

**MINUTES**  
**BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, December 19, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.**

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

John Blazosky  
Phil Hynes – via phone @ 7:11 P.M.  
Bill Kutz  
Karen Allgeier  
Dave Ferringer  
Clarinda R. Darr  
Ken King  
Dalynn Park

**STAFF**

Manager Dana D. Shick  
Mayor Richard Beck  
Public Works Director -  
Dave Vallosio  
Code Enforcement Officer -  
Donald Jonischek  
Recorder Christine Gunning  
Solicitor Jim Dennison

**VISITOR/MEDIA**

Randy Bartley  
John Pozza  
Rose James  
Scott Shindledecker  
Paul Brown  
Vicki Brown  
Sandra Snyder  
Sandy Yenosky

**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 (December 5, 2017):**

Member Karen Allgeier moved to approve the minutes of the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting as submitted; seconded by President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz. Motion carried 6-0.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

- A. Approval of Expenditures** – The current bills were presented for approval. Manager Dana D. Shick stated there was one correction. Manager Dana D. Shick stated check number 7676 to the Allen Law Firm has been voided and has been replaced with check number 7717 for half of the amount. Manager Dana D. Shick stated the check is for eight hundred and forty dollars. Manager Dana D. Shick stated the invoice was duplicated on the original posting. Member Karen Allgeier moved to approve the bills as amended; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. Fund Level Financial Statements** – President John Blazosky stated if anyone has any questions regarding the financial statements, Manager Dana D. Shick is here to answer them.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- A. Sandra Snyder – Proposed Casino Bill** – Brookville resident Sandra Snyder stated she was here to speak about the proposed casino bill. Sandra Snyder stated twenty five years ago was her first exposure to slot machines and gambling. Sandra Snyder stated she spent a lot of time in Las Vegas learning the legalities of them. Sandra Snyder stated in her experience, they do not promote jobs. Sandra

Snyder stated the only people who benefit are the owners. Sandra Snyder stated people will gamble away their homes and jobs with this addiction. Sandra Snyder asked Council to consider the things regarding this that would work against our town. Council thanked Sandra Snyder for her comments.

- B. Vicki Brown – Proposed Casino Bill** – Brookville resident Vicki Brown stated she is totally against casinos. Vicki Brown stated no one will benefit from this, and it is against God. Vicki Brown stated gambling is an addiction and this area does not need this. Council thanked Vicki Brown for her comments.
- C. Paul Brown – Proposed Casino Bill** – Brookville resident Paul Brown stated he is against casinos too. Paul Brown stated gambling can be addictive. Paul Brown stated he has a friend who gambles quite heavily. Paul Brown stated casinos can lead people into addiction. President John Blazosky thanked Paul Brown for his comments.

## **REPORTS:**

**Chief of Police** – No Report

**Director of Public Works** – Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated when his crew is not out fighting the snow, they are busy reinsulating in the truck garage. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated Insight Pipe Contracting has successfully completed cure-in-place method of relining two of our twenty four inch levee pipes in the flood control. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated the bottoms were rusted out of the old ones made of galvanized pipe. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio reported during the last flood inspection, it was brought to our attention that it needed done. President John Blazosky asked what it is lined with now. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated it has a fiber glass lining.

**Zoning/Health Officer** – No Report

**Code Enforcement Officer** – Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek reported he notified some people to shovel the snow off their sidewalks.

**Committee Reports** – No Reports

## **Solicitor**

- A. Tax Ordinance 1098** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated the first thing he has is Tax Ordinance 1098. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated Council adopted the budget at the last meeting, and this is the ordinance that establishes real estate taxes and other taxes for 2018. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated there was a point six mil increase in the real estate tax. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he would need a motion to adopt Tax Ordinance 1098. President John Blazosky stated Vice-President Phil Hynes has joined the meeting by speaker phone. Member Karen Allgeier moved to approve Tax Ordinance 1098; seconded by President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. Police Pension Ordinance 1099** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated Police Pension Ordinance 1099 incorporates the changes made in the Collective

Bargaining Agreement that is effective as of January 1, 2018. Member Karen Allgeier moved approval of Police Pension Ordinance 1099; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 7-0.

- C. **Resolution 542-17 – Transfer of Liquor License for Truckstops of America** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated there was a hearing here today at 6:30 P.M. for a transfer of a liquor license from Henderson Township to Truckstops of America on Allegheny Boulevard. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated all we are doing here is approving the transfer. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated they will still have to go to the Liquor Control Board (LCB) to have their actual plans approved. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz moved to approve Resolution 542-17 for the transfer of a liquor license from Henderson Township to Truckstops of America on Allegheny Boulevard; seconded by Member Clarinda R. Darr. Motion carried 6-1, with Member Dave Ferringer opposed.
- D. **Real Estate Tax Appeals** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated every year there are real estate tax appeals through the assessment office. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated there are three appeals that will potentially affect the Borough of Brookville fairly significantly. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated WRC has filed an appeal claiming that they should be tax exempt and not pay any real estate taxes, Miller Welding has filed for a reduction in their real estate taxes, and Chris Taylor who now owns the old Pennzoil at the corner of Barnett Street and Main Street has filed for a reduction in those taxes. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he wanted to make Council aware those appeals are pending.

#### **Borough Manager**

- A. **Cash Transfer** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated the auditors found that in 2015 we made a temporary transfer of three thousand dollars from General Funds into Liquid Fuels because we had not received our Liquid Fuels funds yet and we needed to pay an invoice. Manager Dana D. Shick stated we never transferred that money back, so we need to transfer three thousand dollars from Liquid Fuels to the General Fund. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz moved to approve the transfer of three thousand dollars from Liquid Fuels to the General Fund as presented; seconded by Member Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. **Resolution 537-17 – Category 4 Casinos** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated Resolution 537-17, this is the last night for the category 4 casinos. Manager Dana D. Shick stated if a motion is made to pass the resolution, you will block category 4 casinos at this current time from being eligible to come into the Borough. Manager Dana D. Shick stated if we let the resolution die, the Borough is eligible to receive category 4 casinos. President John Blazosky asked if there was any more discussion on this issue, and there was not. President John Blazosky called for a roll call vote. President Bill Kutz moved to adopt Resolution 537-17 for category 4 casinos; seconded by Member Ken King. Member Clarinda R. Darr asked if this is to opt out and prohibit the casinos. After some more questions, President John Blazosky stated this is getting a little bit confusing and called for a roll call vote. President John

Blazosky stated if you vote yes, we opt out of having category 4 casinos. Member Clarinda R. Darr voted yes, Member Dave Ferringer voted no, Member Karen Allgeier voted yes, President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz voted yes, Member Ken King voted yes, Vice-President Phil Hynes voted yes, and President John Blazosky voted yes. President John Blazosky stated Resolution 537-17 for category 4 casinos is adopted. Motion carried 6-1, with Member Dave Ferringer opposed.

- C. **Resolution 541-17 – Appointing an Auditor** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated next we have Resolution 541-17 to appoint an auditor for the 2017 accounts. Manager Dana D. Shick stated the auditor will be the same as in the past, Mauthe, Yutzey, Gabler, and Troxell. Member Karen Allgeier moved to adopt Resolution 541-17, appointing an auditor for the 2017 fiscal year; seconded by Member Clarinda R. Darr. Motion carried 7-0.
- D. **Brookville Municipal Authority Board Reappointment** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated at the last Brookville Municipal Authority meeting they made a recommendation to reappoint David Love for a five-year term. Member Karen Allgeier moved to reappoint David Love to a five-year term on the Brookville Municipal Authority Board; seconded by Vice-President Phil Hynes. Motion carried 6-1 with Member Dave Ferringer opposed.
- E. **AFSCME Union Contract** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated we have finally received the signed contract from AFSCME. Manager Dana D. Shick stated this is our non-uniform employee contract. Manager Dana D. Shick stated we have received a signed copy back from the union. Manager Dana D. Shick stated she needs a motion to officially sign the union contract. Member Karen Allgeier moved to authorize Manager Dana D. Shick to sign the union contract; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 7-0.
- F. **Emergency Management Coordinator** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated she received a letter from Emergency Management Coordinator Kyle Zents stating he does not wish to continue his service into 2018. Manager Dana D. Shick stated she spoke to Fire Chief David Miller and Police Chief Jason Brown, and the three of them are making the recommendation to appoint Todd Gumphier as the Emergency Management Coordinator for 2018. Member Karen Allgeier moved to appoint Todd Gumphier as the Emergency Management Coordinator for 2018; seconded by Member Clarinda R. Darr. Motion carried 7-0. Member Clarinda R. Darr stated she would like to clarify this is a non-paying position. Manager Dana D. Shick stated that is correct.

At this point, Vice-President Phil Hynes signed off, and President John Blazosky thanked him for joining the meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

## **ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:**

- A. Junior Council Member Dalynn Park** – Junior Council Member Dalynn Park stated the National Honor Society at the Brookville High School had a fund raiser and raised four-thousand dollars for the Lupus Foundation. Junior Council Member Dalynn Park wished everyone happy holidays and a happy new year.
- B. Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting and expressing their opinions. Mayor Richard Beck stated he likes to see the community come out and take some action on different things.
- C. Member Ken King** – Member Ken King thanked Sandy, Vicki, and Paul for voicing their opinions on casinos. Member Ken King stated we need more interested citizens.
- D. Member Clarinda R. Darr** – Member Clarinda R. Darr thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting to see how your government is working and to be a part of it. Member Clarinda R. Darr wished everyone happy holidays and a happy new year. Member Clarinda R. Darr stated she wished everyone fair winds and following seas, and stated it has been a pleasure – thank you.
- E. Member Dave Ferringer** – Member Dave Ferringer thanked Paul, Vicki, and Sandy for coming to tonight's meeting. Member Dave Ferringer stated this was a toughie, and his thoughts are we missed the census by thirty people. Member Dave Ferringer stated we need thirty people to move here to make one hundred thousand dollars for the borough. Member Dave Ferringer stated that is why he voted for it. Member Dave Ferringer stated we need people to move to Brookville. After some discussion, Member Dave Ferringer asked everyone not to forget the true reason for Christmas.
- F. Member Karen Allgeier** – Member Karen Allgeier presented President John Blazosky and Member Clarinda R. Darr with gifts for all their service to the Borough of Brookville. Member Karen Allgeier wished everyone a Merry Christmas, and asked them not to forget who is the reason for the season.
- G. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz** – President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz stated Member Karen Allgeier stole his thunder. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz thanked President John Blazosky for all the years he served this community, particularly in the position as the President. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz stated you have done an excellent job – thank you. President John Blazosky stated thank you sir.
- H. President John Blazosky** – President John Blazosky thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and voicing their opinion. President John Blazosky stated that is what it is all about. President John Blazosky asked the media if they had any questions.

## **MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION:**

- A. John Pozza- Real Estate Tax Appeals** – Reporter John Pozza stated he had a question about the three entities that are going to trial for real estate taxes. Reporter John Pozza asked Solicitor Jim Dennison where the last one was that he mentioned. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated Pennzoil, right across from

Demans. Reporter John Pozza asked who the owner is. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated Chris Taylor and Shawn Taylor.

- B. **Sandra Snyder – Transfer of Liquor License** – Brookville resident Sandra Snyder asked where the liquor license from Henderson Township is coming from. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he does not know, and that it was put up for auction.
- C. **John Pozza – Real Estate Tax Appeals** – Reporter John Pozza asked if the WRC appeal is for all the property at Laurelbrooke Landing. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he is not sure if it is for everything, but he is sure it would include the McKinley Health Center.
- D. **Randy Bartley and John Pozza - Casinos** – Reporter Randy Bartley stated as a point of reference to everyone, there will not be casinos going into Pinecreek Township because their supervisors voted two to one to support the resolution. Reporter John Pozza stated he heard there is another nearby municipality whose vote did not go the way Brookville Borough Council's went, and would not say which municipality it was.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Member Karen Allgeier moved to adjourn; seconded by President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz.  
Motion carried 6-0 at 7:35 P.M.

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Borough Manager