

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

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS

John Blazosky
Phil Hynes
Bill Kutz
Karen Allgeier
Dave Ferringer
Ken King
Dalynn Park

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

Randy Bartley
Scott Shindledecker
Herb Landes
Michael Allgeier
Alan King
Christa Park
Rose James

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 17, 2017):

Member Karen Allgeier moved to approve the minutes of the January 17th meeting as submitted; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 6-0.

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 Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 6-0. Vice-President Phil Hynes asked Public Works Director Dave Vallosio if this was the last salt they would be purchasing, and Public Works Director Dave Vallosio said it was not.
- 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. Herb Landes – Trees at Walter Dick Park** – Brookville resident Herb Landes stated he is concerned about the timber operations across North Fork Creek. Herb Landes stated he knows the Borough does not own that land, and that it is the Brookville Municipal Authority's property. Herb Landes stated he thought this was a good chance for the media to hear that if we can talk Matson's into donating that timber to the Conservation District, which is a 501c3 organization, we would put up a big sign for the Matson family thanking them for their donation to that area to keep it pristine. Herb Landes stated he would also like to talk about the Conservation District's idea to have Brookville Area High School

students come up with concepts for storm sewer drain markers. Herb Landes stated they would have the students create the concepts, and let Brookville Borough Council pick which ones they want to use. Herb Landes stated he is just letting Council know about this for informational purposes at this point. Herb Landes stated they are also thinking of having Brookville Area High School students paint environmental themes on the windows of downtown businesses every spring.

- B. Alan King – Trees at Walter Dick Park** – Brookville resident Alan King stated across the Brookville dam is the east branch or east bank of the Brookville dam. Alan King stated Paul Johns donated that land to the Fish for Fun project and now they are looking at cutting the trees down there. Alan King stated maybe there is another option. Alan King stated a lot of people do not realize this is going on. Alan King stated they would like to preserve and protect those trees. Member Ken King asked who owns that property. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated the property is owned by the Brookville Municipal Authority. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated the Brookville Municipal Authority went in with its own forester, and that they were concerned about the age of the trees. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated it has been put out for bid, and the bid went to Matson's. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated it is really an issue for the Brookville Municipal Authority.

REPORTS:

Chief of Police –

- A. Statistics for January** – Police Chief Jason Brown reported in the month of January police officers responded to 1,692 calls for service, wrote 103 reports, made 137 traffic contacts, filed 17 felony charges, 13 misdemeanor charges, and 24 summary charges.
- B. Part-time Police Officers** – Police Chief Jason Brown stated several part-time police officers have left their employment with the Borough for various reasons. Police Chief Jason Brown stated currently the Brookville Police Department has four active part-time police officers. Police Chief Jason Brown stated they are looking to hire several more part-time officers. Police Chief Jason Brown stated the qualifications are Act 120 certification, a minimum of three hundred hours of experience either full or part-time, and successfully passing a medical exam and psychological exam or had one in the past year. Police Chief Jason Brown stated they would also have to sit for an interview. Police Chief Jason Brown stated he is requesting Council's permission to advertise a notification that we would be looking to hire several part-time officers. Member Karen Allgeier moved to allow Police Chief Jason Brown to place whatever ad is necessary to find part-time police officers pursuant to the qualifications noted in his report; seconded by Member Ken King. Motion carried 6-0.
- C. Job Shadow Season** – Police Chief Jason Brown stated they are currently in the job shadow season with the Brookville Area School District. Police Chief Jason Brown stated the students are doing a job shadow with the officers for a day. Police Chief Jason Brown stated this is part of a project for juniors at the high school that is coordinated through the counselling office there.

D. Internship – Police Chief Jason Brown stated he received a request from a college student at Edinboro University regarding the possibility of doing a summer internship with our department. Police Chief Jason Brown stated if we grant him the opportunity to do this internship, he will receive one credit hour for every thirty seven point five hours of the unpaid internship. Police Chief Jason Brown reported he will be meeting with the student in the near future to see if we can come up with a plan to accommodate him. Police Chief Jason Brown stated this will not cost the Brookville Borough anything. Police Chief Jason Brown stated the student has to do roughly forty hours a week and up to four weeks. President John Blazosky asked in what capacity he would be working in. Police Chief Jason Brown stated he would be an observer, and he would follow the officers. Vice-President Phil Hynes stated he would like to make sure the Borough's liability policy covers that situation. Police Chief Jason Brown stated we use a waiver the student signs. Brookville resident Herb Landes stated he has an extra bedroom in his house and the intern could stay with him. Member Karen Allgeier asked if the internship was a part of his degree, and Chief Brown stated yes, it requires a four credit hour unpaid internship.

Fire Company – Assistant Fire Chief Michael Allgeier reported during the month of January, the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company responded to 45 calls. Assistant Fire Chief Michael Allgeier stated the majority of those calls were on January 20th due to the power surge. Assistant Fire Chief Michael Allgeier reported there were numerous reports of fires and blown breaker boxes in residences. Assistant Fire Chief Michael Allgeier thanked the Pinecreek and Reynoldsville Fire Departments for their assistance. Assistant Fire Chief Michael Allgeier reported they removed all the Christmas wreathes and banners from Main Street. Assistant Fire Chief Michael Allgeier stated the annual gun raffle is Saturday, February 25th. Assistant Fire Chief Michael Allgeier reported last Monday the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company assisted the Corsica Fire Department with the twenty vehicle pile-up on the interstate. Assistant Fire Chief Michael Allgeier stated numbers in the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company's membership are getting stronger. Assistant Fire Chief Michael Allgeier stated people are welcome to contact himself or Fire Chief Dave Miller with any questions or concerns.

Director of Public Works – Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated in the month of January his crew put in sixty nine and one half hours of overtime for winter road maintenance. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated during the power outage on January 26th we were able to keep the traffic signal at the intersection of Valley and Main Street operational for about eight hours with a new portable generator which they purchased at the end of last year. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated all work orders are current. Member Karen Allgeier asked Public Works Director Dave Vallosio to thank his crew for keeping the roads clean this winter.

Zoning/Code/Health Officer – No Report

Committee Reports – No Reports

Solicitor

- A. **Right of Ways** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he sent Council the Right of Way Agreement for the second phase of the Brookville Municipal Authority's sewer line replacement project. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated it includes the right of way down by the ballfields kind of along the road, and a right of way that is between Taylor Street and Sandy Lick Creek. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he needs a motion to approve this Right of Way Agreement. Member Karen Allgeier moved to approve the Right of Way Agreement as presented by Solicitor Jim Dennison; seconded by President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz. Motion carried 6-0.

Borough Manager

- A. **67 Jenks Street** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated the property at 67 Jenks Street did not sell at the last tax sale. Manager Dana D. Shick stated the Borough received three bids if we would be interested in demolishing that building ourselves. Manager Dana D. Shick stated we did not put any money in the budget for the demolition. Member Karen Allgeier asked who owns the property. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated the heirs of Mr. Kocher own it. Vice-President Phil Hynes stated he hopes this extends to next year since there is not any money in the budget for this. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated at least you know what the cost would be to demolish it.
- B. **CD** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated the Borough has some money set aside in the budget to be placed into a CD. Manager Dana D. Shick stated we have received some phenomenal CD quotes. Manager Dana D. Shick stated she is asking Council's permission to put \$10,000.00 into a three year CD at Farmers National Bank. Member Ken King moved to allow Manager Dana D. Shick to put \$10,000.00 into a three year CD at Farmers National Bank; seconded by Member Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 6-0.
- C. **Truck** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated the Borough has been offered a vehicle through the Brookville Municipal Authority. Manager Dana D. Shick stated the Brookville Municipal Authority recently bought a new pickup truck, and they are getting rid of their old pickup truck for \$2,500.00. Vice-President Phil Hynes moved to purchase the Brookville Municipal Authority's old pickup truck for \$2,500.00; seconded by Member Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 6-0.
- D. **Executive Session** – Manager Dana D. Shick requested an Executive Session for a personnel matter with no action expected.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Upcoming Wireless Legislation** – Member Karen Allgeier stated she received an email alert from the Cohen Law Group. Member Karen Allgeier stated the Cohen Law Group negotiates our cable franchise agreement when it

expires each time. Member Karen Allgeier stated the Cohen Law Group found out that the wireless industry is drafting a bill to eliminate the zoning of towers and antennas in public right of ways. Member Karen Allgeier stated in other words they would be able to put a cell tower wherever they wanted as long as it was in a right of way without asking anybody. Member Karen Allgeier stated she thinks we should write a letter to our respective legislators saying when this comes up we are against it. Member Karen Allgeier stated she is asking Council's permission to have Manager Dana D. Shick write a letter to our legislators saying when this bill comes before them to please vote it down. Member Karen Allgeier moved to have Manager Dana D. Shick write a letter to our legislators saying when this bill comes before them to please vote it down; seconded by President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz. Motion carried 6-0.

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

- A. Alternate Junior Council Member Dalynn Park** – Alternate Junior Council Member Dalynn Park stated the Brookville Area High School wrestling team is doing very well, and our band kids are going to districts. Alternate Junior Council Member Dalynn Park stated our Drama Club at the high school is preparing for its spring play, 'How to Succeed in High School Without Really Trying'. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz stated he hates to interrupt her, but he and Member Dave Ferringer wrote that book.
- B. Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck asked Council's permission to attend the Pennsylvania State Association of Borough's (PSAB) conference. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz moved to approve letting Mayor Richard Beck attend the Pennsylvania State Association of Borough's conference; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 6-0.
- C. Member Ken King** – Member Ken King stated he hopes the job thing works out with the police department. Member Ken King stated he would like to commend the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company and all the fire companies for all of their efforts during the power surge and power outages.
- D. Member Dave Ferringer** – Member Dave Ferringer commended all the emergency workers and Borough employees for all their hard work.
- E. Member Karen Allgeier** – Member Karen Allgeier stated she was asked by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) to join in a round table on issues with rural boroughs, and it will be on PCN on February 22nd. Member Karen Allgeier stated this will be at no cost to the Borough, and that the PSAB is picking up the entire cost of her going there. Member Karen Allgeier asked everyone to remember the gun raffle to support the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company. Member Karen Allgeier stated she has tickets, and they cost twenty dollars. Member Karen Allgeier stated she cannot say enough about Officer Mickey Stormer. Member Karen Allgeier stated Officer Stormer was the first one to help her mom. Member Karen Allgeier asked everyone to remember their valentine on Valentine's Day.
- F. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz** – President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz stated he appreciates all the work the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company has done.

- G. Vice-President Phil Hynes** – Vice-President Phil Hynes thanked the Public Works Department and Dave Vallosio’s crew for removing a very large tree from Depot Street without damaging the trail.
- H. President John Blazosky** – President John Blazosky stated we have a great community here, and everybody is serving the community well. President John Blazosky stated let’s go on to media questions.

MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION:

- A. Randy Bartley** – Reporter Randy Bartley commended Public Works Director Dave Vallosio and his crew for rapidly responding to a motor vehicle accident on Monday morning.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council entered an Executive Session at 7:39 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter with no action expected. Executive Session ended at 8:00 P.M. with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Member Karen Allgeier moved to adjourn; seconded by President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz. Motion carried 6-0 at 8:00 P.M.

Borough Manager