick Baughman wished Police Chief Jason Brown the best.
- D. **Member Randy Bartley** – Member Randy Bartley stated he was at the rescue that Police Chief Jason Brown referred to. Member Randy Bartley stated he

highly commends Officer Stormer, and the two deputies, one of whom was his nephew. Member Randy Bartley stated he also commends the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company for their rope rescue, and stated it was efficient and professional. Member Randy Bartley stated he attended the Opioid Round Table with Representative Thompson. Member Randy Bartley thanked Council for sending him and Member Rick Baughman to the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) Council Boot Camp, and stated it was highly informative.

- E. **Member Ken King** – Member Ken King stated he wishes Police Chief Jason Brown the best of luck in his new endeavor. Member Ken King welcomed Member Randy Bartley to Council. Member Ken King thanked Public Works Director Dave Vallosio and his crew for doing a great job with the streets.
- F. **Member Dave Ferringer** – Member Dave Ferringer thanked Member Rick Baughman and Member Randy Bartley for going to Council Boot Camp. Member Dave Ferringer stated Public Works Director Dave Vallosio and his crew are doing a great job. Member Dave Ferringer asked Police Chief Jason Brown not to get sunburnt.
- G. **President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier** – President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier commended Public Works Director Dave Vallosio and his crew for doing a great job on the streets. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier thanked Randy Bartley and Rick Baughman for attending Council Boot Camp. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier stated she will be leaving Thursday morning on behalf of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs to attend a ceremony regarding a program called Understanding Borough Government in Pennsylvania. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier stated we were nominated for an award through the Laurel Group in Harrisburg, and she is going to see if we won. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier stated it explains borough government from the bottom up. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier asked Police Chief Jason Brown to have a great time and a safe move, and wished Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek luck with all that snow. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier stated the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company did an excellent job with the rescue, and she was beyond amazed at what happened that day.
- H. **Vice-President Bill Kutz** – Vice-President Bill Kutz stated Michael Allgeier has been busy, and thanked him for his service. Vice-President Bill Kutz stated we will miss Police Chief Jason Brown. Vice-President Bill Kutz asked Public Works Director Dave Vallosio to keep the streets clean, and stated we appreciate it. Vice-President Bill Kutz thanked Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek for working on the sidewalks.
- I. **President Phil Hynes** – President Phil Hynes stated we will miss Police Chief Jason Brown and that he has done a fine job. President Phil Hynes thanked everyone for turning out in this bad weather, and asked the media if they had any questions.

**MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Brookville Borough Council entered an executive session at 7:28 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter with possible action. Executive session ended at 8:10 P.M with the following action taken:

President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier made a motion coming from the Personnel Committee to offer an internal candidate the position for Chief of Police. President Phil Hynes asked all Council Members in favor of this motion coming from committee to say 'aye'.

Motion carried 7-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Vice-President Bill Kutz moved to adjourn; seconded by President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0 at 8:11 P.M.

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Borough Manager