

MINUTES
BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, September 2, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

John Blazosky
Phil Hynes
Karen Allgeier
David Ferringar
Bill Kutz
Steve Hoak
Clarinda R. Darr

STAFF

Manager Dana Schreckengost
Superintendent Bob Receski
Mayor Richard Beck
Police Chief Jason Brown
Solicitor Jim Dennison
Fire Chief Jim Lipuma
Zoning/Code/Health Officer
Emerson Turnbull
Recorder Christine Gunning

VISITOR/MEDIA

Judi Anthony
Matt Triponey
John Pozza
Thomas Teeters
Cris Dush
Tonya Norris
Dr. & Mrs. Wagner
Travis Long

CALL TO ORDER:

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

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES (August 5th & 19th)

President Pro-Tem Allgeier moved to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Member Hoak. Motion carried 7-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

1. **Approval of Expenditures** – The current bills were presented for approval. Vice President Hynes moved to approve the bills as presented, seconded by President Pro-Tem Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.
2. **Fund Level Financial Statements** – President Blazosky stated that Manager Schreckengost and Vice-President Hynes is available to answer any questions regarding the Fund Level Financial Statements.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. **Gwin, Dobson, & Foreman – Act 537** – Project Manager and Engineer Travis Long from Gwin, Dobson, & Foreman stated Act 537 regulates sewage facilities, and our system is quite old. Engineer Long stated the project to improve the system has two phases, and in order to submit the plan, we need to adopt two resolutions sometime this month. President Blazosky stated Council will review the resolutions and address this at the next Borough Council meeting on September 16th.
2. **Dr. John Wagner – Flooding Concerns on South White Street** – Dr. John Wagner stated his property at 73 South White Street has been affected by flooding twice in the past month and a half. Dr. Wagner stated he would like to

help the Borough find a solution to this problem. Solicitor Dennison stated the Borough needs to map things out and take a methodical approach in dealing with this problem. Superintendent Receski stated we need a complete over-view of our stormwater management system, and it would take a lot of money to fix it. Superintendent Receski suggested a good starting point would be for a Council Member to look for grants on stormwater management. Manager Schreckengost reported this problem is state-wide. President Blazosky stated the Borough is working on this.

3. **Thomas Teeters – Flooding Concerns on Western Avenue** – Thomas Teeters stated he lives on Western Avenue and his house gets flooded when it rains because the 20 foot curb that runs in front of his house is only two-and-a-half inches high, instead of four. Public Works Committee Chairman Kutz stated they will look into this issue as soon as possible.

REPORTS:

Chief of Police –

1. **Policy Updates** – Chief Brown reported all policies are being reviewed and updated at the Police Department.
2. **2014 Civil Service Police Officer Candidates** – Chief Brown reported they will be interviewing the Civil Service Police Officer Candidates tomorrow and Thursday.
3. **Police Canine Grant** – Chief Brown reported the Police Department is eligible to apply for a grant for a Police canine. Chief Brown stated the Police Department would need approval and support from Council if it is selected. Chief Brown stated the current cost for a drug canine is around \$25,000.00. Chief Brown stated we would have to differentiate what kind of dog we would request. President Blazosky asked Chief Brown about the cost of the upkeep of the canine. Chief Brown stated he would like to address this in an Executive Session.

Fire Chief – Fire Chief Lipuma reported there were 28 calls with 14 fire fighters per call for the month of August. Fire Chief Lipuma stated there were 20 members for drill night, 13 flooding incidents, 1 structure fire, 1 vehicle fire, 1 fuel spill, and 4 vehicle accidents. Fire Chief Lipuma thanked everyone for supporting Community Days and the Diamond Rio concert.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Receski said if anyone had questions regarding his written Superintendents report, he would be glad to answer them. Superintendent Receski stated he is working with Manager Schreckengost to come up with a Stormwater Plan of Action.

Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer – Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Emerson Turnbull stated he would be glad to answer any questions regarding his written report.

Solicitor – No Report

Committee Reports – None

Borough Manager –

1. **Tax Collector Update** – Manager Schreckengost stated Tax Collector Vickie Storey has been performing Tax Assessor duties and not been getting paid for it. President Pro-Tem Allgeier moved that Vickie Storey be the Tax Assessor and be paid pursuant to current government regulations between May 1st to July 15th at a rate of \$5.00 per hour, reviewed annually; seconded by Member Kutz. Motion carried 6-1 with Member Hoak dissenting.
2. **Playground Repairs** – Manager Schreckengost stated all three playgrounds in the Borough parks are in need of some repairs. President Pro-Tem Allgeier stated she would like this to be taken under consideration in determining the 2015 Budget. President Blazosky stated the Property Committee and Superintendent Receski will look over the list of repairs needed, and see if anything needs immediate attention.
3. **Freedom Systems – Year-End Processing** – Manager Schreckengost stated Freedom Systems is offering year-end processing services that would cost the Borough \$798.00 and the Municipal Authority \$798.00. Manager Schreckengost stated this would be a one-time cost to learn year-end processing procedures. President Pro-Tem Allgeier moved to agree to pay Freedom Systems \$798.00 to do the year-end processing for the 2014 fiscal year; seconded by Member Hoak. Motion carried 7-0.
4. **Executive Session** – Manager Schreckengost requested an Executive Session for personnel items with no action expected.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

- A. **Mayor Beck** – Mayor Beck reported a lady is complaining about speeding on Short Street, and suggested putting speed humps there. Chief Brown stated putting speed humps there would open the Borough to unlimited liability.
- B. **Member Darr** – Member Darr stated the minutes from the August 5th Borough Council meeting refer to the ordinance regarding businesses leaving tables on sidewalks. Member Darr asked if businesses were allowed to fold up tables and lean them against the outside of their building on the sidewalk. President Blazosky stated businesses should leave nothing on the sidewalks at the end of business. Member Darr also reminded everyone about the Town Hall meeting coming up on Tuesday, September 16, 2014.
- C. **Member Hoak** – Member Hoak thanked everyone involved with making Community Days fantastic. Member Hoak also requested an Executive Session for legal issues with no action expected.

- D. President Pro-Tem Allgeier** – President Pro-Tem Allgeier welcomed back Member Kutz. President Pro-Tem Allgeier thanked everyone involved with Community Days, and thanked Superintendent Receski for his work with the water issues we have had recently.
- E. Vice President Hynes** – Vice President Hynes reported the Finance Committee will start putting together the 2015 Budget in October. Vice President Hynes stated the Borough Engineer is looking at the Depot Street Project and is coming up with a plan to re-bid the project.
- F. President Blazosky** – President Blazosky thanked Dr. Wagner and Tonya Norris for their comments tonight regarding flooding concerns and stated we are working on these issues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council entered an Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal issues with no action expected. Executive Session ended at 9:00 p.m. with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Pro-Tem Allgeier moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Kutz. Motion carried 7-0 at 9:00 p.m.

Borough Manager