

MINUTES
BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, September 4, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Richard Beck
Phil Hynes
Bill Kutz
Karen Allgeier
Dave Ferringer
Ken King
Rick Baughman
Randy Bartley

STAFF

Manager Dana D. Schreckengost
Public Works Director -
Dave Vallosio
Zoning & Health Officer -
Emerson Turnbull
Code Enforcement Officer -
Donald Jonischek
Solicitor Jim Dennison
Recorder Christine Gunning

VISITOR/MEDIA

Rose James
John Pozza
Alex Nelson
Ryan Pearsall
Tawnia Norris
Mike Donovan

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 (August 21, 2018):

Member Rick Baughman moved to approve the minutes of the August 21st meeting as submitted; seconded by President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- A. Approval of Expenditures** – The current bills were presented for approval. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to approve the bills as submitted; seconded by Vice-President Bill Kutz. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. Fund Level Financial Statements** – President Phil Hynes stated you have the fund level financial statements, and if you have any questions the appropriate people are here to answer them.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Tawnia Norris – Stormwater – Marlin Street** – Brookville resident Tawnia Norris stated she is back because now her house is a swimming pool. Tawnia Norris stated she cannot live in her house, she cannot sell her house, and she cannot fix it. Tawnia Norris stated she bought her house twenty years ago thinking she would fix it up and sell it for her retirement. Tawnia Norris stated for the past five years she has put everything that she has into her house just to keep it so it is not a mold pit. Tawnia Norris stated she bought her house twenty years ago, and until five years ago it did not flood. Tawnia Norris stated five years ago we started fixing Elm Drive. Tawnia Norris stated she can get diagrams

from Elm Drive residents showing the storm drains have changed, and now the water comes down between on both sides of her house. Tawnia Norris stated the water runs over the storm drains, and the water gets to be three feet on either side of her house. Tawnia Norris stated now she has sink holes in her yard. Tawnia Norris stated she told Manager Dana D. Schreckengost if she stops paying her taxes, her house will be put up for Sheriff's sale, if she does not mow the grass she will get fined for not mowing the grass, and if she does not maintain her house she will get fined for having a blighted property, but everything runs into her house after everything else is fixed, and she is supposed to keep picking up the pieces. Tawnia Norris stated she is asking for help. Tawnia Norris stated she has no money left after fixing her house five times. President Phil Hynes stated it is an unfortunate situation but it is not the Borough's liability. President Phil Hynes stated it is not the Borough's fault unless it has changed the natural course of the water which we have not been able to determine it has. President Phil Hynes stated he does feel for her situation because he knows she gets flooded all the time. Tawnia Norris stated she did not get flooded until the last five years. President Phil Hynes stated we have pretty much given you an answer. President Phil Hynes stated if you feel that our decision is not correct then bring an expert in to tell us otherwise. Tawnia Norris asked with what money should she hire an expert. Tawnia Norris stated she bought two houses that should have been dilapidated and fixed them up so they did not stay on the tax rolls. Tawnia Norris stated she bought another piece of property next to that.

REPORTS:

Chief of Police – President Phil Hynes stated Police Chief Vince Markle was called out on a call, and he gave a short report to Mayor Richard Beck. Mayor Richard Beck asked if the Fire Chief could do his report first because he has to be back at a meeting.

Fire Company

- A. **Statistics for August** - Ryan Pearsall, Deputy Chief of the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company, reported in August they had 23 runs, including 2 structure fires, 1 activated fire alarm, 2 natural gas incidents, 1 tree down, 1 flooding, 11 motor vehicle accidents, 1 Police Department assist, 1 EMS assist, and 1 fuel spill.
- B. **Updating Alarm Assignments** – Ryan Pearsall stated the Brookville Volunteer Fire Department is updating alarm assignments, and they are using creeks for boundary lines. Ryan Pearsall stated Brookville Borough for the longest time has had a 2A Box and they are going to break it up now. Member David Ferringer stated he does not know what a 2A Box or a 3A Box is, and asked if it is just different nomenclature for the different fire departments. Ryan Pearsall stated yes, a 3A Box would be Corsica Borough. Ryan Pearsall stated they are splitting them up so the Redbank Creek and Sandy Lick Creek would make the Catholic Hill a 2C Box. Ryan Pearsall stated then North Fork and Sandy Lick make the east end of town a 2B Box. Ryan Pearsall stated they added Reynoldsville back to their alarm assignments to come in sooner to structure fires. Ryan Pearsall stated other than that, nothing has changed.

Ryan Pearsall stated the only real reason we are breaking up is automatically we can think what end of town we are going to when it gets dispatched. Ryan Pearsall stated they are looking for the Borough's approval before they can move on to 911 and get everything changed. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to approve the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company's request to split up the boxes so they can do their job more efficiently; seconded by Member Ken King. Motion carried 7-0.

Chief of Police – Mayor Richard Beck stated Police Chief Vince Markle is out trying to catch a man they have warrants on. Mayor Richard Beck stated the state police has a chopper out now, and they are trying to locate him.

- A. **Server** - Mayor Richard Beck stated the server is up and running, and is doing a really good job.
- B. **Statistics for August** – Mayor Richard Beck reported one hundred and eleven citations were written last month, and there were six warnings and five DUI arrests.
- C. **School Agreement** – Mayor Richard Beck stated the school police has started up and is working really well.

Director of Public Works – Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated besides doing everything they always do, his crew installed a new street light pole in front of the Eagles on Main Street today. President Phil Hynes asked how many spare poles are left, and Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated three. Member Dave Ferringier asked how it was paid for, and Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated insurance.

Zoning/Health Officer – Zoning and Health Officer Emerson Turnbull stated inspections are all up to date.

Code Enforcement Officer – Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek reported there was another neighborhood dispute on Jefferson Street which we had before about the fence, and now they are talking about the weeds. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated he had a report of unregistered vehicles on Evans Street, and he tagged them. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated a porch was falling in on a house on Walnut Street, and the people there are remodeling and fixing it. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated on Pine Street there was high grass and expired registration on vehicles, and he has not been able to contact those people yet. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated on Mabon Street a tree fell from the neighbors. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated it did not hit anything but we are trying to figure out who wants to cut the tree up. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated he had a call about rats on Madison Avenue, had the grass cut in a few yards on Sayer Street and Jenks Street, and did several warnings for high grass throughout the town.

Committee Reports – No Reports

Solicitor

- A. **Dilapidated Properties** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he has been meeting with Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek, and working on some dilapidated properties.

Borough Manager

- A. **2019 Borough MMO Calculation** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we have the 2019 Borough MMO, which is the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Borough employee pension plan. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated it is \$68,816.00, and she needs a motion for approval. Vice-President Bill Kutz moved to approve the 2019 Minimum Municipal Obligation in the amount of \$68,816.00 for Borough employee pensions as presented; seconded by President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. **Address Change** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we were contacted by the county and a new soon-to-be home owner. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated there is a conflict of an address with 210 Middle Street and 210 Middle Street Extension. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we are having issues with mail. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated the new home owner and the county would like to change 210 Middle Street Extension to 212 Middle Street. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to approve changing 210 Middle Street Extension to 212 Middle Street as presented; seconded by Member Ken King. Motion carried 7-0.
- C. **Sale of Borough Personal Property** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated on the last page of your packet we have seven total different types of items that we would like to get rid of. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we have a couple of different quantities of those items such as old lighting fixtures, an old pressure washer, and an old generator. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated she needs a motion to advertise that. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we were hoping to clean out some space in the Borough garage. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to approve Manager Dana D. Schreckengost's request to advertise the seven different types of items listed on the last page of their packet; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **Painting Lines on Road by Hospital** – Vice-President Bill Kutz stated his wife works at the hospital, and one of her fellow employees was talking about how dark it is when you turn off by Mumford's Tire Center towards the hospital. Vice-President Bill Kutz stated the lady thought it would be a good idea to put some lines on both sides of the road. Vice-President Bill Kutz stated he received an estimate of four hundred dollars to paint the lines on both sides of the road. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to paint the lines as described; seconded by Member Randy Bartley. Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Stop Sign at Windy Knoll** – Member Rick Baughman stated he does not know if there has ever been a stop sign at the end of Windy Knoll Road going out onto 322 by the Medicine Shoppe. Member Rick Baughman stated the stop sign needs to be placed on the left hand side of the road. Member Rick Baughman stated the stop sign will have solar powered lights around it. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier asked Public Works Director Dave Vallosio if he had a cost estimate for the stop sign, and Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated he did not. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated to go onto a state road, he has a call into the state, and no one has returned his call. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated PennDOT has better expertise in these areas. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated take it slow before you start ordering signs. President Phil Hynes asked if there could be liability issues, and Solicitor Jim Dennison stated absolutely. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier suggested continuing this as unfinished business, and to ask Public Works Director Dave Vallosio to get some more information. After some discussion, President Phil Hynes stated we will move this to unfinished business and do more research on it.
- B. Fire Department Signs** – Member Rick Baughman stated the Street Committee recommends putting signs by the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company's entrance to let approaching traffic know there is a Fire Company entrance there and let them know the number of feet to that entrance. Member Rick Baughman stated there are sign poles down there with nothing on them going towards Pickering Street, and the other way towards Barnett Street there are sign poles against the telephone pole with a speed limit sign on it. Member Rick Baughman stated there would be no cost for the poles since they are already there, just the sign. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier stated so there would be one on each side. Member Rick Baughman stated yes, there is a telephone pole there with a steel sign post. Member Randy Bartley asked about the speed limit sign, and Member Rick Baughman stated it is not on a steel pole, it is right up against the telephone pole. President Phil Hynes stated it is coming from the Street Committee to erect signs as proposed. President Phil Hynes asked all Council Members in favor of this motion coming from committee to say 'aye'. Motion carried 7-0.

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

- A. Member Randy Bartley** – Member Randy Bartley commended the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company for being proactive.
- B. Member Ken King** – Member Ken King stated you run a fine meeting Mr. President.
- C. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier** – President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier stated school is back in session so please be careful when you drive through the school district area.
- D. Vice-President Bill Kutz** – Vice-President Bill Kutz stated he is glad Zoning and Health Officer Emerson Turnbull is back, and he feels for Tawnia Norris.

E. President Phil Hynes – President Phil Hynes stated he wishes Council could solve all the water issues that are in town, but unfortunately some are not under our purview. President Phil Hynes stated he hopes everyone watches the game of the century this week between Pitt and Penn State. Member Randy Bartley stated it might be a good idea to caution people coming out on Evans Street from the new convenience store to be extremely careful since PennDOT has already identified it as a high hazard intersection. President Phil Hynes asked the media if they had any questions.

MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION:

A. New Convenience Store/ 322 Meats and Eats – Reporter John Pozza asked for clarification on the new convenience store. Member Randy Bartley stated where Henry's Car Wash was on Evans Street it is now a convenience store. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated it is called 322 Meats and Eats.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 7-0 at 7:31 P.M.

Borough Manager