

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

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, March 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
Dalynn Park

STAFF

Manager Dana D. Schreckengost
Mayor Richard Beck
Police Chief Vince Markle
Public Works Director -
Dave Vallosio
Zoning and Health Officer -
Emerson Turnbull
Code Enforcement Officer -
Donald Jonischek
Recorder Christine Gunning
Solicitor Jim Dennison

VISITOR/MEDIA

Joy Norwood
John Pozza
Rose James
Scott Shindledecker
Roy Darrin
Ryan Pearsall
Sandy Snyder
Bruce Cramer
Evan Maxwell
Daniel Clark, Jr.
Tammy Miller
Luke Miller
Shannen Patton

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.

SWEARING IN OF NEW PART-TIME OFFICERS:

President Phil Hynes stated we are starting the meeting with the swearing in of three new part-time officers. Mayor Richard Beck swore in Bruce Cramer, Daniel Clark Junior, and Evan Maxwell to be part-time Police Officers for the Brookville Police Department.

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES (February 20, 2018):

President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to approve the minutes of the February 20th 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 if anyone had questions about the financial statements summary in the agenda packet, Manager Dana D. Schreckengost and President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier are available.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Roy Darrin – Quality of Life** – Brookville resident Roy Darrin stated one thing he notices about Brookville is noise, and the noise level is bad in Brookville. Roy Darrin stated most of the loud noise around town is caused by jake brakes. Roy Darrin stated it is a money issue, and that using jake brakes saves on brake lining. Roy Darrin stated other places have ordinances to not have jake brakes. Roy Darrin stated we want Brookville to be like it was ten or fifteen years ago. President Phil Hynes thanked Roy Darrin for his presentation. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier stated PennDOT said we could not regulate it because of the hills. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated under the statute, you need to get PennDOT's approval. President Phil Hynes stated we will consider this issue and have Council check into this.
- B. Sandy Snyder – Jake Brakes/Police Cruiser** – Brookville resident Sandy Snyder stated she has a property on Hiawatha Street, and noticed they start their jake brakes four feet from the stop sign at 4:30 in the morning. President Phil Hynes stated we will not resolve this issue tonight. President Phil Hynes stated Council will look into this. Sandy Snyder stated she understands a police cruiser is down. President Phil Hynes stated we are in the process of finding a replacement vehicle.
- C. Tammy Miller - Fund Raiser** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated he would like to thank Tammy and Abby Miller for doing a fundraiser over the weekend at the Heritage House and raising a little over \$2,400.00. Brookville resident Tammy Miller stated they are giving \$1,207.83 to the Brookville Police Department and \$1,207.83 to the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company. Police Chief Vince Markle stated he and Mayor Richard Beck would like to present a plaque to Tammy and Abby Miller thanking them for their extraordinary community efforts.

REPORTS:

Chief of Police

- A. Part-Time Police Officers** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated he would like to make a motion to approve the hiring of Evan Maxwell, Daniel Clark Junior, and Bruce Cramer. Vice-President Bill Kutz moved to make the motion Police Chief Vince Markle just did; seconded by President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. Police Car** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated we just got a \$1,200.00 check from Mrs. Miller. Police Chief Vince Markle stated he wrote a letter to the Eagles asking for donations towards their equipment or new car, and received a \$10,000.00 check for the police car fund. Police Chief Vince Markle stated he met with several dealers regarding the police car, and was given a quote of \$28,633.00 for the base model. After some discussion, President Phil Hynes stated this needs to go to the Finance Committee.
- C. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio and his Crew** – Police Chief Vince Markle thanked Public Works Director Dave Vallosio and his crew for getting things wired up at his office, and stated they were very professional.
- D. Statistics for February** – Police Chief Vince Markle reported in the month of February the Brookville Police Department had 74 calls for service, 19 traffic

violations, 11 warnings, 156 parking, 7 misdemeanor charges, and 6 summary charges.

- E. **Mayor Richard Beck – Calls Regarding Speeding** – Mayor Richard Beck stated he has received several calls about speeding, and they are going to make a presence on Allegheny Boulevard.

Fire Company – Ryan Pearsall, Deputy Chief of the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company, reported in the month of February they had 14 fire calls including; 4 structure fires, 1 vehicle fire, 1 tree down, and 4 motor vehicle accidents. Deputy Chief Ryan Pearsall reported they had fire extinguisher training for the Y.M.C.A. employees. Deputy Chief Ryan Pearsall stated four members are flying to Wisconsin tomorrow in regards to the ladder truck. Deputy Chief Ryan Pearsall thanked Public Works Director Dave Vallosio and his crew for all of their help.

Director of Public Works – Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated the Brookville Borough Street Department employees attended a PennDOT flagger training session late this afternoon, and he is pleased to report that all met the qualifications required until the year 2021.

Zoning/Health Officer – Zoning Officer Emerson Turnbull read his written report (attached). President Phil Hynes thanked him, stated he was glad Zoning Officer Emerson Turnbull was back, and asked him about the status of the old Days Inn property. Zoning Officer Emerson Turnbull stated there are people working there, but he has not seen any progress in the last month.

Code Enforcement Officer – Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek reported there are about ten vacant houses on the west end of town, and he thinks we need to do something about them. Solicitor Jim Dennison told Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek as Code Enforcement he can cite them, and challenge the property owners more than they have been in the past. Solicitor Jim Dennison told Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek he has the tools available to do it, and to work with Zoning and Health Officer Emerson Turnbull.

Committee Reports - None

Solicitor

- A. **Public Works Director Dave Vallosio** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated Public Works Director Dave Vallosio has done a wonderful job keeping Main Street clear of snow. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated he has a good crew.
- B. **Executive Session** – Solicitor Jim Dennison requested an executive session for an employee issue with no action expected.

Borough Manager

- A. **Industrial Appraisal** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated the last Industrial Appraisal was done in 2007. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost

stated she would like to move forward with entertaining a motion for a full Industrial Appraisal for this year that would cost \$3,630.00. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to approve Manager Dana D. Schreckengost's request as presented; seconded by Member Rick Baughman. Motion carried 7-0.

- B. **Bike Racks** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated the Borough has the funds for one bike rack, and she would like to buy one black bike rack. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to authorize Manager Dana D. Schreckengost to buy one black bike rack; seconded by Member Ken King. Motion carried 6-1, with Member Randy Bartley opposed.
- C. **Lifeguards** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated this year we have the funds for lifeguards in the budget to open Walter Dick Park again for swimming, and she would like a motion to advertise for lifeguards for our summer swimming season. Member Randy Bartley moved to approve advertising for lifeguards for the summer swimming season at Walter Dick Park; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 7-0.
- D. **Resolution 544-18 – Citizens Commission for Redistricting** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated a couple of meetings ago we tabled Resolution 544-18 for the Citizens Commission for Redistricting. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost asked if Council would we like to continue to table this or to discuss it. Vice-President Bill Kutz stated this is a state issue. Member Rick Baughman moved to take this off the agenda; seconded by President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.
- E. **Temporary Money Transfer** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated she needs to make a temporary money transfer from our General Fund to our Street Light Fund to help cover the bills until more of the tax money comes in. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated she would like to make a \$5,000.00 temporary transfer from the General Fund to the Street Light Fund to be paid back once it is eligible. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to authorize Manager Dana D. Schreckengost to make a \$5,000.00 temporary transfer from the General Fund to the Street Light Fund as presented; seconded by Vice-President Bill Kutz. Motion carried 7-0.
- F. **Executive Session** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost requested an executive session for personnel with action expected.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **House Bill 1620 – Wireless Infrastructure** – President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier stated she would like Council to approve the resolution against House Bill 1620 which would allow telecommunication companies like Verizon and Sprint to put wireless poles anywhere they want to, even in the public right-of-ways. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier asked Council to approve the resolution provided and we forward that onto the state. Member Randy Bartley moved to approve the resolution against House Bill 1620 and to forward it onto the state; seconded by Member Ken King. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. **Council Meeting Frequency** – President Phil Hynes stated the proposal is to have a full meeting on the first Tuesday of the month, and the second meeting

would be a less than full meeting with scheduled committee meetings after it. After some discussion, Member Randy Bartley moved to advertise the standing committee meeting night to be the third Tuesday of the month upon adjournment of the regular Borough Council meeting effective in April; seconded by Member Ken King. Motion carried 7-0. President Phil Hynes stated he wanted to make it clear the second meeting is open to the press and the public.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

- A. Junior Council Member Dalynn Park** – Junior Council Member Dalynn Park thanked the community for their support of the Youth in Government dinner and debate they had on February 28th. Junior Council Member Dalynn Park stated we have three wrestlers that will be advancing to the state tournament in Hershey, and our girls basketball team won their District 9 Championship.
- B. Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck thanked Public Works Director Dave Vallosio and his crew for their help with rearranging downstairs, and thanked Council for backing them on their arrangements. Mayor Richard Beck thanked everyone for coming tonight and for what they had to say.
- C. Member Rick Baughman** – Member Rick Baughman thanked Tammy and Abby Miller for having their fundraiser, and stated that really speaks volumes for our community.
- D. Member Ken King** – Member Ken King stated he cannot thank Public Works Director Dave Vallosio and his crew enough, and thanked Ryan Pearsall and the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company for all they do. Member Ken King stated he is very impressed with our new Police Chief.
- E. Member Dave Ferringer** – Member Dave Ferringer stated the fundraiser shows involvement and caring for our town. Member Dave Ferringer stated he thinks we are moving forward nicely with a new Police Chief and a new Code Enforcement Officer, and he is looking forward to working with them.
- F. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier** – President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier stated they had a wonderful turnout at the fundraiser Tammy and Abby Miller were in charge of, and they did a fantastic job. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier stated she attended the student's government talk down at the Y that was put on by the government group at the high school. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier stated those kids are our future in government and they were outstanding. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier stated she wants to give Brynn Afton who heads up that group and all of her participants a big shout out.
- G. Vice-President Bill Kutz** – Vice-President Bill Kutz stated Public Works Director Dave Vallosio's crew is doing a great job and his leadership certainly helps. Vice-President Bill Kutz thanked Police Chief Vince Markle for getting the three part-time officers, and stated it looks like he is doing a great

job. Vice-President Bill Kutz thanked Ryan Pearsall for the t-shirts and everything the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company does.

- H. **President Phil Hynes** – President Phil Hynes stated he attended Jefferson County Emergency Management Training session last Monday, and stated every Council Member is required to have NIMS training. President Phil Hynes thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting, and thanked Council for attempting to change our meeting schedule. President Phil Hynes asked the media if they had any questions.

MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION:

- A. **John Pozza – Second Borough Council Meeting of the Month** – Reporter John Pozza asked if Council will possibly be taking action at the second meeting of the month. President Phil Hynes stated the bulk of our business should be taken care of in our first meeting, and at the second meeting they would just take care of things that cannot wait.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Brookville Borough Council entered an executive session at 7:59 P.M. to discuss a personnel issue with action expected. Executive session ended at 8:15 P.M. with the following action taken:

President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to lift Police Secretary Jen Dolan's probationary period effective March 5th, and to increase her pay to \$13.50 per hour; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 7-0 at 8:16 P.M.

Borough Manager

