

**MINUTES**  
**BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, October 7, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.**

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

**STAFF**

Manager Dana Shick  
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 –  
arrived 7:32 p.m.  
Nicole Cable  
Mable Dunkle  
Ann Sarvey  
Lennea Darrin

**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 (September 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>)**

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

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. **Nicole Cable (Brookville Civic Club) – Decorating Parking Meters** – Brookville Civic Club member Nicole Cable asked Council's permission for the Club to decorate parking meters downtown with corn stalks on October 26, 2014, take them down on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and put up the greens for Christmas, take down the greens on January 4<sup>th</sup>, and also to have the Pumpkin Roll on Wednesday, November 2nd. President Pro-Tem Allgeier moved to approve the Brookville Civic Club's request as stated by Mrs. Cable for Halloween through January, seconded by Member Kutz. Motion carried 7-0.

## **REPORTS:**

### **Chief of Police –**

1. **High Profile Incidents** – Chief Brown reported there were several high profile incidents since the last meeting. Chief Brown stated one of these incidents involved an accident on I-80 during which the Police Department expended 36 straight hours and 56 hours of overtime just for that single incident. Chief Brown stated there was also a bomb threat this past Friday at the Brookville Junior/Senior High School. Chief Brown stated the building was evacuated and checked for an explosive device, but none were located. Chief Brown stated the investigation into the threat is still ongoing.
2. **Police Vehicles** – Chief Brown stated they are slowly getting their vehicles back on line. Chief Brown reported they are selling the department's Chevy van.
3. **Policies & Procedures Manual** – Chief Brown reported the Policies & Procedures Manual was handed out on October 1<sup>st</sup>, and it will go into effect on October 15, 2014.
4. **Executive Session** – Chief Brown requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

### **Fire Chief's Report –**

1. **High Profile Incidents** - Fire Chief Lipuma reported they were also busy dealing with the accident on I-80 and the bomb threat at the Brookville Junior/Senior High School.
2. **Monthly Report** - Fire Chief Lipuma stated there were 23 calls, and they used 486 man hours during the month of September. Fire Chief Lipuma reported there were 3 power lines down, 10 vehicle accidents, 1 body removal, 1 carbon monoxide alarm, 1 structure fire, and 1 standby for another station. Fire Chief Lipuma stated this is Fire Prevention Week.
3. **Halloween Events** - Fire Chief Lipuma reported Nightmare Lane and the Haunted Hayride start October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Moonlite Drive-In. Fire Chief Lipuma stated the Halloween Parade will start at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> and concludes at the Fire Hall with treats for the kids.
4. **Public Address/Warning System** – Fire Chief Lipuma stated the Borough needs a public address/warning system so the Borough can reach people to get them to evacuate quickly in an emergency situation. Chief Brown stated back in Michigan they updated their siren to do a voice message over the same system, and that grants should be available for this. President Blazosky stated the Public Safety Committee will look into this issue with Manager Shick, Chief Brown, and Fire Chief Lipuma.

**Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Receski said if anyone had questions regarding his written Superintendents report, he would be glad to answer them. Superintendent Receski reported they started paving Hastings Street yesterday. Superintendent Receski reported they will begin leaf picking October 27<sup>th</sup>, and the leaves are hauled out to Jefferson Paving. Superintendent Receski stated we normally haul out 1,000 cubic yards of leaves.

**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** –

1. **Rose Siding Road** – Solicitor Dennison stated another bridge inspector looked at the bridge, and it does not need to be posted. Solicitor Dennison stated he let Mrs. Bickle know about this, and she is still concerned about the ditch going down that road. Superintendent Receski stated he will have it re-graded this week. Vice-President Hynes asked Solicitor Dennison if there were any weight restrictions there. Solicitor Dennison stated there were not any weight restrictions there.
2. **Storm Water Meeting** – Solicitor Dennison reported he will be attending a meeting regarding Storm Water with Manager Shick on Friday at 9:00 a.m. at Dr. Greenberg's property on South White Street and some Council Members might want to attend also.

**Committee Reports** – None

**Borough Manager** –

1. **Walter Dick Endowment Trust Compliance** – Manager Shick reported she received a letter from the Walter Dick Endowment Trust stating the accountant who carries out the compliance portion of the agreement is moving to South Carolina, and another volunteer will need to be found as a replacement. President Blazosky suggested Council Members bring potential candidates to Manager Shick's attention before the next Borough Council meeting on October 21, 2014.
2. **Wells Fargo Property Donation** – Manager Shick reported that Wells Fargo wants to donate 73 South Pickering Street to the Borough. President Blazosky turned this issue over to the Property Committee to review.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Excess Furniture Update** – President Pro-Tem Allgeier reported the Brookville Area United Fund and Brookville Community Theatre are interested in acquiring the Borough's excess furniture, and they would haul the furniture out themselves. Member Kutz suggested the Borough just give the furniture to them, as long as they haul it out themselves. President Pro-Tem Allgeier moved to approve the Brookville Area United Fund and Brookville Community Theatre to remove all furniture at the old school administration building and some of the tables and chairs in the conference room in the Borough Complex as part of good will; seconded by Member Ferringer. Motion carried 7-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

## **ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:**

### **A. Mayor Beck –**

1. **Accident and Bomb Scare** - Mayor Beck complimented the Police Department and the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company for their work in dealing with the accident on I-80.
2. **Depot Street Project** - Mayor Beck also stated someone asked him why the Borough is spending money on Depot Street when roads in the Borough need paved. President Pro-Tem Allgeier stated she thinks because Council made one motion for \$100,000.00 to be used for paving in the Borough and the Depot Street Project, people might misunderstand and think \$100,000.00 went to the Depot Street Project, when in reality, the motion approved \$39,000.00 for the Depot Street Project, and \$61,000.00 for paving in the Borough.

### **B. Member Darr –**

1. **Brookville Glove/Thank You Note** - Member Darr stated she received a note from Mr. Aaron at Brookville Glove thanking Council and the media for the coverage they received from attending the last Borough Council meeting. Member Darr stated All My Favorite Things sells the pink ‘Gurly Bear’ gloves that were introduced at that meeting.
2. **Meet the Candidate Night** - Member Darr reminded everyone that Meet the Candidate Night is tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. at the Oliver Township Fire Hall.

### **C. Member Ferringer –** Member Ferringer complimented the Police Department and the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company for doing a great job dealing with the accident on I-80. Member Ferringer also requested an Executive Session for personnel issues with no action expected.

### **D. Member Hoak –** Member Hoak thanked the Police Department and the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company for a great job handling the accident on I-80. Member Hoak also reminded everyone about Meet the Candidate Night.

### **E. Member Kutz –** Member Kutz thanked the Brookville Police Department and the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company for doing a great job in dealing with the accident on I-80.

### **F. President Pro-Tem Allgeier –**

1. **Accident and Bomb Scare** - President Pro-Tem Allgeier thanked the Brookville Police Department and the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company for doing a great job handling the accident on I-80 and the bomb scare at the Brookville Junior/Senior High School.
2. **Free DCNR Grant Workshop** - President Pro-Tem Allgeier reported there will be a free DCNR Grant Workshop in November, and that she plans to attend it with Member Darr. President Pro-Tem Allgeier stated the workshop will be held in Venango County on October 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until noon.
3. **Budget Conferences** - President Pro-Tem Allgeier also stated Borough budget conferences will start this month.

### **G. Vice President Hynes –**

1. **Accident and Bomb Scare** - Vice President Hynes thanked the Brookville Police Department and the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company for doing a great job handling the accident on I-80 and the bomb scare at the Brookville Junior/Senior High School.
  2. **Depot Street Project** - Vice President Hynes stated there is a lot of misinformation out regarding the Depot Street Project. Vice President Hynes stated a figure of \$88,000.00 was reported from the Rail Trail meeting a couple of weeks ago, and he has no idea where that figure came from. Vice President Hynes stated that when they get a legitimate figure in, we will see what we have in the budget, work on getting grants, and it won't be an overly expensive project for the amount of benefit to the community.
  3. **Budget Process** - Vice President Hynes reported the Budget process is beginning. Vice President Hynes reported they are meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup> with Public Works, on October 29<sup>th</sup> with the Police Department, and they will meet with the Administration after that. Vice President Hynes stated they hope to have a preliminary Budget in order by early November.
- H. **President Blazosky** – President Blazosky thanked the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company and the Brookville Police Department for their service and for doing an excellent job in dealing with the accident on I-80 and the bomb scare at the Brookville Junior/Senior High School.

#### **MEDIA QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/CLARIFICATION:**

Judi Anthony stated she wanted to clarify the Depot Street figures. Judi Anthony stated the night the money was taken out of the budget, the figure was \$100,000.00. Judi Anthony stated she specifically asked Council for a figure, and she was told it would be more for street repairs than for Depot Street, but she was not given an exact figure.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council entered an Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. to discuss personnel issues with no action expected. Executive Session ended at 8:45 p.m. with no action taken.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Vice President Hynes moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Hoak. Motion carried 7-0 at 8:45 p.m.

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Borough Manager

