

**MINUTES**  
**BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, June 6, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.**

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

Randy Bartley  
Scott Shindledecker  
Matt Triponey  
John Pozza  
Roy Darrin  
Annoria Schreckengost  
Adam Terwilliger  
Nicole Cable  
Sandy Snyder  
Ryan Pearsall  
Dick Boozer  
Gary Bendekovic  
Maureen Bendekovic  
Rick Cook  
Marilyn Himes  
Jennifer Mineweaser  
Doug Roseman

**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 (May 16, 2017):**

Member Karen Allgeier moved to approve the minutes of the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting as submitted; seconded by Member Ken King. Motion carried 7-0.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

- A. Approval of Expenditures** – The current bills were presented for approval. Vice-President Phil Hynes moved to approve the bills as submitted; seconded by Member Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.
- 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. Nicole Cable –**

- 1. Relay for Life** – Nicole Cable stated she is asking council's permission to paint the town purple for Relay for Life scheduled for August 5<sup>th</sup>. Nicole Cable stated they will decorate the parking meters downtown with ribbons, and ask businesses to decorate their windows. Nicole Cable stated the decorations would go up July 10<sup>th</sup> and be taken down August 6<sup>th</sup>. Member Karen Allgeier moved to approve Nicole Cable's request to paint the town purple for Relay for Life with decorations going up July 10<sup>th</sup> and taken down August 6<sup>th</sup>; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 7-0.
- 2. Brookville Civic Club** – Nicole Cable stated she was also here on behalf of the Brookville Civic Club to discuss the parking meter covers for the month of December. Police Chief Jason Brown stated he has no issue with it. Member Dave Ferringer stated he thinks council needs more time regarding this. Nicole Cable stated she just wanted to bring this up. President John Blazosky stated we will discuss this, and asked Manager Dana D. Shick to put this topic on the next agenda.

**B. Dick Boozer – Laurel Festival Cancelled** – Dick Boozer, an officer of the Brookville Eagles 983, stated he was here with Jennifer Mineweaser regarding the cancellation of the Laurel Festival. Dick Boozer asked if the sidewalk sale and the Pinecreek Fire Department's chicken barbeque will still be held. President John Blazosky stated you find out what is happening before council does. Ryan Pearsall stated the Pinecreek Fire Department is setting up at the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company to cook the chicken, but he is not sure where they will sell it. After some discussion, Member Karen Allgeier moved that the way be clear if Pinecreek Fire Company wishes to do their chicken bar-b-que on Pickering Street, between Main Street and the alley behind the courthouse that council gives them permission to do that on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 7-0. Reporter Matt Triponey stated he heard from Renee Lash that the sidewalk sale and the library book sale are still on, but the car show is off. Dick Boozer stated the Laurel Festival has gone gradually downhill, and now one person is in charge of it. President John Blazosky stated it used to be a function of the Chamber of Commerce. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated Dick Boozer should contact the current owner about this, and stated he thinks this is something that needs to change. President John Blazosky stated he would like to see it go back to the public. President John Blazosky stated he will task Community Resources Committee Chair Karen Allgeier with looking into this. Council thanked Dick Boozer for coming to the meeting.

**C. Gary Bendekovic – Jefferson Street Parking** – Brookville resident Gary Bendekovic stated he did not realize when he bought his house at 210 Jefferson Street that they would not have a parking spot in front of it. Gary Bendekovic stated he was told it is a public street. Gary Bendekovic stated he pays property tax. Gary Bendekovic stated he recently got home, had no place to park, and got a fifty dollar parking ticket. Gary Bendekovic stated he thought about tearing down his house and making a parking lot. Gary Bendekovic stated he does not think it is right for residents to pay the taxes they pay and be ignored. Gary

Bendekovic thanked council for listening to him. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz asked Solicitor Jim Dennison if we can negate that fifty dollar parking ticket. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated that is not a road we should go down.

- D. **Sandy Snyder – Food Vendors** – Brookville resident Sandy Snyder stated maybe Member Karen Allgeier can contact Renee Lash and let her know that as of yesterday morning none of the food vendors knew the Laurel Festival was cancelled. Member Karen Allgeier stated she will check that out.
- E. **Richard Cook – Sewer Lines and Drain Lines** – Brookville resident Richard Cook stated he owns several properties along Pickering Street and there has been a lot of construction there lately with sewer lines and drain lines. Richard Cook stated he has had a lot of issues, and has been fighting with the Brookville Municipal Authority and contractors for six to eight months now. Richard Cook stated one pipe is backing up into one of his tenant's apartments on Wilkins Alley. Richard Cook stated it is the borough's pipe, and now the pipe is damaged and something is stuck in it. After some discussion, Richard Cook suggested to the borough that anywhere they dug along the creek should be videoed. Member Dave Ferringier thanked Richard Cook for bringing this to their attention.

## **REPORTS:**

### **Chief of Police –**

- A. **Statistics for April** – Police Chief Jason Brown stated in May officers responded to 1,564 calls for service, wrote 87 reports, made 88 traffic contacts, issued 3 parking violations, filed 1 felony charge, 32 misdemeanor charges, 10 summary charges, and handled 4 mental committals.
- B. **National Night Out** – Police Chief Jason Brown stated he and Manager Dana D. Shick met with a representative from WRC regarding the National Night Out campaign, an event that fosters community unity. Police Chief Jason Brown stated the event will be taking place in August, and WRC is asking for our support. Police Chief Jason Brown stated he will keep council informed of any developments that arise with this.
- C. **1033 Program** – Police Chief Jason Brown stated he participated in a webinar for the 1033 Program to qualify the Brookville Police Department to continue to participate. Police Chief Jason Brown stated about eight months ago there was a miscommunication at the state level, and the state of Pennsylvania was suspended from the federal program. Police Chief Jason Brown reported for the state to be reinstated and for departments to continue to participate, all department heads were required to participate in this webinar and become reapproved. Police Chief Jason Brown stated our department has already been authorized and reapproved for continued participation.
- D. **State Recertification** – Police Chief Jason Brown reported it is also state recertification time for their department. Police Chief Jason Brown stated he completed the process for the officer juvenile justice and delinquency prevention, and their facility has been approved as a temporary juvenile holding facility. Police Chief Jason Brown stated they are currently in the process of getting officers recertified through MOPEC, which will be completed by the end of the month.

**Fire Company** – Ryan Pearsall, Deputy Chief of the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company, stated they had 18 calls this month including 2 structure fires, 2 vehicle fires, 7 motor vehicle accidents, 4 lines with trees down, 2 fuel spills, and 1 pd assist. Ryan Pearsall stated the Pine Creek Volunteer Fire Department assisted the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company with the fishing tournament at the dam. Ryan Pearsall stated the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company assisted the Pine Creek Volunteer Fire Department with the Monster Truck show at the Jefferson County fairgrounds. Ryan Pearsall stated the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company will be using the old Days Inn for training purposes. Ryan Pearsall stated the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company's ladder truck is currently out of service and is getting maintenance work done. Ryan Pearsall stated their new ladder truck will get here in March of next year. Council thanked Ryan Pearsall for his report.

**Director of Public Works** – Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated his crew has been busy with roadside trimming of right of ways in town, and they also repaired a sink hole on River Alley. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated all work orders are current. Member Karen Allgeier asked who paved the big divot on South Pickering Street, and Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated the contractor Bison Construction did.

**Zoning/Code/Health Officer** - No Report

**Committee Reports** – No Reports

**Solicitor**

- A. **Resolution 532-17 – Transfer of a Liquor License** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he has Resolution number 532-17 for council to approve if they are in favor of transferring a liquor license from Reynoldsville to Brookville for the Opera House Café on Main Street. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated the hearing was held prior to this meeting. Member Karen Allgeier moved to approve Resolution 532-17 transferring a liquor license from Reynoldsville to the Opera House Café in Brookville; seconded by President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. **Tax Incentive** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated there is a tax incentive for volunteers for the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated it gives an incentive to volunteers, and he thinks council should consider adopting this for the borough. President John Blazosky stated we will give council a chance to look this incentive over.

**Borough Manager**

- A. **CD Rates** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated this topic is tabled until the next Borough Council meeting on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- B. **July 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting Reminder** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated she would like to remind everyone that the first Brookville Borough Council meeting in July will be on Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. **Junior Council Member Farewell** – Member Clarinda R. Darr stated this is the last Brookville Borough Council meeting for Junior Council Member Levi Roseman. Member Clarinda R. Darr presented Junior Council Member Levi Roseman with a Distinguished Junior Council Person Award for being an exceptional youth leader. Member Clarinda R. Darr stated this Friday at 9:00 A.M. Representative Cris Dush will be here to give an award of service to Junior Council Member Levi Roseman. President John Blazosky stated Junior Council Member Levi Roseman was exemplary.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

#### **ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:**

- A. **Junior Council Member Levi Roseman** – Junior Council Member Levi Roseman gave an update on athletics for the Brookville Area High School. Junior Council Member Levi Roseman stated one point four million dollars in scholarships or grants has been awarded to seniors at the Brookville Area High School. Junior Council Member Levi Roseman thanked council for all the love and support they showed him. Junior Council Member Levi Roseman thanked Member Clarinda R. Darr for everything she has done for him. Junior Council Member Levi Roseman asked everyone to please communicate at every level.
- B. **Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck thanked Junior Council Member Levi Roseman for everything he has done, and wished him the best of luck. Mayor Richard Beck thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting.
- C. **Member Ken King** – Member Ken King stated he would like to see a community event downtown where all the organizations are involved and the whole community could get behind.
- D. **Member Clarinda R. Darr** – Member Clarinda R. Darr congratulated the class of 2017. Member Clarinda R. Darr thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting. Member Clarinda R. Darr stated an open community meeting regarding the Walter Dick Park grant is set for July 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at Walter Dick Park. Member Clarinda R. Darr congratulated the Opera House Café on getting their liquor license.
- E. **Member Dave Ferringer** – Member Dave Ferringer stated Junior Council Member Levi Roseman has done an outstanding job, and gave a big shout out to his parents saying they raised a fine son. Member Dave Ferringer stated he believes we have been lax in enforcing code, and donated his time for the grass ordinance only. Member Karen Allgeier moved to temporarily accept Member Dave Ferringer's gracious offer to become the Grass Code Enforcement Officer for the Borough of Brookville at no pay until we fill the Code Enforcement Officer position; seconded by President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz. Motion carried 7-0.

- F. Member Karen Allgeier** – Member Karen Allgeier stated the graduating class of 2017 is the last class where the children were born in the 1900's. Member Karen Allgeier stated Junior Council Member Levi Roseman is a very articulate and insightful young man and he will do well. Member Karen Allgeier stated the Borough Council's Association is moving forward. Member Karen Allgeier stated she has three boroughs that are willing to join this association so we can ban together with regard to items that attack all boroughs.
- G. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz** – President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz stated Junior Council Member Levi Roseman has done an excellent job, and wished him the best.
- H. Vice-President Phil Hynes** – Vice-President Phil Hynes stated Junior Council Member Levi Roseman has done a fine job.
- I. President John Blazosky** – President John Blazosky stated Junior Council Member Levi Roseman will be a hard act to follow, 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 7-0 at 8:08 P.M.

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Borough Manager