

MINUTES
BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 6, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Richard Beck
Phil Hynes
Karen Allgeier
Randy Bartley
Rick Park
David Taylor
Lucy Ames
Sarah Gallagher

STAFF

Manager Dana Rooney
Police Chief Vince Markle
Deputy Fire Chief -
Scott Minich
First Assistant -
Bo Gallagher
Code Enforcement Officer -
Vince Markle
Recorder Christine Gunning
Solicitor Jim Dennison

VISITOR/MEDIA

Justin Felgar
Joy Norwood
Arthur McKinley
Roy Darrin
Bob Lewis

CALL TO ORDER:

President Phil Hynes 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:

Member Sarah Gallagher moved to approve the minutes of the January 2nd meeting as submitted; seconded by Vice-President Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- A. Approval of Expenditures** – Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve the accounts payables dated January 18th and February 6th as submitted; seconded by Member Lucy Ames. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. Fund Level Financial Statements** – President Phil Hynes stated you have the Fund Level Financial Statement Summary, and everybody is here to answer any questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Roy Darrin – Blighted Property on the East Side of Town** – Roy Darrin stated there is a house on the east side of town that needs some work done. President Phil Hynes stated the Code Enforcement Officer will take a look at it.
- B. Arthur McKinley – Offer to Donate Trees** – Arthur McKinley stated he is following up on his remarks from last month when he proposed to donate and have volunteers plant fifteen to twenty trees on publicly owned parkland this coming spring. President Phil Hynes stated we are still considering it. Mr. McKinley stated there is a grant initiative called WalkWorks with thirty thousand dollars in funding for crosswalks and signage for an urban pathway. Mr.

McKinley stated it has to be sponsored by the Borough or the County. President Phil Hynes stated we will take a look at that, and thanked Mr. McKinley.

REPORTS:

Chief of Police

- A. **Statistics** - Police Chief Vince Markle stated in January the Brookville Police Department had 172 calls for service, wrote 59 citations, 68 warnings, and 171 parking tickets. Chief Markle stated there were 10 misdemeanors, 3 summaries, and 1 302 commitment.
- B. **814 Predator** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated they had an opportunity to work with 814 Predator over the weekend, and it went very well.
- C. **Classes** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated he has his guys taking classes this month including interacting with the mentally ill as a first responder, officer safety and procedures in domestic violence response, and use of force. Chief Markle stated the guys are also reviewing their policies on use of force and domestic violence. Chief Markle stated he has one officer at training all week. Chief Markle stated he is doing the ALERRT Training (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training), and as soon as he gets done with that training, he will come back and train all of us.

Fire Chief – Fire Chief Michael Allgeier read his written report (attached).

Public Works – President Phil Hynes stated Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades is not here, and read his written report. President Hynes stated they got one section of the roof almost done on the Borough Complex. President Hynes stated the salt bins are all stocked back up. President Hynes stated the guys are working on building inlet risers for the roads that were paved, and building two new picnic tables. President Hynes stated National Fuel should be finishing up on Cherry Alley today, and Allegheny Contracting should be finished on Barnett Street by the end of this week.

Code Enforcement – Code Enforcement Officer Vince Markle read a report on the Pearsall incident (attached).

Zoning Officer – No Report

Solicitor

- A. **Fire Tax Credit** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he is still working on the Fire Tax Credit, and he should have something at the next meeting.
- B. **Games of Skill Ordinance** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he cannot find the information he had regarding this, and Manager Dana Rooney stated she would resend it to him.
- C. **I-80 Bridge Project – Traffic Study** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated with the I-80 Bridge Project, cement trucks and dump trucks will be going back Water Plant Road. Solicitor Dennison stated Council approved doing a traffic study on Water Plant Road, and we should probably do one for Cemetery Road too, with weight limits to be posted on both of those roads. Solicitor Dennison

stated the weight limit of each road will be determined by the study. Vice-President Karen Allgeier made a motion to approve the traffic study on Cemetery Road; seconded by Member Lucy Ames. Motion carried 7-0.

Borough Manager

- A. **Rose Siding Road Bridge** – Manager Dana Rooney stated we have discussed the Rose Siding Road Bridge bid before, and we actually had bids back in July of 2023 that we decided to reject completely. Manager Rooney stated tonight she would like to rebid those. Vice-President Karen Allgeier made a motion to rebid Rose Siding Road Bridge; seconded by Member Sarah Gallagher. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. **2024 Paving List** – Manager Dana Rooney stated in the 2024 paving list (attached) option one is estimated at \$166,420.00 and includes Jefferson Street, Sylvania Street, and Summit Street. Manager Rooney stated option two includes the streets in option one and Coal Alley. Manager Rooney stated option two is estimated at \$188,306.00. Vice-President Karen Allgeier made a motion to advertise the 2024 paving list; seconded by Second Vice-President Randy Bartley. Motion carried 7-0.
- C. **Adding More Handicap Parking Spots** – Manager Dana Rooney stated we had talked about adding more handicap parking spots. Manager Rooney stated these six spots could be used as handicap parking spots; in front of the Courthouse on the side of the Veterans' Memorial, in front of S&T Bank on the left side of the alley, in front of what used to be the newspaper building, in front of Brookville Chiropractic, in front of Peggy's Pizza, and a parallel space in front of the Baptist Church. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley made a motion for the six spots discussed to be added as handicap parking spots; seconded by Member David Taylor. Motion carried 7-0.
- D. **Parkwalk Concept** – Manager Dana Rooney stated the Parkwalk would be just around Memorial Park itself, and has an \$81,200.00 cost estimate. Manager Rooney stated there are some potential grants that could go into this. Manager Rooney stated she wants Council's input, and asked should they look into this? After some discussion, President Hynes stated we will work on getting more feedback about this from Council Members, and have the Strategic Planning Committee look at this in relation to all the other projects we have going on right now.
- E. **Executive Session** – Manager Rooney requested an executive session for a personnel matter with action expected.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **New Committees** – President Phil Hynes stated it was open to discussion, and everybody seems to be o.k. with the new committee list for 2024 (attached).

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Brookville Trail Hub – Letter of Support** – President Phil Hynes stated he and Manager Dana Rooney met with a few County officials this week, and they brought to our attention a problem with the Brookville Trail Hub.

President Hynes stated if you recall, Council had agreed to support their project of extending the Rail Trail up to Brockway. President Hynes stated that committee tried to get a grant for a feasibility study, and failed to get the grant. President Hynes stated the problem is PennDOT was open to the idea of purchasing right of ways for that project, and trying to combine that with their bridge project. President Hynes stated whatever right of ways they were acquiring for their bridge project, they were hoping to put the Trail Hub requests in with that, and get them all approved at one time. President Hynes stated unfortunately because they did not get a feasibility study, they are not in a position to identify the right of ways we are requesting. President Hynes stated the County wanted us to be aware of this problem, and that we might have to meet with legislators to try to include those right of ways, so we will need to send another letter of support to the Trail Hub Association to try to get these right of ways. President Hynes stated he thinks it has been Council's intent to support this project, so we will send a letter of support for the right of way request.

ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMENTS:

- A. **Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck thanked the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company for their report. Mayor Beck thanked Roy Darrin and Arthur McKinley for coming to the meeting tonight.
- B. **Member David Taylor** – Member David Taylor asked where we are in getting Request for Proposals back for the swinging bridge. Manager Rooney stated should be by the end of the year.
- C. **Member Lucy Ames** – Member Lucy Ames stated she echoes the Mayor's comments. Mrs. Ames stated the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company gave a great report. Mrs. Ames thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Mrs. Ames commended the Brookville Police Department for working with 814 Predator.
- D. **Member Rick Park** – Member Rick Park stated we have the greatest Police Department and Fire Company around. Mr. Park stated the Brookville Lion's Club is on its last legs, and only has about nine members. Mr. Park stated he would hate to see it go under, and he would like to put the word out that they could use members.
- E. **Second Vice-President Randy Bartley** – Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated he wanted to address the Pearsall issue. Mr. Bartley stated it is sad it went to this extent, but he controlled his own destiny.
- F. **Vice-President Karen Allgeier** – Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated kudos to the Brookville Police Department and the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company.
- G. **President Phil Hynes** – President Phil Hynes thanked Council for having confidence in him to run the meetings, and asked the media if they had any questions.

MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Brookville Borough Council entered an executive session at 8:00 P.M. for a personnel matter with action expected. Executive session ended at 8:05 P.M. with the following action taken:

Vice-President Karen Allgeier made a motion to hire an Equipment Operator at the Union contract rate, effective immediately, and stated the name will be released once the employee accepts; seconded by Member Sarah Gallagher. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to adjourn; seconded by Second Vice-President Randy Bartley. Motion carried 7-0 at 8:06 P.M.

Borough Manager