

**MINUTES**  
**BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, January 6, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.**

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 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  
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**

Patti Slaughter  
Matt Triponey  
Mark McManigle  
Denny Simpson  
Steve Ent  
Don Pangallo  
Michael Allgeier  
Sally Allgeier  
Roger Shaw  
Charles Turnbull  
Tracy Zents  
Mike Battaglia

**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 (December 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>)**

President Pro-Tem Allgeier moved to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Member Kutz. 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. **Denny “Buckwheat” Simpson – Corsica Fire Department** – Denny Simpson, Treasurer of the Corsica Fire Department, stated he is attending the meeting because Member Ferringier made comments about not wanting to pay for the Corsica Fire Department. President Blazosky and Solicitor Dennison stated they don’t believe that was ever said. Denny Simpson stated it was printed in the December 18<sup>th</sup> issue of the Jeffersonian Democrat ‘I don’t want to pay for the Corsica Volunteer Fire Department’. President Blazosky stated he thinks that was taken out of context. Member Ferringier stated he doesn’t think it’s the

Borough's responsibility to respond to 90% of Corsica calls. Member Ferringer stated he appreciates the Fire Departments, and was just asking for a statement of expenditures. Denny Simpson reported the Corsica Fire Department only gets money from fund raisers and donations, and does not get any millage from Corsica. Denny Simpson stated he doesn't want the public to think Brookville is paying bills for Corsica. Solicitor Dennison reported he doesn't think it was ever stated that Brookville paid Corsica bills. President Blazosky stated he thinks that was misinterpreted in the press. Member Ferringer stated he never meant to suggest that Brookville was giving money to the Corsica Fire Department.

## **REPORTS:**

### **Chief of Police**

1. **Swearing in of Police Officers** – Chief Jason Brown stated there was a nice turn out January 2<sup>nd</sup> for the swearing-in ceremony of our two newest Officers Andrew Turnbull and Justin Miller.
2. **National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day** – Chief Brown reported Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, and asked everyone to support their local law enforcement.
3. **Ordering of New Vehicle** – Chief Brown reported it will take about ten weeks to get a new vehicle once it is ordered. President Pro-Tem Allgeier moved to authorize Chief Brown to order the new police vehicle through the CoStars Program; seconded by Member Ferringer. Motion carried 7-0.
4. **Executive Session** – President Pro-Tem Allgeier requested an executive session at the end of the meeting on Chief Brown's behalf for a personnel matter with no action expected.

**Fire Chief's Report** – Fire Chief Lipuma reported there were 15 calls in the month of December with an average of 13 fire fighters per call. Fire Chief Lipuma reported they averaged 19 members for their drill nights, and invested 410 man hours. Fire Chief Lipuma reported, weather permitting, they will take the Christmas lights and banners down next week. Fire Chief Lipuma stated there was 1 fuel spill, 1 QRS, 1 stand by another station, 1 structure fire, and 10 vehicle accidents. Fire Chief Lipuma introduced the new 2015 Brookville Fire Company Officers; Tracy Zents – First Assistant Chief, Steve Hoak – Second Assistant Chief & Treasurer, Dave Miller – Third Assistant Chief, Mike Battaglia – Fourth Assistant Chief & Vice-President of the Fire Company, Charles Turnbull – President of the Fire Company, Carl Yeager – Fire Police Captain, Val Zents – Chaplain, Russ Ossman - Secretary.

### **Superintendent's Report**

1. **Superintendent's Report** - Superintendent Receski said if anyone had questions regarding his written Superintendent's report, he would be glad to answer them.
2. **Madison Street Project** - Member Darr asked Superintendent Receski what the project on Madison Street involved. Superintendent Receski stated several years ago they replaced the main water line that goes from the hospital, across Madison, and out to Brookville Lumber with plastic line and left tin whistle,

which is corrugated pipe, and it collapsed, so an outside contractor replaced about 80 feet of pipe.

3. **Rotating Shifts** – Superintendent Receski stated the Street Department employees are currently working 12-hour rotating shifts for the winter.
4. **Pre-Wetting Capabilities** - Member Hoak asked Superintendent Receski about pre-wetting capabilities. Superintendent Receski reported at one time the State was using beet juice, but that didn't work. Superintendent Receski stated pre-wetting keeps the temperature down on the road, which slows the effects of any oncoming snow and ice. Superintendent Receski stated pre-wetting is quite expensive, but it is something the Borough could look at if it gets some extra money. Member Hoak stated maybe in the future this could be done with the cooperation of surrounding Municipalities.

**Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer** – Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Emerson Turnbull stated he had some trash complaints that were taken care of. Member Darr asked Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Turnbull about the status of the Motel 6 and the Clarion Federal Credit Union projects that were previously mentioned. Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Turnbull stated the Clarion Federal Credit Union should open soon, but the Motel 6 probably won't.

**Solicitor –**

1. **Amending Parks and Recreation Ordinance** - Solicitor Dennison suggested Council approve Ordinance 1089, an ordinance amending Chapter 148 of the Code of the Borough of Brookville concerning parks and recreation pursuant to changes in the gun law. President Pro-Tem Allgeier moved to put out for publication Ordinance 1089 an ordinance amending Chapter 148 of the Code of the Borough concerning parks and recreation; seconded by Member Hoak. Motion carried 7-0.

**Committee Reports**

**A. Personnel Committee**

1. **Working Foreman Job Description** – Personnel Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated she e-mailed a copy of the Working Foreman job description to everyone, and thinks this job description was the correct verbage to use to find a replacement for Superintendent Receski. President Pro-Tem Allgeier made a motion coming from the Personnel Committee to approve the Working Foreman Job Description and allow Manager Shick to put it out for people to start sending in their resumes. President Blazosky stated he doesn't think a Working Foreman position will work in a union environment, and thinks we are asking for trouble going in that direction. After some discussion, this topic was tabled until the next Borough Council meeting on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. President Pro-Tem Allgeier withdrew the motion she made coming from the Personnel Committee.

2. **Employee Manual** – President Pro-Tem Allgeier stated after she receives comments regarding the Employee Manual from the Municipal Authority following their meeting on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, the Personnel Committee will make an updated draft.

**B. Community Resources Committee**

1. **Accomplishments in 2014** – Community Resources Chair Clarinda R. Darr reported some of the Committee's accomplishments this year include establishing regular Town Hall meetings, applying for and being awarded a 50/50 DCNR Grant, and personally attending workshops, meetings and events.
2. **Projects to be Completed in 2015** – Community Resources Chair Clarinda R. Darr reported some things to look for in 2015 involve the completion of the H.B.I. Town Square, possibly revamping David Taylor's Main Street Project, Phase One of the Jefferson County Industrial Park, Phase Two completion, and the Scripture Rocks Park opening.

**Borough Manager –**

1. **Parking Spaces behind the Courthouse** – Manager Shick stated members of the public have asked her if they can rent parking spaces behind the Courthouse. President Pro-Tem Allgeier reported the Borough has two agreements; one with the Courthouse, and one with S&T Bank. Member Ferringer stated there could possibly be parking spaces open. Superintendent Receski stated there aren't any spaces available there, and it is up to Council to decide if they want to rent parking spaces to private individuals. President Pro-Tem Allgeier, Solicitor Dennison, and Council in general agreed they only want to rent parking spaces to Courthouse and County employees, not the general public.
2. **Walter Dick Endowment Trust Update** – Manager Shick reported Walter Dick is pleased to have Mark McKinley take over the compliance portion of the Walter Dick Endowment Trust.
3. **Rose Township Fire Coverage** – Manager Shick stated Brookville Volunteer Fire Company Chief Jim Lipuma and Pinecreek Volunteer Fire Department Chief Don Pangallo have talked, and would like to put Brookville on HH boxes which are high hazard call-outs when Pinecreek gets called out. Manager Shick stated currently Rose Township's fire department is Pinecreek. Manager Shick stated a high hazard call-out would cover businesses, churches, and things of that nature, and they almost always require an aerial truck. Manager Shick stated that currently our own water department is in Rose Township, so if it caught on fire we would have to wait for Pinecreek to show up on scene, and then request Brookville to be called out with the aerial truck. Member Darr asked what kind of an encumbrance this would put on the Borough financially as well as time-wise. Fire Chief Lipuma asked not to put a dollar amount on helping each other. Fire Chief Lipuma stated Corsica takes care of Rose Township. Fire Chief Lipuma stated letting the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company respond to the HH boxes would be a good first step to moving in the right direction. Member Ferringer moved to allow the

Brookville Volunteer Fire Company to respond to Rose Township calls for their high hazard calls; seconded by Member Kutz. Motion carried 7-0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Tyler Peters/Junior Council Member** – Member Darr reported high school junior Tyler Peters will be the student representative from the Brookville High School and serve as a Junior Council Member on the Brookville Borough Council.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:**

- A. **Mayor Beck** – Mayor Beck thanked all the fire companies and stated he appreciates everything they do.
- B. **Member Darr** – Member Darr asked everyone to support Raider wrestling. Member Darr thanked everyone who worked on the Personnel Handbook. Member Darr thanked the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company, EMS Center, 911 Center, and the Police for everything they did for her family this week.
- C. **Member Ferringer** – Member Ferringer stated it's good to see some cohesion in the fire departments.
- D. **Member Hoak** – Member Hoak stated he is glad the fire companies did what they did tonight.
- E. **Member Kutz** – Member Kutz stated he is happy the two fire companies patched things up because it benefits everyone.
- F. **President Pro-Tem Allgeier** – President Pro-Tem Allgeier stated she was amazed that Robin Fillman from the Brookville Area Schools failed to show up to tonight's meeting. President Blazosky stated he hoped there wasn't an emergency that kept Ms. Fillman from attending. President Pro-Tem Allgeier stated she couldn't be happier that the fire companies patched things up.
- G. **Vice-President Hynes** – Vice-President Hynes thanked all our first responders for all their service, and their cooperation.
- H. **President Blazosky** – President Blazosky stated he appreciates everything the fire companies do.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council entered an Executive Session at 8:16 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter with no action expected. Executive Session ended at 8:45 p.m. with no action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President Pro-Tem Allgeier moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Ferringer. Motion carried 7-0 at 8:45 p.m.

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Borough Manager