

MINUTES
BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, December 30, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, December 30, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

STAFF

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

VISITOR/MEDIA

Judi Anthony
Matt Triponey

CALL TO ORDER:

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

2015 BUDGET:

1. **Resolution 506-14 – Adopting the 2015 Budget** – Member Ferringier moved to accept Resolution 506-14 as submitted; seconded by Member Kutz. Motion carried 4-3 with President Pro-Tem Allgeier, and Members Darr and Hoak dissenting.

HIRING OF POLICE OFFICERS:

1. **Permission to Allow Hiring of Candidates** – President Pro-Tem Allgeier moved to allow Chief Brown to hire the top two candidates from the Civil Service Exam which would be Andrew Turnbull and Justin Miller effective January 1, 2015, with their rates set by contract; seconded by Member Kutz. Motion carried 7-0.

APPOINT ACCOUNTING FIRM TO AUDIT 2014:

1. **Resolution 507-14** – President Pro-Tem Allgeier moved to approve Resolution 507-14 reappointing our current accounting firm to do the audit for fiscal year 2014; seconded by Member Kutz. Motion carried 7-0.

ANY OTHER YEAR END ACTION: None

ORDINANCE 1088 – TAXES:

1. **Initial Motions/Ordinance 1088** – Vice-President Hynes moved to adopt Ordinance 1088. Manager Shick asked Council if the Fire Company could get its request of a .4 mill tax increase if their financials were shown. Vice-President Hynes withdrew his motion.

2. **Discussion Regarding Ordinance 1088** - Member Ferringer commended the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company for doing a great job, and stated he just wants to show the public the Borough is being fiscally responsible. Fire Chief Lipuma stated the Fire Company is asking for a .4 mill tax increase to help keep the Fire Company strong. Member Kutz stated he agonized over the 1 mill tax increase, and would rather vote on the .4 mill tax increase next year after seeing the results of an audit. Vice-President Hynes stated as long as the Fire Company is audited, he might change his mind about the .4 mill tax increase. Vice-President Hynes stated he doesn't want to have a tax increase again next year, and would rather raise the Fire Company tax millage this year.
3. **Approving Amended Ordinance 1088** - Vice-President Hynes moved to amend our tax increase to include the .4 for the Fire Company subject to an audit of the Fire Company by an auditor of our choice to be completed before any funds are dispersed; seconded by President Pro-Tem Allgeier. Motion carried 6-1 with Member Ferringer dissenting. President Blazosky asked for a roll call vote. Member Kutz changed his vote. Motion carried 5-2 with Members Ferringer and Kutz dissenting.
4. **Amending the 2015 Budget** – President Pro-Tem Allgeier moved to amend the previously approved budget for the 2015 fiscal year to include the .4 tax increase for fire protection; seconded by Member Hoak. Motion carried 5-2 with Members Ferringer and Kutz dissenting.
5. **Amending Ordinance 1088** – Vice-President Hynes moved to amend Ordinance 1088 to include a .4 mill increase in the Fire Company tax bringing it to 12.315 mills with the .4 increase; seconded by Member Darr. Motion carried 5-2 with Members Ferringer and Kutz dissenting.

MEDIA QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/CLARIFICATION:

Judi Anthony, a reporter, asked Council why it is 3.0 mills when it is actually 1.5 mills now. Manager Shick stated they are two different things. Solicitor Dennison stated there is Real Estate Tax which is 1.5 mills and there is Occupation Tax which is 3.0 mills. Solicitor Dennison stated he has the revised Ordinance and Judi Anthony is welcome to look at it.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Pro-Tem Allgeier moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Hoak. Motion carried 7-0 at 7:39 p.m.

Borough Manager

