

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

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Richard Beck
Phil Hynes
Bill Kutz
Karen Allgeier
Dave Ferringier
Ken King
Rick Baughman
Randy Bartley

STAFF

Manager Dana D. Schreckengost
Police Chief Vince Markle
Public Works Director -
Dave Vallosio
Code Enforcement Officer -
Donald Jonischek
Recorder Christine Gunning
Solicitor Jim Dennison

VISITOR/MEDIA

Rose James
John Pozza
Alex Nelson
David Deemer
Roy Darrin
Cheryl Muders
Sara Muders
Katie Muders
Molly McNutt
Melora McNutt
Jonathan Rollinger
LuAnn Murray

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 (July 17, 2018):

President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to approve the minutes of the July 17th meeting as submitted; seconded by Member Dave Ferringier. Motion carried 7-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- A. Approval of Expenditures** – The current bills were presented for approval. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated there is one addition; \$3,402.00 to Dennison Law Office for general bills from February 2018 to current. Member Dave Ferringier moved to approve the bills as amended; seconded by President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. Fund Level Financial Statements** – President Phil Hynes stated you have the fund level financial statements, and if you have any questions the appropriate people are here to answer them.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Molly McNutt – Proposed Dog Park** – Brookville resident Molly McNutt stated Brookville is a beautiful small town, but dog owners in the Borough do not have a place for dogs to run and play off-leash. Molly McNutt stated a dog park is a public park where people and their dogs can play together. Molly McNutt stated dog parks are a great place for dogs to get exercise. Molly McNutt stated she is

asking for consideration for a public area for a dog park. Molly McNutt stated some areas that would be good for a dog park are; the grassy area below Memorial Park, the park next to Northside School, and the area below Mike's Comet where there is a softball field. Member Randy Bartley asked if the dog park would be a fenced in area. Molly McNutt stated yes, and it would preferably be an acre but it could be smaller. Member Ken King asked about funding. Molly McNutt stated she can write grants. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier asked what if it is a matching grant. Molly McNutt stated she would secure private funders and investors for the project. President Phil Hynes stated he would be interested in how other boroughs did this and handle liability issues. After some discussion, President Phil Hynes thanked Molly McNutt and asked her group to explore this more, and for the Property Committee to see what other boroughs have done. President Phil Hynes thanked Molly McNutt for bringing this forward, and stated we will explore it.

- B. Laurel Board/Veteran's Association – Pickering Street Bridge & Veteran's Banners** – LuAnn Murray, the Secretary of the Brookville Laurel Festival, stated she is here tonight to ask Council's support for two projects that will honor the veterans of this community. LuAnn Murray stated both of these projects have the support of the American Legion Post 102 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 204. LuAnn Murray stated the first project is naming the Pickering Street Bridge in honor of James Slagle, a wounded veteran of World War Two. LuAnn Murray stated Jim Slagle was a graduate of Brookville Area High School. LuAnn Murray stated Jim Slagle qualified to serve on the second ranger battalion, and on June 6, 1944 he stormed the shores of Normandy as part of the D-day operation. LuAnn Murray stated his unit landed on Omaha Beach, but Jim Slagle never reached the shore. LuAnn Murray stated Jim Slagle was hit seven times by German machine gunfire and laid in the surf most of the day. LuAnn Murray stated Jim would often say he would have drowned in a shell hole if an anonymous soldier had not dragged him to higher ground. LuAnn Murray stated he spent the next eighteen months in army hospitals recovering from his wounds. LuAnn Murray stated Jim Slagle was discharged from the army in 1945 and returned to Brookville. LuAnn Murray stated Jim Slagle was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and served as the Commander of Post 204. LuAnn Murray stated Jim Slagle was also named as a Flag Man, and operated Slagle's Ice Cream. LuAnn Murray stated Jim Slagle passed away in 2003. LuAnn Murray stated with your support, and the support of Representative Cris Dush and Senator Joe Scarnatti we will approach PennDOT and if all goes well dedicate the Pickering Street Bridge on June 20, 2019. LuAnn Murray stated she is requesting a letter of support from Borough Council. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved that we provide the letter of support requested here this evening as soon as possible; seconded by Vice-President Bill Kutz. Motion carried 7-0. Member Dave Ferringer stated he knows of two other people in Brookville who stormed the beach of Normandy. Member Randy Bartley stated there was only one ranger. Member Dave Ferringer stated he is not going to debate this, he is just saying he was not the only one. LuAnn Murray stated we are also working on another project that we would unveil for Laurel Festival that would involve a marker that would have the names

of those killed in action in World War Two listed. LuAnn Murray stated the second project she has will be a joint project between the Laurel Festival, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 204, and the American Legion Post 102. LuAnn Murray stated many of the surrounding communities have placed banners honoring their veterans on the light poles along their Main Streets. LuAnn Murray stated they would like Council's support in doing a similar effort in Brookville. LuAnn Murray stated the cost of the banners and brackets will be borne by the families of the veterans. LuAnn Murray stated if possible we would hope to display these banners by Memorial Day until Veterans Day, and also do an Honor Celebration on June 20, 2019. Member Ken King stated he is starting to think like Member Dave Ferringer and thinks we should do some research on why the bridge should be named after James Slagle. Member Ken King stated he certainly has nothing against James Slagle, but have you considered everyone else that was involved. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated you may want to stay more generic about the bridge. President Phil Hynes stated we already voted to have a letter of support. President Phil Hynes stated we want to recognize veterans as much as we can. After some discussion, Member Randy Bartley moved to support the Veteran's Banner Project; seconded by Member Ken King. Motion carried 7-0.

- C. **Roy Darrin – Blighted Buildings and Sidewalks** – Brookville resident Roy Darrin stated he wanted to see how we are doing with the blighted buildings. Roy Darrin stated the roof is falling down through the eaves of a house on Walnut Street, and it is in really bad shape. Roy Darrin asked how the Borough is making out with blighted buildings. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated it is a slow process. Member Rick Baughman stated if the property owner lets the property go to that extent they are not willing to help at all, and it falls back to the Borough to take care of it. Member Rick Baughman stated if we step in and take care of every blighted property in the community, it would take a tremendous amount of money. Roy Darrin stated it is not an easy job. Roy Darrin stated it is our tax base. Roy Darrin stated you have to pay to tear them down, and then you lose your tax base. Roy Darrin stated some people do not have the money to fix up their home. Roy Darrin stated the USDA will give a grant for a low income family of \$7,500.00, and he will try to bring some information regarding this to Council. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated if people want to live like pigs that is how they are going to stay. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated no matter what you do, it will not change their attitude. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated they have grown up like this over the years generation after generation and to them this is normal living. Roy Darrin stated we will have to tear down the buildings. President Phil Hynes stated this has been a problem since you were on Council, and you know we try to address it. Roy Darrin stated the sidewalk at the old Union Hotel is really bad. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated it is in foreclosure now. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated the owner was cited in the past for that. President Phil Hynes thanked Roy Darrin for his comments.

REPORTS:

Chief of Police

- A. **Statistics for July** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated in the month of July they wrote 64 traffic citations, 48 warnings, 335 parking tickets, had 31 felonies, 373 misdemeanors, 4 drug arrests, and 7 summaries.
- B. **Training** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated seven officers went to individualized training this month.
- C. **Misdemeanor/Seventeen Year Old Boy** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated one criminal case that sticks out in July was when a seventeen year old boy had a concealed fire arm and was walking around the Borough. Police Chief Vince Markle stated he bought parts off the internet and built a gun.
- D. **File Server** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated their file server died and they have to replace it. Police Chief Vince Markle stated the cost would be \$14,652.00, and they would get it from Computer Support. Police Chief Vince Markle stated the money is in their budget. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to allow Police Chief Vince Markle to purchase a new server for the Police Department as presented; seconded by Member Randy Bartley. Motion carried 7-0.
- E. **School Security** – Member Randy Bartley asked Police Chief Vince Markle where we are on school security. Police Chief Vince Markle stated they sent a contract to Solicitor Dennison. Police Chief Vince Markle stated they have to get it to their attorney. Police Chief Vince Markle stated we are waiting on it to come back. Police Chief Vince Markle stated it will be a forty hour per week position. Police Chief Vince Markle stated we are waiting for them to stamp their side, and then we will bring it to Council.

Fire Company

- A. **Statistics for July** - Ryan Pearsall, Deputy Chief of the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company, reported in July they had ten runs, including 1 structure fire, 3 activated fire alarms, 1 smoke investigation, 1 motor vehicle accident, 2 fuel spills, 1 Police Department assist, and 1 EMS assist.
- B. **Power Outages** - Ryan Pearsall stated during July Penelec had planned power outages for which we made fire stations available as cooling shelters.
- C. **Elevator Incident** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company did an outstanding job assisting the Police Department with rescuing the person who was stuck in the elevator.

Director of Public Works – Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated today they paved Central Avenue between Sixth and Seventh Streets, Brush Street from Clark Street to East Main Street, and Long and Fourth Streets starting at Fifth Street to Western Avenue. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio reported they will be moving to the other side of town tomorrow. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio thanked the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company for lending them a generator during these power outages to run one of our traffic lights on Main Street. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier stated she

thought it was nice that Public Works Director Dave Vallosio had someone hand out notices to every house on the streets that are being paved asking them to park elsewhere during the paving times. President Phil Hynes stated Public Works Director Dave Vallosio must be doing a good job because he has not heard any complaints.

Zoning/Health Officer – No Report

Code Enforcement Officer – Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek reported he is working on six active complaints he received, including one about mold at the Super 8 Motel.

Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

1. **Public Works Equipment Purchase** – Finance Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated the cost of the skid steer that we had discussed previously for Public Works Director Dave Vallosio came in exactly at what we had been discussing, and asked Manager Dana D. Schreckengost if she had that invoice. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated \$45,500.00 was the low CoStars bid. President Phil Hynes stated this is coming out of our Capital Reserve Fund. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to approve the purchase of the skid steer for \$45,500.00 as presented. President Phil Hynes asked all Council Members in favor of this motion coming from committee to say ‘aye’. Motion carried 7-0.

Solicitor

- A. **Agreement with the School** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he is working on the agreement with the school, and he will give that to Council probably later this month.
- B. **Grass Ordinance 1100** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated we are doing the final adoption of Grass Ordinance 1100, which limits the height certain vegetation in the Borough to ten inches. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated it says the Borough can do the work if the property owner does not do it after notice, and it provides penalties for violation of the ordinance. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to adopt Grass Ordinance 1100; seconded by Member Dave Ferringier. Motion carried 6-1, with Member Randy Bartley opposed.

Borough Manager

A. Money Transfers

1. **Capital Funds** - Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we need a money transfer for the Capital Funds. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we currently have it at S&T Bank where it is not gaining any interest, so she would like to put it in PLGIT where it will earn interest of \$54,000.00. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to approve the money transfer for the Capital Funds are presented; seconded by Vice-President Bill Kutz. Motion carried 7-0.

2. **S&T Bank's General Fund** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we need a money transfer from S&T Bank's General Fund into PLGIT's General Fund for \$100,000.00. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to approve Manager Dana D. Schreckengost making the money transfer from S&T Bank's General Fund into PLGIT's General Fund as presented; seconded by Vice-President Bill Kutz. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Open PLGIT Accounts

1. **Fire Fund** - Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated she would like to open a PLGIT prime account for the Fire Fund. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated she would like to take one hundred dollars from the S&T Bank Fire Fund and open an account in PLGIT prime. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to approve Manager Dana D. Schreckengost taking one hundred dollars from the S&T Bank Fire Fund and opening an account in PLGIT prime as presented; seconded by Vice-President Bill Kutz. Motion carried 7-0.
 2. **Library Fund** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated she would like to take one hundred dollars from the Library Fund at S&T Bank and open a PLGIT prime account for the Library Fund. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to approve Manager Dana D. Schreckengost's request to take one hundred dollars from the Library Fund at S&T Bank and open a PLGIT prime account for the Library Fund as presented; seconded by Vice-President Bill Kutz. Motion carried 7-0.
- C. **2019 Police Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO)** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated the 2019 Police Pension MMO is based on estimated payroll from half of 2018. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated the actuary puts this together for us, and they are estimating the 2019 Minimum Municipal Obligation to be \$76,505.00. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to approve the 2019 Minimum Municipal Obligation for police pensions as presented; seconded by Vice-President Bill Kutz. Motion carried 7-0.
- D. **Executive Session – Personnel** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost requested an executive session for a personnel matter with action expected.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Old Sunoco Station/Safety Hazard** – Vice-President Bill Kutz stated someone on Council took a picture of the old Sunoco station down beside Brookville Chevrolet. Vice-President Bill Kutz stated it was boarded up, but now the boards have been ripped off or have fallen off, and someone said they saw kids running around in there. Vice-President Bill Kutz asked Police Chief Vince Markle if he saw any of that. Police Chief Vince Markle stated he did not, and this was just brought to his attention. Police Chief Vince Markle stated they will look into it, and take action if they see anyone in there. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated it is owned by the Dave Richards estate.

Member Dave Ferringer stated Snook Richards owns twenty five percent. Vice-President Bill Kutz stated it is a safety hazard.

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

- A. Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting and for their comments.
- B. Member Rick Baughman** – Member Rick Baughman stated on the blighted buildings and the Grass Ordinance, a lot of people think they do not mean much, but if you drive around things are getting worse and worse. Member Rick Baughman stated it is a problem and it has to be taken care of.
- C. Member Randy Bartley** – Member Randy Bartley commended the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company for their prompt response to the fire on Main Street last night, and stated he is glad they were able to save it.
- D. Member Ken King** – Member Ken King stated he is glad to see our departments and organizations working together. Member Ken King commended Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek for his job, because it cannot be an easy job.
- E. Member Dave Ferringer** – Member Dave Ferringer stated it is nice to see the efforts of all. Member Dave Ferringer stated Molly had a good idea with the dog park. Member Dave Ferringer stated it is sad about the blight issue.
- F. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier** – President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier thanked Police Chief Vince Markle for making the phone call to PennDOT about the mess on the boulevard where those two truck stops are. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier told the Fire Chief they did a good job on Main Street last night. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier told Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek she does not envy him his job at all.
- G. Vice-President Bill Kutz** – Vice-President Bill Kutz thanked everyone for everything they do for the Borough.
- H. President Phil Hynes** – President Phil Hynes stated this is National Night Out for Crime and he is glad we do not have to celebrate that here because we have a police force that has things under control. President Phil Hynes asked the media if they had any questions.

MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION:

- A. Fire Last Night** – Reporter John Pozza asked if a dog lost his life in last night's fire on Main Street. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Brookville Borough Council entered an executive session at 7:49 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter with action expected. Executive session ended at 8:06 P.M. with the following action taken:

President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to hire a part-time parking enforcement employee at ten dollars 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 8:07 P.M.

Borough Manager