

MINUTES
BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, January 3, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

John Blazosky
Phil Hynes
Bill Kutz
Karen Allgeier
Dave Ferringer
Clarinda R. Darr
Levi Roseman

STAFF

Manager Dana D. Shick
Mayor Richard Beck
Police Chief Jason Brown
Public Works Director -
Dave Vallosio
Zoning/Code/Health Officer -
Emerson Turnbull
Recorder – Christine Gunning
Solicitor Jim Dennison

VISITOR/MEDIA

Matt Triponey
Scott Shindledecker
Randy Bartley
John Pozza
Gary Kahle
Sandy Snyder
Ann Koven
Katie Zents
Cody Halloway
Ron Pearsall
Annoria Schreckengost
Trina Gonzalez
Adam Terwilliger

CALL TO ORDER:

President John Blazosky called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES (December 20, 2016):

Member Karen Allgeier moved to approve the minutes of the December 20th meeting as submitted; seconded by Vice-President Phil Hynes. Motion carried 6-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- A. Approval of Expenditures** – The current bills were presented for approval. Member Dave Ferringer asked if someone could explain the street lights. Manager Dana D. Shick stated it is the street light poles themselves. Manager Dana D. Shick stated we had approved them about mid-summer. President John Blazosky stated there are two complete sets. Member Clarinda R. Darr asked if those were replacements, and Manager Dana D. Shick stated they were. Member Karen Allgeier moved to approve the bills as submitted; seconded by Member Bill Kutz. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. Fund Level Financial Statements** – President John Blazosky stated if anyone has any questions regarding the Fund Level Financial Statements, they can ask Vice-President Phil Hynes or Manager Dana D. Shick.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Annoria Schreckengost – Bus Stop Signs** – Brookville resident Annoria Schreckengost stated she lives on West Main Street and has four children ages nine through seventeen. Annoria Schreckengost stated traffic goes through the stop signs around the school bus, and this happens about five times a week. Annoria Schreckengost stated people are not following the law, and her son almost got hit by a vehicle. Annoria Schreckengost stated she was told the bus needs to change the direction it is coming, and that it is not the police officer's problem. Annoria Schreckengost stated she is worried someone will get hurt, and she is begging for help because this problem is falling on deaf ears. Member Clarinda R. Darr asked Annoria Schreckengost where this was happening. Annoria Schreckengost stated it is at the corner of West Main and Thompson by Crayon Castle. Member Clarinda R. Darr asked who determines where the school bus stop is, and Police Chief Jason Brown stated the school does. President John Blazosky asked Police Chief Jason Brown for input. Police Chief Jason Brown stated there is no reason for a child to cross the street through both lanes of traffic. Member Karen Allgeier stated she made calls before, and they go to the bus company. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated the school decides where the bus stops are. After some discussion, President John Blazosky stated Annoria Schreckengost brought this issue here, and it will certainly have press coverage.
- B. Ann Koven – Follow up on Transcription Request Procedure/Council Terms and Election/Parking** – Brookville resident Ann Koven stated at the last meeting she asked if the transcription request procedure could be streamlined, and asked if that is possible. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated it is possible, but he does not think it is an issue that needs to be addressed. Ann Koven asked if she needs a transcript in the future can she call the Code Enforcement Officer and request it herself. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated no. Ann Koven asked in regards to Council terms and election, whose terms are expiring and do they plan to run again. President John Blazosky, Member Karen Allgeier, President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz, Member Clarinda R. Darr, and Mayor Richard Beck indicated their terms are expiring at the end of 2017 and they do not know if they will run again. Ann Koven stated in regards to the Parking Ordinance, she sometimes parks in her yard because she just had a knee operation and has other health issues so it helps her to park by her porch. Ann Koven stated she thinks that people who park on their lawns usually have a good reason, and they should be allowed to do that.
- C. Gary Kahle – Parking Ordinance** – Brookville resident Gary Kahle asked once the Parking Ordinance is voted in will Council be responsible for the exceptions that will arise? Gary Kahle stated he lived in this community all his life. Gary Kahle stated his relatives park in his yard at Christmastime and some other occasions. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz stated at the last meeting Police Chief Jason Brown said you need to have some discretion. Gary Kahle stated he thinks Council should take a little more time and investigate some of these situations. Council thanked Gary Kahle for his comments. Gary Kahle brought up a parking issue in his neighborhood. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated Council can look into that and make that street a 'no parking' street. President John Blazosky asked Gary Kahle to give that address to Police Chief Jason Brown.

- D. Sandy Snyder – Parking Ordinance** – Brookville resident Sandy Snyder stated she received feedback from several people, and stated residents are concerned that another right is being taken away from them. Sandy Snyder stated she has two vehicles, and often one is parked in her yard. Sandy Snyder stated none of the answers she got last week satisfied her, and she thinks Council should remove that part of the ordinance regarding parking in yards. Council Members thanked Sandy Snyder for her comments.

REPORTS:

Chief of Police –

- A. Statistics for December** – Police Chief Jason Brown stated he does not have the statistics for December because they have not been completely tabulated.
- B. Holiday Season** – Police Chief Jason Brown stated he was happy to report there were no major incidents in the Borough over the holiday season.
- C. Departmental Firearms** – Police Chief Jason Brown stated he will be placing an order for the departmental firearms this week.

Fire Company –

- A. Written Report** - Brookville Volunteer Fire Company's Fire Chief David Miller was not present, so President John Blazosky read his written report. (Attached)
- B. Brookville Volunteer Fire Company Truck Funds** – Member Karen Allgeier asked President John Blazosky since the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company ordered the new truck, can the \$55,000.00 the Borough had held in escrow for the purchase of that truck be released to the fire company? Ron Pearsall stated the truck was ordered today, and the financing was approved today. Ron Pearsall stated they need the money up front. Member Karen Allgeier moved to release the \$55,000.00 held in escrow, plus whatever interest has accrued on the \$55,000.00 be released to the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company for the purchase of the ladder truck for \$854,000.00; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 6-0. Manager Dana D. Shick asked for a motion to close that account after the funds are released. Member Karen Allgeier moved to authorize Manager Dana D. Shick to close that account after the funds are released; seconded by President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz. Motion carried 6-0.

Director of Public Works – Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated winter road maintenance is continuing on the streets of Brookville as needed. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated on their down time his crew has been servicing the heating and air conditioning units in the Borough Complex. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated all work orders are current. Member Dave Ferringer stated Public Works Director Dave Vallosio's crew has been doing a great job.

Zoning/Code/Health Officer – Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Emerson Turnbull stated he did not have a formal report. Member Clarinda R. Darr asked Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Emerson Turnbull for the status of Union Apartments. Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Emerson Turnbull stated Union Apartments is closed until repairs are made.

Committee Reports

A. Personnel Committee

1. **Code Enforcement Position** – Personnel Committee Chairman Phil Hynes stated he was appointed to the Personnel Committee after Councilman Steve Hoak resigned. Personnel Committee Chairman Phil Hynes stated Council recognizes that Emerson Turnbull does a good job with Code Enforcement but he has a lot on his plate being Zoning, Code Enforcement, and Health Officer. Personnel Committee Chairman Phil Hynes stated they are keeping Emerson Turnbull as a Zoning Officer. Personnel Committee Chairman Phil Hynes stated they will be looking for a separate position for code enforcement. Personnel Committee Chairman Phil Hynes stated the committee is asking permission to advertise for the Code Enforcement Officer position, and that is coming from committee. Member Dave Ferringer asked what the hourly rate of pay would be, and the number of hours worked per month. Personnel Committee Chairman Phil Hynes stated the existing rate that Emerson Turnbull is getting, and the number of hours would depend on the amount of code enforcement that is required. Personnel Committee Chairman Phil Hynes stated there is no set number of hours. President John Blazosky asked all Council Members in favor of advertising for said position to say 'aye'. Motion carried 6-0.
2. **Street Department Contract** – Personnel Committee Chairman Phil Hynes stated the committee has a report on the collective bargaining that was conducted with the Public Works employees. Personnel Committee Chairman Phil Hynes stated the committee met with them this week, and we have a tentative agreement. Personnel Committee Chairman Phil Hynes stated this agreement has been voted on by the Union and accepted, so they are looking for Council to ratify that agreement. Personnel Committee Chairman Phil Hynes stated the highlights of the agreement include basically granting thirty cents an hour pay raise over a four year period. Personnel Committee Chairman Phil Hynes stated the other big issue was health costs, and the agreement is that the employees would participate in the health plan by covering twenty percent of the increase of costs over the term of the contract. Personnel Committee Chairman Phil Hynes stated the committee is asking Council to ratify the agreement that has already been approved by the committee. President John Blazosky asked all Council Members in favor of what was put out by the committee as outlined by Personnel Committee Chairman Phil Hynes regarding the tentative contract, to signify by saying 'aye'. Motion carried 5-1 with Member Dave Ferringer dissenting.

Solicitor

- A. **Ordinance 1096 - Parking Ordinance** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated Ordinance 1096 addresses a lot of things, and new things that need to be addressed. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated we are kind of mirroring what is in

the motor vehicle code to some extent. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated most of the ordinance deals with parking violations on public right of way. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated the Borough does have the power to regulate if people park on their yards. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated if Council wants to remove that provision from the Parking Ordinance he does not have a huge problem with it. Member Clarinda R. Darr stated she took a look at some of the properties Sandy Snyder previously mentioned, and they are still Borough compliant properties. After some discussion, Member Dave Ferringer moved to remove the parking in the front yard provision out of the Parking Ordinance, and pass the Parking Ordinance in whole otherwise; seconded by President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz. Motion carried 6-0.

Borough Manager

- A. **Approve Final 2016 Budget Transfer** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated when cleaning up the 2016 budget, she came across the Street Light Fund. Manager Dana D. Shick stated when we cut that last check for the street light poles in the budget for the 2016 budget, we had never done the transfer from the General Fund into the Street Light Fund to help supplement the cost of the poles. Manager Dana D. Shick stated it was \$24,610.00. Manager Dana D. Shick stated all budget transfers should be approved through Council motion, so she is looking for a motion to retro-activate her budget transfer on December 30th of \$24,610.00 from the General Fund to the Street Light Fund. Member Clarinda R. Darr moved to approve Manager Dana D. Shick's budget transfer on December 30th of \$24,610.00 from the General Fund to the Street Light Fund; seconded by Member Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 6-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Council Vacancy** – President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz nominated Ken King to replace Steve Hoak as a new Brookville Borough Council Member. President John Blazosky stated that is a nomination, and it does not need a second. Member Clarinda R. Darr stated she understands there were three people interested, and she appreciates all three of them. Member Clarinda R. Darr stated Mr. David Taylor was one of the candidates, and he would bring a lot of information about grants. President John Blazosky stated all three candidates are excellent, with the third candidate being Rick Park. President John Blazosky stated this requires an open vote, and asked for a show of hands from Council Members in favor of Ken King being a Brookville Borough Council Member. President John Blazosky stated there were five Council Members in favor, and one not in favor. President John Blazosky stated Ken King is elected, and asked Manager Dana D. Shick to notify Ken King.

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

- A. Junior Council Member Levi Roseman** – Junior Council Member Levi Roseman stated only three days of school have transpired since he was here last. Junior Council Member Levi Roseman stated Wheelers and Dealers went very well at the high school, and wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- B. Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, and stated he was glad to see the fire companies are getting along and he hopes everything goes well for them.
- C. Member Clarinda R. Darr** – Member Clarinda R. Darr thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting. Member Clarinda R. Darr stated everyone has six weeks to think about and act on the election process, and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Member Clarinda R. Darr stated Rebecca M. Arthurs Memorial Library is having a Great Gatsby dinner theme at the Gold Eagle in Brookville on the 28th of this month and tickets are available. Member Clarinda R. Darr thanked the committees for their work on the Street Department contract and Parking Ordinance. Member Clarinda R. Darr stated she is thrilled they found a home for the \$55,000.00 that belongs with the fire company. Member Clarinda R. Darr thanked the Brookville Police Department for keeping us safe over the holidays. Member Clarinda R. Darr stated she had an update on the DCNR Walter Dick Memorial Park grant. Clarinda R. Darr stated the Steering Committee will be meeting on the 18th of January, and there will be a public committee meeting on Wednesday, January 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the large conference room in the Borough Complex.
- D. Member Dave Ferringer** – Member Dave Ferringer wished everyone a Happy New Year, and stated let's have a good productive year.
- E. Member Karen Allgeier** – Member Karen Allgeier thanked everyone who came to the meeting, and thanked people who made comments on the Parking Ordinance. Member Karen Allgeier thanked Emerson Turnbull for everything he has done, and thanked Annoria Schreckengost for her comments. Member Karen Allgeier stated on January 24th from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the high school, the lady Raiders game is the Hoops for Hope for the Relay for Life. Member Karen Allgeier stated she appreciates everyone who comes to these meetings. Member Karen Allgeier stated let's have a great 2017.
- F. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz** – President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz stated it sounds like a really positive thing with the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company working with Pinecreek. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz stated it sounds like a positive step in the right direction. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- G. President John Blazosky** – President John Blazosky stated the fire departments getting along is great, and a plus for everybody. President John Blazosky stated as far as the Parking Ordinance goes, people came out and voiced their opinions, and that is how we find out. President John Blazosky stated that is what those seats are there for, and we want to hear you. President John Blazosky asked the media if they had any questions.

MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION:

- A. **Randy Bartley** – Reporter Randy Bartley asked the name of the employee’s union. Manager Dana D. Shick stated it is AFSCME Local 1460.
- B. **John Pozza** – Reporter John Pozza stated he had questions about the two major terms of that contract. John Pozza stated the thirty cent per hour raise, is that each year over four years? Manager Dana D. Shick stated yes.
- C. **Matt Triponey** – Reporter Matt Triponey asked for the names of the three nominees for the Council vacancy. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated there was only one nominee, Ken King.

ADJOURNMENT:

Member Karen Allgeier moved to adjourn; seconded by President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz.
Motion carried 6-0 at 8:11 P.M.

Borough Manager