

MINUTES
BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, December 17, 2013 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Brookville Borough Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

John Blazosky
Karen Allgeier
James B. Sarvey
Steve Hoak
David Ferringar
William Kutz
Phil Hynes

STAFF

Manager Charles Gable
Superintendent Bob Receski
Solicitor Jim Dennison
Mayor Chip Wonderling
Police Chief Ken Dworek
Code Enforcement and Zoning
Officer - Emerson Turnbull
Recorder Christine Gunning

VISITOR/MEDIA

Judi Anthony
Matthew Triponey
Ann Sarvey
Clarinda Darr
Dick Beck
Jim Lipuma
Tracy Zents
Charles Turnbull
Valerie Zents
Katie Zents
Kyle Zents
Charlie Schrecengost
Dick Boozer
John Wirick
Scott Minich
Mike Battaglia
Ed Schrecengost

CALL TO ORDER:

President Blazosky called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

President Blazosky stated Council presented Member Sarvey with a plaque before the meeting to honor him for serving on Council for 20 years.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- 1. Approval of Expenditures** – The current bills were presented for approval. Member Hoak moved to approve the bills as submitted; seconded by Member Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.
- 2. Financial Report** – President Blazosky stated that if anyone had questions regarding the Financial Report they should ask Manager Gable and Member Hynes. Manager Gable stated the Borough is finishing the year within budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. **John Wirick – Firemen Club vs. Fire Company Lawsuit** – John Wirick asked Council the following questions; how much of our tax millage is given to the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company, does the Borough ever see the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company's financial statements to see how the money is being used, is the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company's financial record available for public review, is our tax money being used to pay for the lawsuit. Solicitor Dennison stated the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company gets 1.1 mils of tax money. Solicitor Dennison stated that the Borough never asked to see the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company's financial statements. Solicitor Dennison stated he does not think the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company's financial records are available for public review since the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company is not a public entity or a public agency. Jim Lipuma stated that no tax money is being used for the lawsuit.
2. **Christine and Alan King – Naming of New Road** - Alan King stated he is requesting that Council approve the road off of Richards Street past Ace Hardware to be named 'King Ridge Drive'. Mr. King stated they are not requesting that the road be ordained. Member Allgeier moved to approve the proposed name 'King Ridge Drive' as a private road off of Richards Street in the Borough of Brookville; seconded by Member Kutz. Motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS:

Fire Chief – Tracy Zents reported the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company responded to 7 alarms resulting from the storm over the weekend. Tracy Zents stated they spent 11 hours on the interstate dealing with various accidents. Tracy Zents reported there were no serious injuries.

Police Chief- Chief Dworek stated the oldest police cruiser, the Ford Crown Victoria, is ready to be put up for sale. Chief Dworek stated the cruiser has over 100,000 miles and the transmission is going bad. Member Hynes made a motion to put the retired police cruiser out to bid; seconded by Member Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0. Chief Dworek also stated the Police Department has received around \$10,000.00 in grants for next year.

Superintendent's Report –

Superintendent Receski said if anyone had questions regarding his written Superintendent's report, he would be glad to answer them.

Health Code Officer –

No Report

Code Enforcement –

Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer Emerson Turnbull stated that he gave Council a copy of his written report and he would be glad to answer any questions regarding it.

Committee Reports –

A. Community Resources Committee

1. **Special Event Permits – Final Draft**– Member Hoak stated the Community Resources Committee has a final draft of the form outlining the steps involved in getting a special event permit. Member Hoak made a motion coming out of Committee to approve this form for use starting January 1, 2014, for all special events. This motion was approved unanimously, 7-0.

B. Finance Committee

1. **2014 Budget Adoption** – Member Hynes stated the 2014 Budget has been put on official display for the required 10 days. Member Hynes stated the total budget is \$1,854,941.00 which is the expenses offset by revenues. Member Hynes made a motion to approve the resolution adopting the 2014 Budget as presented and properly displayed; seconded by Member Hoak. Motion carried 7-0. Member Hynes added that making the 2014 Budget involved absolutely no tax increase.
2. **Ordinance 1087–2013 – The Tax Ordinance/2014 Tax Rates**– Member Allgeier moved to adopt Ordinance 1087-2013; seconded by Member Hoak. Motion carried 7-0.
3. **Resolution Appointing an Auditor for 2013 Accounts** – Member Sarvey moved to approve the Resolution appointing an Auditor for 2013 accounts; seconded by Member Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.

Borough Manager's Report

- A. **Annual Report** – Manager Gable reviewed accomplishments in 2013.
- B. **Software & Associated Initiatives Update/Implementation** – Manager Gable reported the new server is in place. Manager Gable reported that the new Freedom Systems software should be up and running January 1, 2014.
- C. **Executive Session** – Manager Gable requested an executive session to discuss personnel matters with action expected.

Solicitor Report

- A. **Zoning Code Book** – Solicitor Dennison stated some zoning issues are coming up and he needs a copy of the old zoning code book. Council Members stated they will look for one.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **BMA Modified Consent Order and Agreement** – Solicitor Dennison stated we are waiting to hear back from the Department of Environmental Protection on the Brookville Municipal Authority modified consent order and agreement.
- B. **Appointments to Authorities, Boards and Commissions** – Solicitor Dennison stated these appointments usually take place at the next Borough Council meeting by the new Board.

C. Resolution 494-13 Tax Collection Committee 2014 Budget and Voting

Delegate – Member Allgeier moved to appoint Manager Gable as the primary delegate and Kerry Swineford as the first alternate and Bonnie Parrett as the second alternate; seconded by Member Hoak. Motion carried 7-0.

Member Hynes moved to approve the budget of the taxing authority as presented; seconded by Member Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Authorization to Advertise the January 6, 2014 Council Meeting – Member Hoak moved to approve advertising January 6, 2014 as the Council reorganization meeting with the business meeting following; seconded by Member Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.

B. FEMA/PEMA June 2013 POTUS Declaration – Member Hoak moved to approve Resolution 495-13 approving Manager Gable as our ‘applicant agent’ for FEMA/PEMA; seconded by Member Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council entered an Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss personnel matters with action expected. Executive Session ended at 8:28 p.m. with the following action taken. Member Hynes stated they had a difficult decision to make, with four excellent candidates for Police Chief to consider. Member Hynes recommended out of committee to hire Sergeant Jason Brown, a police officer with 25 years law enforcement experience. President Blazosky asked for a roll call vote which follows; Member Sarvey – Yes, Member Ferringer – No, Member Allgeier – Yes, Member Hoak – Yes, Member Kutz – No, Member Hynes – Yes, President Blazosky – Yes. Motion carried 5-2.

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

1. **Mayor Wonderling** – Mayor Wonderling thanked everyone for giving him the opportunity to serve for 12 years. Mayor Wonderling stated he will be available until January 7, 2014.
2. **Member Sarvey** – Member Sarvey thanked everyone and stated it was an honor to serve for 20 years.
3. **All Members** – All remaining Council Members thanked the Mayor and Member Sarvey for their service.

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Allgeier moved to adjourn; seconded by Council Member Hoak. Motion carried 7-0 at 8:40 p.m.

Borough Manager

