

MINUTES
BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, August 1, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

John Blazosky
Phil Hynes
Bill Kutz
Karen Allgeier – via phone
Dave Ferringer
Clarinda R. Darr
Ken King

STAFF

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

VISITOR/MEDIA

Randy Bartley
Scott Shindledecker
Matt Triponey
Mike Wonderling
Gary Hoffman
Roy Darrin
David Afton
Sandy Snyder
Jess Weible

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 (July 18, 2017):

Vice-President Phil Hynes moved to approve the minutes of the July 18th meeting as submitted; seconded by President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz. Motion carried 7-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- A. Approval of Expenditures** – The current bills were presented for approval. Member Dave Ferringer 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. Roy Darrin –

- 1. PennDOT Project on the End of Evans Street** – Brookville resident Roy Darrin stated in the PennDOT project at the end of Evans Street four or five houses will be torn down, and part of the stone wall will be torn down. President John Blazosky stated they had meetings regarding that project for the public and council. Roy Darrin asked what council thought about losing that tax base. President John Blazosky stated we do not like it. Police Chief

Jason Brown stated the project is to increase the flow of traffic from Route 28 to Route 322.

2. **Aggressive Driving Program** – Brookville resident Roy Darrin stated on national public radio he heard a program about aggressive driving, and that they are going after aggressive drivers. Roy Darrin asked Police Chief Jason Brown if the Brookville Police Department is a part of that. Police Chief Jason Brown stated no. Roy Darrin asked if the department can be a part of that. Police Chief Jason Brown stated not anymore. Police Chief Jason Brown stated it is selected enforcement for aggressive driving. Police Chief Jason Brown stated they do the same thing for seat belt compliance. Police Chief Jason Brown stated it is all run through grants. Police Chief Jason Brown stated the Brookville Police Department used to be a part of it.
3. **Walk by the Dam** – Brookville resident Roy Darrin stated he took a walk past the dam. Roy Darrin stated the grass was mowed, and it was a nice change.

REPORTS:

Chief of Police –

- A. **Statistics for July** – Police Chief Jason Brown stated in the month of July officers at the Brookville Police Department responded to 11,066 calls for service, wrote 85 reports, made 103 traffic contacts, filed 35 felony charges, 38 misdemeanor charges, and 8 summary charges.
- B. **Phone Call Scam** – Police Chief Jason Brown stated the Brookville Police Department got a complaint yesterday from a citizen regarding a phone call they received. Police Chief Jason Brown stated the caller stated they were from the borough and were attempting to raise money for the Brookville Police Department. Police Chief Jason Brown stated this is a scam and no one from the borough or the police department will call the public in an attempt to solicit donations. Police Chief Jason Brown stated if anyone receives any calls like this, do not provide them with any personal information or send them any money. Police Chief Jason Brown stated just hang up.

Fire Company – Mike Wonderling, Treasurer of the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company, reported in July they had 16 calls including 2 fire alarms, 1 fuel spill, 1 call for lines down, 5 motor vehicle accidents, a mutual aid, 2 odor investigations, traffic control, 2 trees down, and 1 other type of call. Mike Wonderling stated next week they are approving blue prints for the new ladder truck which should be here at the end of February.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- B. **Sandy Snyder – Safety Issues** – Brookville resident Sandy Snyder stated she observed a few safety issues. Sandy Snyder stated one is traffic coming out of the armory onto Litch Street or Spruce Street. Sandy Snyder stated there is no stop sign there, and they assume they have the right of way. Sandy Snyder stated she has nearly been t-boned. Sandy Snyder stated when the armory lets out on the weekends, a line comes out. Sandy Snyder stated she does not know if something

can be done about that or not. Sandy Snyder stated the other safety issue is at Brookville Equipment down at the corner of Hiawatha Street and Evans Street. Sandy Snyder stated there is a stop sign there, but it is disregarded. Sandy Snyder stated there is a good chance for an accident to happen there. President John Blazosky thanked Sandy Snyder for her comments.

Director of Public Works – Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated his crew completed the installation of 160 feet of eighteen inch storm drain on Pennsylvania Avenue this week. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated paving will begin tomorrow with the first round on Short Street, Clark Street, and Waterford Pike. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio reported his crew started the annual mowing of the flood control this week.

Zoning/Health Officer –

- A. **Written Report** - Zoning Officer Emerson Turnbull read his written report. (Attached)
- B. **Union Apartments** – Member Clarinda R. Darr asked for an update on Union Apartments, and Zoning Officer Emerson Turnbull stated he has heard nothing about it.
- C. **Directional Signs** – Zoning Officer Emerson Turnbull stated we brought this up a couple months ago, and the Planning Commission approved it tentatively pending council's approval. Zoning Officer Emerson Turnbull reported he has people wanting to put directional signs on Allegheny Boulevard, and they are currently not approved in that district. Zoning Officer Emerson Turnbull stated it was brought up at a Planning Commission meeting, and everybody seemed to think it was o.k. but we have not heard anything from council. President Pro-Tem and Planning Commission Chairman Bill Kutz stated we should revisit it.

Code Enforcement Officer – Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated he is currently working with three people on Euclid Avenue and one person on Waterford Pike regarding junk cars and garbage.

Committee Reports – No Reports

Solicitor

- A. **YMCA – Borough Tennis Court Agreement** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated the YMCA reconstructed the tennis courts and basketball courts at Memorial Park. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he drew up an agreement between the borough and the YMCA concerning the maintenance of the tennis courts, the locking and unlocking of the gates, and that type of thing. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated it will be the property of the Brookville Borough, not the YMCA. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated the YMCA has the right to schedule times that they will be able to use it. President John Blazosky asked Police Chief Jason Brown if he had any issues with this. Police Chief Jason Brown stated he did not have any issues with it. Police Chief Jason Brown stated it may not be closed exactly at dusk if officers are tied up on something, but

they will be locked. Member Karen Allgeier made a motion to approve the YMCA – Borough Tennis Court Agreement as presented; seconded by President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz. Motion carried 6-1, with Member Clarinda R. Darr abstaining.

- B. Grass Ordinance** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated Grass Code Enforcement Officer Dave Ferringer is seeking approval for contractors to cut grass. Grass Code Enforcement Officer Dave Ferringer stated BWB Landscaping is a local company. Grass Code Enforcement Officer Dave Ferringer stated they are fully insured and their rate is fifty dollars per hour. Member Dave Ferringer made a motion asking permission to utilize BWB Landscaping with certification of his insurance; seconded by Member Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.
- C. Laurel Festival/Community Days** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated the Laurel Festival did not work out real well this year. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated there are two groups talking about reorganizing. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated one group is meeting Thursday night, and the Western Pennsylvania Laurel Festival is meeting tomorrow night. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he and Manager Dana D. Shick tried to set up a meeting with Joyce Toven, and although they heard from her they have been unsuccessful at having her agree to any type of a meeting. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated they just wanted to meet to see what is going on and where this whole situation is headed. Solicitor Jim Dennison at some point and time one of these groups will have to request permits from the borough for the parade. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he does not know if council wants to do anything regarding this now or just wait and see. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz stated it would be nice if we heard from both entities. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he just wanted to keep council informed about where this is headed. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated hopefully everyone can come together. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he and Manager Dana D. Shick will continue to try to meet with the Western Pennsylvania Laurel Festival people.

Borough Manager

- A. Company/Employee Picnic Reminder** – Manager Dana D. Shick reminded everyone that the annual picnic will be on Friday, August 18th at noon, and R.S.V.P.'s are due by August 4th.
- B. Special Event Permit – Wine Walk** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated we have a special event permit for the Brookville Area Chamber of Commerce's Wine Walk scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd from noon to 5:00 P.M. on Main Street. Manager Dana D. Shick stated we received all signatures except for Brookville Borough Council. Member Karen Allgeier moved to approve the special event permit for the Chamber's Wine Walk as presented; seconded by President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz. Motion carried 7-0.
- C. Special Event Permit – Bike Run** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated we have a special event permit for the Brookville Area Chamber of Commerce's Bike Run scheduled for Sunday, October 8th from noon to 5:00 P.M. Manager Dana D. Shick stated this will be a leisure ride along a seven mile stretch of the

Redbank Valley Trails for adults and kids. Manager Dana D. Shick stated all signatures have been received for this except for Brookville Borough Council. Member Karen Allgeier moved to approve the special event permit for the Chamber's Bike Run as presented; seconded by President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz. Motion carried 7-0,

- D. Special Event Permit – Haunted Brookville** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated we have a special event permit for the Brookville Area Chamber of Commerce's Haunted Brookville which will take place mainly on Main Street on Saturday, October 28th from 5:00 P.M. to question mark, and on Sunday, October 29th from 11:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M. Manager Dana D. Shick stated all signatures have been received for this except for Brookville Borough Council. Member Karen Allgeier moved to approve the special event permit for the Chamber's Haunted Brookville as presented; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 7-0.
- E. Income Survey for Sandy Way – JCDD** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated at some point in time we approved submitting for the CDBG funding for the community development block grant for Sandy Way. Manager Dana D. Shick stated as a requirement in that, we are required to notify and announce that the county will be sending out an income survey to Sandy Way residents. Manager Dana D. Shick stated the income surveys will go back to the county.
- F. Yard Sale Permits** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated yard sale permits are required in the borough. Manager Dana D. Shick stated yard sale permits are good for three days and cost five dollars. Manager Dana D. Shick stated Brookville Borough residents can have two yard sales a year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) Fall Conference** – Member Karen Allgeier stated she is asking council's permission to attend the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) Fall Leadership Conference October 13th through the 15th at the Kalahari Resort in the Poconos. Vice-President Phil Hynes stated he is asking permission to attend that conference too. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz made a motion to allow Member Karen Allgeier and Vice-President Phil Hynes to attend the PSAB Fall Leadership Conference; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

- A. Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting, and for their comments.
- B. Member Ken King** – Member Ken King stated he hopes something comes together for the Laurel Festival or Community Days.
- C. Member Clarinda R. Darr** – Member Clarinda R. Darr thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, and reminded everyone that Relay for Life is at the fairgrounds this Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. Member Clarinda

R. Darr stated the Historic Overlay is in Council Chambers if anyone wants to see it.

- D. Member Karen Allgeier** – Member Karen Allgeier urged everyone to see the show at the Sawmill Theater on Friday night.
- E. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz** – President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz stated Mister Vallosio and Mister Brown and everyone at that table – thank you for your service.
- F. President John Blazosky** – President John Blazosky stated nice job on the tennis courts, and asked the media if they had any questions.

MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION:

- A. Randy Bartley** – Reporter Randy Bartley stated there will be a public meeting Thursday night at 7:00 P.M. at the Heritage House to discuss if people want the Laurel Festival to continue on as it is, or start something new.

ADJOURNMENT:

Member Karen Allgeier moved to adjourn; seconded by President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz.
Motion carried 7-0 at 7:35 P.M.

Borough Manager