

MINUTES
BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 1, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Phil Hynes
Bill Kutz
Karen Allgeier
Dave Ferringer
Richard Baughman
Randy Bartley
Dalynn Park

STAFF

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

VISITOR/MEDIA

Joy Norwood
John Pozza
Rose James
Sandra Snyder
Scott Park
Christa Park
Bonnie Parrett
Clarinda R. Darr
Sarah Gallagher

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.

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES (April 17, 2018):

Member Dave Ferringer moved to approve the minutes of the April 17th meeting as submitted; seconded by Vice-President Bill Kutz. Motion carried 6-0.

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 6-0.
- B. Fund Level Financial Statements** – President Phil Hynes stated you have the fund level financial statements, and if you have any questions the proper people are here to respond.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Clarinda R. Darr** – Brookville resident Clarinda R. Darr said farewell to Junior Council Member Dalynn Park and wished her well. Clarinda R. Darr stated the Rebecca M. Arthurs Memorial Library had a fundraiser last weekend at Dirty Ehrma's with some celebrity bartenders. Clarinda R. Darr thanked Police Chief Vince Markle for his group of bartenders that came and helped them raise a fine number of dollars. Clarinda R. Darr stated the library plans on having two of these a year; one in the fall and one in the spring. Clarinda R. Darr stated the new

librarian director said some things on her wish list seemed more possible because we did a good job.

- B. Sarah Gallagher – Laurel Festival** – Sarah Gallagher, a member of the Laurel Festival Board, requested permission to have free parking on Friday, June 22nd for the sidewalk sale during Laurel Festival. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to approve free parking on Friday, June 22nd for the sidewalk sale during the Laurel Festival; seconded by Member Rick Baughman. Motion carried 6-0. Sarah Gallagher thanked Council for all of their support. Council Members thanked Sarah Gallagher for all of her efforts.
- C. Sandra Snyder – Long Trucks Parked on Main Street** – Brookville resident Sandra Snyder stated she wanted to bring something to Council's attention. Sandra Snyder stated we talked about the problem of the long trucks parked on Main Street. Sandra Snyder stated in addition to the length of some of these trucks, they keep their hitch on the back which adds another eight to ten inches. Sandra Snyder stated this evening at about 5:20 P.M. the fire siren blew. Sandra Snyder stated she was between the YMCA and the Baptist Church going east. Sandra Snyder stated there were long trucks parked on both sides of the street. Sandra Snyder stated the fire truck came up the street going west, and it had to crowd the center lane as did she. Sandra Snyder stated there could have been a potential problem there. Sandra Snyder stated this is an issue that was talked about during the Parking Ordinance. Sandra Snyder stated she just wanted to bring this to Council's attention tonight. President Phil Hynes thanked Sandra Snyder, and stated he thinks we are all aware of the problem but no one has come up with a solution for it. Member Randy Bartley stated Chief there is nothing that states in the state motor vehicle code that regulates the length of those vehicles is there? Police Chief Vince Markle nodded no. Member Randy Bartley stated and no Borough ordinance would override what the state does. Sandra Snyder stated she checked with the state and it is not legal to keep that hitch on. Sandra Snyder stated you can still have the receiver, but the actual hitch with the ball has to be taken off. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he thinks people are getting better about the long trucks. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated even though there is nothing that says they can only be of this length to park in a diagonal parking space, he thinks it is a matter of degree of how much it obstructs the traffic. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated some of those trucks just cannot park in those spaces. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated it is definitely an issue. Clarinda R. Darr stated Waterford Pennsylvania has definitive spaces for longer trucks. After some discussion, President Phil Hynes stated we know this is an issue, and we are open to suggestions.

REPORTS:

Chief of Police

- A. Activities** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated they had another busy month. Police Chief Vince Markle stated the whole department went through sexual harassment training earlier in the month. Police Chief Vince Markle reported they also joined the Domestic Violence Group out of Clearfield, and sent six officers to that training. Police Chief Vince Markle reported they had their

annual training for two days, and every officer had to go to that. Police Chief Vince Markle reported they had a missing person from the Borough located in Pittsburgh. Police Chief Vince Markle reported they had an endangered child with two people on drugs that were passed out on heroin. Police Chief Vince Markle stated they had a rape case, and they had the case on Richards Street that could have gone a lot of different ways and it is sad it turned out the way it did.

- B. Statistics for April** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated in the month of April they had 148 calls, 53 traffic violations, 101 written warnings, 374 parking tickets, 10 felony arrests, 526 misdemeanor arrests twelve of which were drug cases, and 5 summaries.
- C. Donation** – Police Chief Vince Markle reported the Brookville Police Department received a donation from Mr. Sarvey for \$1,600.00. Police Chief Vince Markle stated he took the money to DSD Sports, and we are going to get a new AR15 and a new shotgun for our new patrol car.
- D. Patrol Car** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated he called about the patrol car, and they are still waiting on the WatchGuard camera.
- E. Long Trucks Parked on Main Street/Hitches** – Police Chief Vince Markle told Sandra Snyder it is not illegal to have a hitch on. Police Chief Vince Markle stated it would be illegal if you have a ball that some of them have, like four of them, and they block your license plate.
- F. Yield to Emergency Vehicles** - Member Rick Baughman asked the media to remind people to always yield right of way to an emergency vehicle.

Fire Company – No Report

Director of Public Works – Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated street sweeping is continuing in the Borough, and in about a week they should have the first round done. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated they have been rebuilding collapsed inlets. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio reported they will begin to mow this week.

Zoning/Health Officer – Zoning Officer Emerson Turnbull read his written report (attached).

Code Enforcement Officer – Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek reported he had a little problem on Pine Street. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated six of the neighbors have called about this one residence. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek reported he has gone up there several times, and the problem is they do not realize they are living in a crap house. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated they have lived like that their whole life so that is normal to them. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated he was talking to Zoning and Health Officer Emerson Turnbull about how you can condemn a house. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated there are two ordinances you can use to condemn a house; the Property Maintenance Code and the Dilapidated Building Ordinance. Solicitor Jim Dennison asked Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek to sit down with him if he is going to do that because it gets specific about what you need to do. Code Enforcement Officer

Donald Jonischek stated he will. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated there is a property on Waterford Pike where the subject has a few cars that she is working on getting rid of. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek asked Borough residents to please keep their grass cut. Member Randy Bartley asked about the status of the old Kocher property on Jenks Street. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated Borough Council needs to decide how much they want to spend on tearing it down. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated you could lien it but how much money would you get back from that. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated there is nothing owed against it. Member Randy Bartley asked about the property down by what was formerly Blake's bridge. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he does not know of anything active on that. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonsichек stated he has not talked to him in some time, and he needs to get back with him.

Committee Reports –

A. Public Works Committee

1. **2018 Street Paving** – Public Works Committee Chairman Bill Kutz stated on the last page of the agenda is a list of streets that the committee has determined need a second coat or need to be paved (attached). Public Works Committee Chair Bill Kutz stated we have two options; option one is to do numbers one and two in the list, or option two is to do all three. President Phil Hynes stated to do all three is in the budget. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier asked on these, are we going to make sure we do not cause any stormwater problems? Vice-President Bill Kutz stated that is the goal on all of the streets. After some discussion, Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated the motion coming from committee is to advertise the 2018 Paving Project. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated it will be advertised as a two part bid. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated option one will be the streets listed in one and two. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated option two would be all of the streets listed. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated when the bids come in, we will have the option to choose between option one and option two from the bids presented. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated the committee is making the recommendation to advertise the bids. Reporter John Pozza asked if Council could name the streets. President Phil Hynes stated item one is to seal and coat Depot Street, Marlin from Pine Street to Shale Pit, and the alley from Marlin Street to Rose Street. President Phil Hynes stated item two is possible work on Anderson Alley from Marlin Street to Rose Street, North Barnett Street from Butler Street to the dead end, Brush Street from Clark to East Main Street, Long Avenue and 4th Street starting at 5th Street to Western Avenue, and Central Avenue from 6th to 7th Street. Item three is Craig Street at the top of the hill by the reservoir, and Thompson Street from West Main to Hawthorne Street. President Phil Hynes stated we have a motion, do we have a second? The motion was seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. President Phil Hynes asked all Council Members in favor to say 'aye'. Motion carried 6-0.

Solicitor

- A. Ongoing Dispute/Baseball Field** - Solicitor Jim Dennison stated there is an ongoing dispute between the Little League Association and other organizations that use the baseball field in the parks. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated a lot of it is over who does what maintenance, who pays for it, and how much is a fair share of the other organizations to contribute. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated most of it is handled by the Little League, but they have their own equipment, and their own material but they cannot afford to provide everything for all the other groups too and not have some sort of compensation. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he thinks the best way to approach this is to have the Parks Committee meet with everyone involved maybe at the second meeting of the month to hash out who is doing what down there. Scott Park stated he was the Little League President for a long time, and his understanding is all the fields at Memorial Park and Northside, including McKinley Field are the Little League's fields. Scott Park stated the Borough owns them, but they are to maintain them as the Little League. Scott Park stated there had been in place in the past agreements with the Grays, the Legion, and the high school to help compensate for those. Scott Park stated ultimately it falls on Brookville Area Little League because they want to take those fields over. Scott Park stated the McKinley Field would have been taken over in the mid-nineties when the Little League decided to put lights on the field. Scott Park stated that is when the Borough turned the field over to the Little League. Scott Park stated there was an agreement for the usage of the lights, and every night there was a game there was a fee. Scott Park stated they had an agreement with the school where the school would give them a whole pallet of diamond dry; one for McKinley and one for Northside to help cover the cost. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated we could not find any written agreements. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated the Borough owns the field and is ultimately responsible. President Phil Hynes stated this sounds like a perfect example of what our second meeting where we have committee meetings is for, because obviously what was once working is not working now. Member Randy Bartley asked Scott Park if he had a copy of the old agreement. Member Rick Baughman stated Alberta Bowser, who was Little League Secretary for years, might know something about this. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated if anyone can find anything on that and give it to him, it would be appreciated. After some discussion, President Phil Hynes stated this is something the Parks Committee should facilitate communication on. President Phil Hynes stated we will try to schedule this for the next meeting.

Borough Manager

- A. Lifeguards** - Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we had approved in the past to hire lifeguards for this summer. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated she received one application so far, and if she does not receive more unfortunately swimming will not take place at Walter Dick Park this year. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated she needs a minimum of four lifeguards in order to open swimming for Memorial Day weekend.

- B. Junior Council Member Dalynn Park** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost thanked Junior Council Member Dalynn Park for her two years of service that she has done with us. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated two years ago she was our alternate, and this year she was our junior member. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost wished Junior Council Member Dalynn Park the best of luck on her future endeavors.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

- A. Junior Council Member Dalynn Park** – Junior Council Member Dalynn Park thanked Council for this opportunity, and stated over the past two years she learned a lot. Junior Council Member Dalynn Park stated she appreciates all the work Council does for the community.
- B. Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting. Mayor Richard Beck wished Junior Council Member Dalynn Park the best of luck, and stated she did a good job.
- C. Member Rick Baughman** – Member Rick Baughman stated he has worked with Junior Council Member Dalynn Park and her father in the past, and she is much easier to work with.
- D. Member Randy Bartley** – Member Randy Bartley stated Miss Park, I have got to say what an education you have received here. Member Randy Bartley stated they do not teach this kind of civics in high school. Member Randy Bartley thanked all of our people working in the trenches from Police Chief Vince Markle on down. Member Randy Bartley stated in the midst of planning things with the Laurel Board, Sarah Gallagher had a baby. Member Randy Bartley stated based on the hard work she has put in, we are going to have a heck of a sidewalk sale.
- E. Member Dave Ferringer** – Member Dave Ferringer thanked Junior Council Member Dalynn Park, and stated it has been nice having her here for the last two years.
- F. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier** – President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier told Junior Council Member Dalynn Park to keep up the good work, and that she was a terrific junior member of Council. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier thanked everyone who came to the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company's gun raffle on Saturday night. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier stated it was a huge success, and thanked the community for supporting that event. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier thanked Police Chief Vince Markle and his men for having a very busy last month, and for everything they did for the people on Richards Street.
- G. Vice-President Bill Kutz** – Vice-President Bill Kutz stated Police Chief Vince Markle, when you read your list of things the police did, I was thrilled to hear we had twelve people on drug charges. Vice-President Bill Kutz stated you guys are keeping up the good work, and thanked them. Vice-

President Bill Kutz thanked Sarah Gallagher. Vice-President Bill Kutz thanked Junior Council Member Dalynn Park, and wished her good luck.

- H. President Phil Hynes** – President Phil Hynes thanked Junior Council Member Dalynn Park. President Phil Hynes stated our next meeting will be the abbreviated version where we have the committee meetings. President Phil Hynes stated there will be a presentation by the River Walk Committee that will be coming to give a short explanation of what they have been doing. President Phil Hynes urged the committees to try to make the next meeting productive, and asked the media if they had any questions.

MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION:

- A. Sandra Snyder – Second Meeting Attendance** – Brookville resident Sandra Snyder stated for the next meeting she understood certain people were not required to be here, but she thought Council Members were supposed to be here. Sandra Snyder stated it seemed to her that at the last meeting there were quite a few absent. President Phil Hynes stated we had a quorum, and it was just an off night for a lot of people. President Phil Hynes stated Council is required to be here and we need a quorum for that. President Phil Hynes stated Department Heads do not have to be here unless they are requested by Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to adjourn; seconded by Vice-President Bill Kutz. Motion carried 6-0 at 7:46 P.M.

Borough Manager