

MINUTES
BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 5, 2019 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 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
Brynn Afton

STAFF

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

VISITOR/MEDIA

Arthur McKinley
Dave Afton
Ryan Pearsall
Joy Norwood
Rose James
Jason Geer
Brad Hice
Michael Gray

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 (February 19, 2019):

Member Dave Ferringer moved to approve the minutes of the February 19th 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 Member Randy Bartley. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Jason Geer – Northside Ball Field** – Jason Geer stated he was here on behalf of Brookville Area Little League (BALL). Jason Geer stated they would like to propose a name change to Northside Ball Field to reflect the generosity of a local family who served on the board at BALL for the last ten years. Jason Geer stated just for background knowledge, the Borough owns the ground it is on, and BALL is in charge of all the maintenance, structural repairs, equipment, and all insurances. Jason Geer stated it is a pretty costly sport to run, but BALL is great at fundraising. Jason Geer stated there was a roof leak in the press box, which rotted the substructure of the roof and led to the rotting of the floor. Jason Geer stated they received estimates from twelve thousand to twenty one thousand dollars to tear it down and rebuild it. Jason Geer stated a local family donated the

money. Jason Geer stated BALL is proposing to change the name of the field from Northside Ball Field to Blake Field. Jason Geer stated there would be no cost to the Borough, and BALL will pay for two signs. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to allow BALL to change the name of the field from Northside Ball Field to Blake Field; seconded by Member Rick Baughman. Motion carried 7-0.

- B. Arthur McKinley – Riverwalk** – Arthur McKinley stated he was here to give an update on the Riverwalk. Arthur McKinley stated a month ago Council moved to have Manager Dana D. Schreckengost contact the Army Corps and the Borough Engineer regarding the Riverwalk, and he is asking if there was any progress on that. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated she contacted both, and we are on hold right now waiting on the engineer. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated the Army Corps will not talk to us until a more detailed plan is in place. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we are working with the engineer to figure out what that would cost. Arthur McKinley stated in his mind, there are three areas we need to move ahead with. Arthur McKinley stated first he would like us to be finalizing the easements for the trail along the river banks. Arthur McKinley stated Solicitor Jim Dennison did a lot of work a year ago to determine that we have a permanent easement along these river banks. Arthur McKinley stated to deal with the Army Corps we need a determination from Solicitor Jim Dennison on exactly what we have got and what we need to do to have this right-of-way or easement so we can declare that we have a corridor so we can go for grants. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost asked who are you proposing pays for the easements? Arthur McKinley stated he is not sure what it costs. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated the Borough never set aside funds for the Riverwalk, and we do not have a budget for this. After some discussion Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated you need an attorney to look into the easements. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated the Borough does not have the funds. President Phil Hynes stated I know you want to keep this project moving forward, so first try to get an engineering study. President Phil Hynes stated you told me there is a grant if you get matching funds. President Phil Hynes stated you need to identify what sources of funding you will use for a matching grant and bring that to us with your proposal. President Phil Hynes stated our job as Borough Council is to approve and sponsor this. After some discussion, Member Dave Ferringier stated we can give you our blessing, but we cannot fund anything at this time. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated the Borough has authorized you to work with me on this, and we are waiting on the engineers. President Phil Hynes stated bring more information to us and we will try to work with you. Vice-President Bill Kutz stated nobody is against what you are doing, it is just a matter of trying to figure it all out. Vice-President Bill Kutz stated we would all like to see it happen.
- C. Sergeant Michael Gray** – Sergeant Michael Gray from the State Police in Punxsutawney stated once a month he goes to a municipal township meeting. Sergeant Gray stated he wanted to introduce himself and let you know if you ever have any issues outside the perimeter of the Borough he would be the man to call. Sergeant Gray stated they have a great working relationship with the Borough,

and since November 1st they assisted the Brookville Police Department with over twenty different incidents. After some discussion, President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier thanked him for coming to the meeting.

REPORTS:

Chief of Police

- A. **Statistics for February** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated in the month of February the Brookville Police Department received 195 calls for service, had 48 assists, 67 traffic violations, 21 incidents, 61 warnings, 177 parking tickets, 6 felonies, 18 misdemeanors, and 5 drug arrests off traffic stops.
- B. **PoliceOne Academy Training** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated his Officers received 46 PoliceOne training certificates in February.
- C. **District Attorney's Office/Training** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated they did a two day training with the District Attorney's Office on different topics.
- D. **Active Shooter Drills** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated they will have three active shooter drills this month.
- E. **State Police** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated the state police backed them up twenty times, and the Brookville Police Department has gone outside the Borough several times to back them up because of the manpower situation. Police Chief Markle stated it is nice that we can back each other up. Member Randy Bartley asked what the policy is on how far the officers can go outside the Borough to help other officers. Police Chief Markle stated if there is an officer in need, they will go as far as they need to.

Fire Company

- A. **Statistics** – Ryan Pearsall, Deputy Chief of the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company, stated in February the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company responded to 22 alarms including; 3 structure fires, 2 vehicle fires, 2 lines down, 8 trees down, 3 motor vehicle accidents, 1 fuel spill, 2 police department assists, and 1 transfer.
- B. **Fire Extinguisher/Fire Safety Review** - Ryan Pearsall stated they conducted a fire extinguisher and fire safety review at the Brookville YMCA.
- C. **I-80 Northfork Bridge Replacement** – Ryan Pearsall stated plans are in the works for the I-80 Northfork Bridge replacement. Ryan Pearsall stated they reached out to us inquiring on the delay this would cause responding out Richardsville Road. Ryan Pearsall stated they seem to think that if this project is to go forward, the bridge over I-80 on Richards Street will more than likely be closed during construction. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated it is a five-year plan, and PennDOT just put it out for bid.
- D. **Testing Apparatus Pumps** – Ryan Pearsall stated the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company is going with the Brockway Fire Department and other local companies to have pumps tested on our apparatus. Ryan Pearsall stated the Brockway Fire Department is asking other fire departments as well so we all get a lower cost. Ryan Pearsall stated Glick will be the company completing the service test.

Director of Public Works – Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated as of February 28th they used 137 hours of overtime this winter. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated last year was around 69 hours. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio thanked Ryan Pearsall and all the firemen that helped clear the downed trees during the windstorm we had. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated all work orders are current. President Phil Hynes asked how our salt is holding up. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated we are doing well. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated for a while we had a little trouble getting it. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated instead of getting it from DuBois, they have been shipping it from New York. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated they depleted the stockpile in DuBois. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated we are full right now, and we met our quota.

Zoning/Health Officer – Zoning and Health Officer Emerson Turnbull read his written report (attached).

Code Enforcement Officer – Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek reported there was trash at three different houses on Madison Street and it was all taken care of. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated he tagged the Chinese Restaurant on Allegheny Boulevard for trash in the back. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated Officer Andrew Turnbull helped him with a trailer loaded with trash on Walnut Street.

Committee Reports – No Reports

Solicitor

- A. **Rezoning Update** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated the rezoning is scheduled for the second of April with a hearing at 7:15 P.M. regarding the zoning change, and then you will act on the adoption after the hearing. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated it has been advertised. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated we will just break in the middle of the Borough Council meeting and move to the hearing.

Borough Manager

- A. **Retirement Notice** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we have a retirement notice. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated James Rowan's last day will be April 30, 2019. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to accept James Rowan's retirement on April 30th with regret; seconded by Member Rick Baughman. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. **Equipment Operator Position** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we will then have an equipment operator position opening. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated she would need a motion to advertise internally to the Street Department for that position. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to approve advertising internally to the Street Department for the equipment operator position; seconded by Member Randy Bartley. Motion carried 7-0.
- C. **Cash Transfer** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we need to do a cash transfer to get the electric bill paid. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost

stated she needs the General Fund to give a temporary loan to the Street Light Fund in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars. Vice-President Bill Kutz moved to approve Manager Dana D. Schreckengost's request for the General Fund to give a temporary loan to the Street Light Fund in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars; seconded by President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **Brookville Clean Up Day** – Member Rick Baughman stated Manager Dana D. Schreckengost had us registered for this, and 870 trash bags will be handed out on April 19th at the Town Park on Main Street. Member Rick Baughman stated Wolff Refuse Service and Advanced Disposal will pick up at the residence so participants just have to put the bags by the curb. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier stated she hopes everyone in the Borough that has things they would like to get rid of uses the bags and takes part in this project. President Phil Hynes thanked the committee for doing a good job. President Phil Hynes stated it is a good project, and hopefully it goes without a hitch.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

- A. **Junior Council Member Brynn Afton** – Junior Council Member Brynn Afton stated the spring play is coming up soon. Junior Council Member Brynn Afton stated the senior art show is on Thursday at 5:00 P.M. at Create Café. Junior Council Member Brynn Afton stated at the last school board meeting the school board approved a new junior high track program.
- B. **Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck thanked Jason Geer and Sergeant Michael Gray for coming to the meeting and telling us what is going on.
- C. **Member Rick Baughman** – Member Rick Baughman thanked the Brookville Police Department and the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company for everything they do. Member Rick Baughman stated they have been busy these last few weeks with the winter weather.
- D. **Member Randy Bartley** – Member Randy Bartley thanked Ryan Pearsall for bringing the I-80 bridge to our attention.
- E. **Member Ken King** – Member Ken King thanked Ryan Pearsall and the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company for all they do. Member Ken King thanked Public Works Director Dave Vallosio and his crew for keeping our streets clean.
- F. **Member Dave Ferringer** – Member Dave Ferringer thanked Jason Geer for his comments, and asked Arthur McKinley not to give up on the Riverwalk. Member Dave Ferringer stated we just have to take things a little bit slower.
- G. **President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier** – President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier thanked the Brookville Police Department and the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company for doing what they always do. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier thanked Public Works Director Dave Vallosio for making sure people can get

around Brookville. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier stated she attended the Youth in Government fundraiser at the Y, and stated they are very well spoken. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier stated she hopes more council members can attend this event in the future. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier stated the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company's Annual Gun Bash is scheduled for May 11th. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier thanked James and Jan Rowan for their many years of service to the Brookville Borough.

H. Vice-President Bill Kutz – Vice-President Bill Kutz thanked the people at this table for all they do. Vice-President Bill Kutz stated keep up the good work.

I. President Phil Hynes – President Phil Hynes thanked Sergeant Michael Gray for attending, told Arthur McKinley they really will try to work with him, and asked the media if they had any questions.

MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/ CLARIFICATION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Member Dave Ferringer moved to adjourn; seconded by President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0 at 7:50 P.M.

Borough Manager