

MINUTES
BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, June 5, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Bill Kutz
Dave Ferringer
Ken King
Rick Baughman
Randy Bartley

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
Rose James
Dick Boozer
Dave Smail
Sandra Snyder
Ryan Pearsall
Larry Pearsall
Alex Nelson

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-President Bill Kutz 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 (May 15, 2018):

Member Randy Bartley moved to approve the minutes of the May 15th meeting as submitted; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 5-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- A. Approval of Expenditures** – The current bills were presented for approval. Member Randy Bartley moved to approve the bills as submitted; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 5-0.
- B. Fund Level Financial Statements** – Vice-President Bill Kutz stated you have the fund level financial statements, and if you have any questions Manager Dana D. Schreckengost is here.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Dave Smail – Kayak Launch** – Dave Smail, a board member of the Redbank Valley Trail Association, stated they are looking to promote other recreational activities along the trail. Dave Smail stated currently Brookville does not have a designated kayak launch site. Dave Smail stated the site that has the most potential is the southeast side of the White Street bridge. Dave Smail stated they are interested in getting permission from the Borough to develop that as a parking area that could also be used by fishermen and people on the river walk. Dave Smail stated it would not cost the Borough anything, and it is in the flood plain

and is already being mowed. Dave Smail stated they would put up brown and white kayak launch signs. After some discussion, Dave Smail stated he would meet with Solicitor Jim Dennison and discuss this further.

- B. Larry Pearsall – Grass Mowing** – Brookville resident Larry Pearsall stated when it comes to grass mowing it is hard to convince somebody within the Borough that their grass needs to be mowed consistently when there are so many Borough properties that need mowed. Larry Pearsall stated now that he is older, he does not spend as much time in Brookville. Larry Pearsall stated if he goes away for two weeks to see relatives he gets a citation letter in the mail saying that his grass needs mowed. Larry Pearsall stated a lot of times it was mowed right before he left, and was mowed again as soon as he got back. Larry Pearsall stated at one time, you could mow your grass two or three times a year and that was sufficient. Larry Pearsall stated now they want it mowed every week. Larry Pearsall stated those are his two complaints. Larry Pearsall stated he wanted to tell Council the problems he has as well as other Borough residents have. Vice-President Bill Kutz thanked Larry Pearsall for his comments.
- C. Dick Boozer – Laurel Festival** – Dick Boozer, the President of the Laurel Festival, stated he would like to let Council know what is going on. Dick Boozer stated he would like to thank Council, Public Works Director Dave Vallosio, and the media for all the help they have given them. Dick Boozer stated they have had nothing but positive reports about what they are trying to do. Dick Boozer stated you are going to be amazed. Dick Boozer stated they are operating on a shoestring budget because of the last couple of years, but it is coming around very good. Dick Boozer stated BWP Bats is coming onboard and will sponsor a Home Run Derby for all the kids in Brookville on the last Sunday of the festival. Dick Boozer stated anytime that Main Street is closed during the Laurel Festival, they want to block it with either fire equipment or dump trucks with barricades on both ends of Main Street just in case someone wants to go through the barricades. Dick Boozer stated the Columbia Theater will be in use on Arts Day, and they would like to use the alley between Matson's and the theater, so they would like to ask permission to close Hunts Alley from the end of Cherry Avenue down to Main Street anytime Main Street is closed. Vice-President Bill Kutz asked Police Chief Vince Markle if this is o.k. Police Chief Vince Markle stated there is no problem with that. Dick Boozer stated the last thing is the parade will be on Saturday, and there will be a fireworks display Saturday night. Dick Boozer thanked the media for promoting them, and thanked Council for their help. Vice-President Bill Kutz asked Solicitor Jim Dennison if a motion needed to be made to let them close down that alley. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated Mayor Richard Beck can do it. Dick Boozer stated they need eighteen barricades, and Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated the Borough has twenty four. Dick Boozer stated the main focus of the Laurel Festival is family and kids.

REPORTS:

Chief of Police

- A. Statistics for May** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated in the month of May they had 151 violations, 107 warnings, 383 parking tickets, 7 felonies, and 79 misdemeanors.
- B. Incidents** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated a big assault case happened at the one truck stop, and they found the guy a couple states over and arrested him. Police Chief Vince Markle stated they had the escape of a juvenile, and explosives at the school. Police Chief Vince Markle stated they had an identity theft where they steal your credit card, and our guys were able to solve that case. Police Chief Vince Markle reported over the holiday weekend they had five drug arrests off of traffic stops. Police Chief Vince Markle stated their interview room is finally up and running, and it is top of the line. Police Chief Vince Markle stated Officer Andrew Turnbull was sent to social media exploitation, which is tracking people through social media. Police Chief Vince Markle reported he was the only police officer in the class, the rest were FBI and DEA agents. Police Chief Vince Markle stated on day three he came back with a medal and a certificate that he graduated first in class.
- C. Carpeting** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated he got bids on carpeting from Floor Impressions and Everything Underfoot. Police Chief Vince Markle stated both bids are for \$4,185.00 and he would like to go with the Corsica bid.
- D. Training** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated they started another training today through the District Attorney's Office which is for criminal complaint writing.

Fire Company

- A. Statistics for May** - Ryan Pearsall, Deputy Chief of the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company, reported in May they had 17 alarms, including 5 structure fires, 2 AFA's, 1 tree/line down, 2 CO incidents, 1 Haz-Mat incident, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 1 police department assist, and 1 transfer assignment.
- B. Report for May** - Ryan Pearsall stated the new ladder truck is in service. Ryan Pearsall stated some of the members recently completed the State's Basic Firefighting Course and are now ready to go. Ryan Pearsall reported the course is over 200 hours of instruction and hands on practice. Ryan Pearsall stated upon completion they are able to mask up and go into a burning building and work, along with the other functions that the fire company is called for. Ryan Pearsall stated they are preparing for their participation in the Laurel Festival in a couple of weeks. Ryan Pearsall stated if Council has any questions or needs anything, do not hesitate to ask them. Ryan Pearsall reported the branch has been removed from the top of the dam at Walter Dick Park.

Director of Public Works – Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated line painting is continuing in the Borough, and they replaced thirty feet of curb on North Pickering Street. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated they reinstalled the water shed sign at the dam. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio reported they have been mowing parks

on a weekly basis, and trimming right of ways. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio reported all work orders are current.

Zoning/Health Officer – Zoning Officer Emerson Turnbull stated he has no report for this month.

Code Enforcement Officer – Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek reported May was a busy month. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated there are a few he has to get on in regards to grass cutting. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated he went around town with Member Rick Baughman looking at dilapidated houses. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated it is a major job because it has been left alone for so long. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated we need a little bite in the statute so people get this stuff done. Member Dave Ferringer stated the problem is with how the ordinances are written, and we need to change those ordinances or adopt something new for blight, be it grass. Member Dave Ferringer stated it is just too cumbersome and time consuming. After some discussion, Member Dave Ferringer asked Solicitor Jim Dennison to come up with a few options so they can look at this as a whole, and adopt something. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he can work on that. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he thinks the Borough has some options it is not really using.

Committee Reports – None

Solicitor – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he has nothing new. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek has a tough job, and he does a good job.

Borough Manager

- A. **Lifeguards** - Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated swimming opened at Walter Dick Park on Memorial Day this year for swimming season. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated it will continue through Labor Day as long as our DEP testing and weather permits. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated this year we hired seven lifeguards including; Alan Saunders, Alayna Dowdall, Ethan Brentham, Aaron Briggs, Aidan Hoffman, Walker Orner, and Tyler Joiner. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated she needs a motion from Council to retroactively hire those lifeguards effective Memorial Day. Member Dave Ferringer moved to retroactively hire the seven lifeguards Manager Dana D. Schreckengost mentioned effective Memorial Day; seconded by Member Rick Baughman. Motion carried 5-0.
- B. **2018 Paving Bids** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we have the 2018 paving bids. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we should have two bid amounts. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated option one is Anderson Alley, North Barnett Street, Brush Street, Central Street, and Long Avenue. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated option two is all of those streets plus Craig Street and Thompson Street. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost opened

the paving bids the Borough received, and stated Glenn O. Hawbaker in DuBois submitted a bid of \$119,656.80 for option one, a bid of \$132,386.80 for option two, and a bid bond is present. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated Hager Paving out of Strattanville submitted a bid of \$111,265.25 for option one, a bid of \$124,070.25 for option two, and a bid bond is present. Dana D. Schreckengost stated HRI out of State College submitted a bid of \$118,365.00 for option one, a bid of \$131,633.00 for option two, and a bid bond is present. Member Randy Bartley moved to approve the bid for option two submitted by Hager Paving in Strattanville in the amount of \$124,070.25; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Route 28/322 Project – Retaining Wall** – Member Rick Baughman stated in regards to the Route 28/322 Project, there is a retaining wall there. Member Rick Baughman stated he wanted to know what they will do with the stones from the retaining wall. Member Rick Baughman stated Mark Richards from PennDOT said it all depends on the contractor. Member Rick Baughman stated after doing some research, he does not know who owns the stone wall. Member Rick Baughman stated the Borough has done work on the retaining wall, not the state. Member Rick Baughman stated the Borough could use that stone for projects. Member Rick Baughman stated tonight he is looking for the green light to keep after PennDOT regarding the stone wall. Vice-President Bill Kutz thanked Member Rick Baughman for looking into this. After some discussion, Member Dave Ferringer made a recommendation to give Member Rick Baughman the green light to talk to the state on obtaining these stones for our use down the road at no cost to the Borough.
- B. Executive Session – Personnel** – Member Dave Ferringer requested an executive session for personnel with possible action.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Brookville Borough Council entered an executive session at 7:55 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter with possible action. Executive session ended at 8:06 P.M. Vice-President Bill Kutz stated they did not come to any conclusion, so there is no action.

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

- A. Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck thanked the people that came to tonight's meeting and made their comments.
- B. Member Rick Baughman** – Member Rick Baughman stated grass cutting in the Borough is the homeowner's responsibility. Member Rick Baughman stated the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company has volunteers putting in 200 hours to complete a course. Member Rick Baughman stated when he went through that, he had to put 120 hours in. Member Rick Baughman stated his hat is off to anyone that goes through that. Member Rick Baughman stated nothing is stronger than the heart of a volunteer.

- C. **Member Randy Bartley** – Member Randy Bartley stated regarding the Borough and grass cutting, it is a part of citizenship. Member Randy Bartley stated on Monday night the Brookville School District talked about consolidation and closing Northside. Member Randy Bartley stated that building should not be allowed to slide.
- D. **Member Ken King** – Member Ken King stated he thinks the kayak launch is a great idea. Member Ken King stated it looks like the Laurel Festival Committee is doing a wonderful job.
- E. **Member Dave Ferringer** – Member Dave Ferringer stated it is nice to see the community come together with the kayak launch, Rails-to-Trails, and the park downtown, but it all goes for naught when you see the buildings falling down and the grass three feet high. Member Dave Ferringer stated it is the worst he can recall it in his lifetime being here as a lifelong resident, and he hopes we can do something to address it. Member Dave Ferringer stated he appreciates Dick Boozer with the Laurel Festival, the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company, the work that Health and Zoning Officer Emerson Turnbull and Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek are doing, and Police Chief Vince Markle. Member Dave Ferringer stated he thinks we have a great crew. Member Dave Ferringer stated Manager Dana D. Schreckengost is doing a good job. Member Dave Ferringer stated we have something here to be proud of.
- F. **Vice-President Bill Kutz** – Vice-President Bill Kutz thanked Police Chief Vince Markle, Public Works Director Dave Vallosio, Health and Zoning Officer Emerson Turnbull, and Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek for everything they are doing. Vice-President Bill Kutz asked the media if they had any questions.

MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Member Dave Ferringer moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Rick Baughman.
Motion carried 5-0 at 8:15 P.M.

Borough Manager

