

MINUTES
BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, January 17, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

John Blazosky
Bill Kutz
Karen Allgeier
Clarinda R. Darr
Ken King
Levi Roseman

STAFF

Manager Dana D. Shick
Mayor Richard Beck
Police Chief Jason Brown
Public Works Director -
Dave Vallosio
Recorder – Christine Gunning
Solicitor Jim Dennison

VISITOR/MEDIA

Matt Triponey
Scott Shindledecker
Randy Bartley
Brad Lashinsky
Annoria Schreckengost
Adam Terwilliger
Trina Gonzalez
Michael Allgeier
Kelsey Allgeier

SWEARING IN OF KEN KING:

Mayor Richard Beck swore in Ken King as a Borough Council Member to replace Steve Hoak.

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 (January 3, 2017):

Member Karen Allgeier moved to approve the minutes of the January 3rd meeting as submitted; seconded by President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz. Motion carried 5-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- A. Approval of Expenditures** – The current bills were presented for approval. Member Karen Allgeier moved to approve the bills as submitted; seconded by President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz. Motion carried 5-0.
- B. Fund Level Financial Statements** – President John Blazosky stated if anyone has any questions regarding the Fund Level Financial Statements, they can ask Manager Dana D. Shick.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Annoria Schreckengost – Bus Stops** – Brookville resident Annoria Schreckengost stated she was here to report on the drivers going through bus stop signs. Annoria Schreckengost stated she went to the school board, and they are looking into having a transportation meeting. Annoria Schreckengost stated it does not matter where the bus stop is, if people are going to break the law, they will. Annoria Schreckengost thanked the police for handing out citations, and

asked them not to allow leniencies. Annoria Schreckengost stated if we keep being lenient, it will keep happening. Police Chief Jason Brown stated he appreciates her coming to the meeting. Police Chief Jason Brown stated he attended a Security Committee meeting at the school. Police Chief Jason Brown stated they are looking at some different options to deal with this borough-wide problem. Police Chief Jason Brown stated they will look into it, and hopefully get some remedies for it.

- B. Brad Lashinsky – Old Days Inn Property** – Brad Lashinsky, Executive Director of the Jefferson County Development Council, stated he was here to discuss the former Days Inn property on Allegheny Boulevard. Brad Lashinsky stated he is not representing the county in this. Brad Lashinsky stated he is representing the Jefferson County Development Council. Brad Lashinsky stated the main lot is seven point nine five acres, and the front lot is four point seven acres. Brad Lashinsky stated the building is in disrepair, and vandalism is being done to the property. Police Chief Jason Brown stated squatters have set up living quarters in the building. Brad Lashinsky stated it is not a healthy place to be due to the black mold caused by water damage. Brad Lashinsky stated the roof has some serious issues that allow rain water to drip down into the building. Brad Lashinsky stated there is no bringing this place back. Brad Lashinsky stated there is evidence of drug use inside and outside the building. Brad Lashinsky stated debt to the property includes taxes and liens totaling \$412,519.90. Brad Lashinsky stated their proposal for the debt is to ask that the taxes from the years 2015, 2016, and 2017 be exonerated, to negotiate the mechanics lien, and to ask that the Brookville Municipal Authority lien be exonerated. Brad Lashinsky stated their proposal for the property is to demolish the building, which would cost around \$230,000.00. Brad Lashinsky stated then they would repair the entrance for around \$31,000.00, and do front property land work costing around \$10,000.00. Brad Lashinsky stated the total remediation to the property minus release of the liens and so forth would be \$271,000.00. Brad Lashinsky stated they would get a \$271,000.00 loan to get the work done through the Business in Our Sites Program. Brad Lashinsky stated then they would divide the property into two to four lots, and sell them for thirty thousand to thirty-five thousand dollars per acre. Brad Lashinsky stated they are not looking to make a profit. Brad Lashinsky stated they want to do something good for the community. Brad Lashinsky stated they would institute a sales covenant that a company has three years to build and operate. Brad Lashinsky stated they want to get the property back on the tax rolls as a working property, thus eliminating a public hazard. Brad Lashinsky stated if nothing is done, the property will continue to deteriorate, and will eventually go to tax sale and judicial sale. Brad Lashinsky stated currently they negotiated all the liens and judgments, and he is here to see if Brookville Borough Council will exonerate the taxes. President John Blazosky stated he likes what Brad Lashinsky is proposing. After some discussion, Member Karen Allgeier moved to exonerate the taxes for the Days Inn property for the years 2015, 2016, and 2017 as a way to move forward with the Jefferson County Development Council's project for that particular parcel contingent upon them getting everything signed, sealed and

delivered, and from the school district as well; seconded by Member Clarinda R. Darr. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS:

Chief of Police –

- A. **Statistics for December** – Police Chief Jason Brown reported in the month of December police officers responded to 1,654 calls for service, wrote 67 reports, made 132 traffic contacts, filed zero felony charges, seven misdemeanor charges, and twenty three summary charges.
- B. **The Law Enforcement Access Portal Program** – Police Chief Jason Brown stated he applied for Brookville to take part in the Law Enforcement Access Portal Program funded by the Medic Alert Foundation. Police Chief Jason Brown stated this program is to assist law enforcement agencies with “wandering” persons suffering from autism, alzheimers, dementia, or any other issue that causes them to “wander”. Police Chief Jason Brown stated the way it works is the law enforcement agency becomes aware of the person through responding to runs or through referrals. Police Chief Jason Brown stated they then complete a questionnaire and submit it to medic alert. Police Chief Jason Brown stated entrance into that program at this point is only through the law enforcement agencies, private citizens and organizations cannot do it. Police Chief Jason Brown stated the foundation enters them into the national database, and sends the person or guardian a blue medic alert bracelet with an identifier on it. Police Chief Jason Brown stated if the person is found wandering, the identifier will be entered into the database and the person will be returned to their home. Police Chief Jason Brown stated this program is totally funded by the foundation, and he has not gotten a response back yet to his application but as soon as he does he will relay more.

Fire Company – Assistant Fire Chief Michael Allgeier reported last night the executive officers and line officers of the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company signed a contract for a new ladder truck which will cost approximately \$845,000.00. Assistant Fire Chief Michael Allgeier stated it will be known as ‘Ladder Two’. Assistant Fire Chief Michael Allgeier stated the new truck should be delivered in March of 2018. Assistant Fire Chief Michael Allgeier stated members of the Brookville Firemens Club gave a check to Pierce Manufacturing in the amount of \$400,000.00 to help pay for the ladder truck. Assistant Fire Chief Michael Allgeier stated Pinecreek has been added onto the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company’s box alarms so when we get called out for a structure fire, Pinecreek will go with us as well. Assistant Fire Chief Michael Allgeier stated Pinecreek is also being dispatched for some of our interstate boxes. Assistant Fire Chief Michael Allgeier stated the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company is hoping to build a better working relationship with Pinecreek in the coming year. Assistant Fire Chief Michael Allgeier stated in order for the box alarms to take effect in 2017, it has to be approved by the municipality. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz moved to approve the box alarms as presented by Assistant Fire Chief Michael Allgeier; seconded by Member Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 5-0.

Director of Public Works – Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated the 1979 door operator on the main overhead door at the Maintenance Building is broken. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated repair parts are no longer available, so they ordered a replacement for it. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated the replacement will cost \$1,200.00 installed for just the operator itself. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated over an inch of rain that fell last Thursday caused several washouts in town and plugged many of the storm inlets. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio reported his crew has been busy all this week cleaning those. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated on Monday his crew removed a huge tree that fell across Depot Street, blocking pedestrian traffic. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated all work orders are current.

Zoning/Code/Health Officer – No Report

Committee Reports – No Reports

Solicitor – No Report

Borough Manager

- A. **PSAB Annual Conference** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated the Pennsylvania State Association of Borough's (PSAB) annual conference will take place May 7th through May 10th at Hershey Lodge, and anyone interested in attending should contact her. Member Clarinda R. Darr and Member Karen Allgeier indicated they would like to attend the conference.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Committees/Ken King** – President John Blazosky stated in honor of Mr. Ken King joining their merry group, he put Ken King into some committees. President John Blazosky stated he generated a new committee list that will also be updated on the Borough's website.

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

- A. **Junior Council Member Levi Roseman** – Junior Council Member Levi Roseman stated he would like to give Council a quick update on the athletics at the Brookville Area High School. Junior Council Member Levi Roseman stated wrestling season is off to a strong start. Junior Council Member Levi Roseman stated the basketball team will have Hoops for Hope on January 24th. Junior Council Member Levi Roseman stated this past weekend the district choir students competed at the district level, and they will be advancing to regionals. Junior Council Member Levi Roseman stated he was encouraged with the communication that took place between community members and Council regarding the Parking Ordinance at the last meeting, and the way the policy was mandated as a result of that communication.

- B. Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Mayor Richard Beck thanked Annoria Schreckengost and Brad Lashinsky for their updates. Mayor Richard Beck congratulated the fire companies on the updates, and stated hopefully everything keeps working out well.
- C. Member Ken King** – Member Ken King stated it is an honor to serve the people of Brookville. Member Ken King stated he hopes he can earn the trust and confidence of his fellow citizens.
- D. Member Clarinda R. Darr** – Member Clarinda R. Darr thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, and congratulated Mr. Ken King. Member Clarinda R. Darr asked everyone to come to the Walter Dick Memorial Park meeting scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 25th in the Borough Complex. Member Clarinda R. Darr asked everyone to remember to celebrate Groundhog Day.
- E. Member Karen Allgeier** – Member Karen Allgeier thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Member Karen Allgeier thanked Brad Lashinsky for tackling such a large project that will be such a great windfall for the Borough. Member Karen Allgeier congratulated Assistant Fire Chief Michael Allgeier on his first meeting and his very first report. Member Karen Allgeier reminded everyone of the Walter Dick Memorial Park meeting on Wednesday, January 25th, and asked everyone to come and see what is going on at the park. Member Karen Allgeier asked everyone not to forget Hoops for Hope at the Brookville Area High School supporting Relay for Life and breast cancer.
- F. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz** – President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz stated he appreciates the good news he is hearing from Mr. Allgeier about Brookville and Pinecreek, told Miss Schreckengost he appreciates her persistence on this safety issue, and Mr. Lashinsky - wonderful.
- G. President John Blazosky** – President John Blazosky stated he echoes what President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz said. President John Blazosky stated it blows his mind that people drive through school bus stops, and then get upset that they get a fine. President John Blazosky thanked Annoria Schreckengost for following up on it. President John Blazosky stated good job Mr. Allgeier. President John Blazosky stated the two fire companies getting together is the best thing for this community and he is happy to see it. President John Blazosky asked if he heard Mr. Allgeier right about the \$400,000.00 from the Brookville Firemens Club. Assistant Fire Chief Michael Allgeier stated yes, the manufacturers were presented that check last night so basically we have half the truck paid off already. President John Blazosky thanked Brad Lashinsky for what he is doing, and asked the media if they had any questions.

MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Member Karen Allgeier moved to adjourn; seconded by President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz.
Motion carried 5-0 at 7:46 P.M.

Borough Manager