

MINUTES
BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, June 4, 2019 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Phil Hynes
Bill Kutz
Karen Allgeier
Dave Ferring
Ken King
Randy Bartley

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

VISITOR/MEDIA

Carole Briggs
Pam Henderson
Sherry Campbell
Rose James
Roy Darrin
Ryan Pearsall
Aly Delp
Tonya Woodel

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 (May 21, 2019):

President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to approve the minutes of the May 21st special meeting and regular meeting as submitted; seconded by Member Dave Ferring. Motion carried 6-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- A. Approval of Expenditures** - The current bills were presented for approval. Member Randy Bartley moved to approve the bills as submitted; seconded by President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 6-0.
- 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 ask.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Chamber of Commerce – December Parking Meter Hoods** – Tonya Woodel, Executive Director of the Brookville Chamber of Commerce, stated they would like to cover the parking meters for the holidays from December first to New Year's Eve. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to approve the Brookville Chamber of Commerce's request to cover the parking meters from December first to New Year's Eve; seconded by Vice-President Bill Kutz. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. Carole Briggs and Pam Henderson – Bike Racks** – Pam Henderson stated she is a Jefferson County resident, a member of the Redbank Valley Trail group, and

a member of the ad hoc bike rack committee with Carole Briggs and John Pozza. Pam Henderson stated they want to thank the Council particularly for looking at the letter (attached). Pam Henderson thanked Jacob d'Argy for putting a bike rack on his property for a trial run, and stated it seemed to work well. Carole Briggs stated in the trail town that we are, we are lacking three things; a bike repair shop, a micro-brewery, and bike racks. President Phil Hynes stated the merchants purchase the racks, and the Borough would install and maintain them. Member Randy Bartley stated he would like to hear Solicitor Jim Dennison's opinion on this, and he has a problem with the Borough maintaining something that is on private property. After some discussion, Member Randy Bartley moved to table this topic until the next Borough Council meeting; seconded by President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 6-0.

- C. **Roy Darrin – Blighted Buildings** – Brookville resident Roy Darrin stated he was here to talk about blighted buildings. Roy Darrin stated he went to the meeting in Reynoldsville, and you had several people there. Roy Darrin stated it is nice the county stepped up to take care of this. Roy Darrin stated Renovo has an ordinance for quality of life and it works really well. Roy Darrin stated Renovo hired a retired deputy sheriff. Roy Darrin stated the warnings come out and then the fines come out and most people take care of things. Roy Darrin stated the USDA has something that if you are over sixty-two years old and your income is under thirty-two thousand dollars a year there is a possibility you can get a grant for seven thousand five hundred dollars to fix up your house, and there are low interest loans after that. Vice-President Bill Kutz thanked him and stated that was a couple of good ideas.

REPORTS:

Chief of Police

- A. **Statistics for May** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated in the month of May the Brookville Police Department received 195 calls for service, wrote 142 traffic citations, 85 warnings, 231 parking tickets, 1 felony, 25 misdemeanors, and 4 DUI's one of which was drugs.
- B. **Comments** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated four officers went to Clarion University for an Officer Killed and Assaulted Training. Police Chief Vince Markle stated everyone knows about the stand-off situation we had on Evans Street. Police Chief Vince Markle thanked the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company, and stated without them it would not have been possible blocking all the roadways that needed blocked. Police Chief Vince Markle stated everyone worked very well together, and nobody got hurt including the person who was barricaded. Police Chief Vince Markle thanked Public Works Director Dave Vallosio for his assistance and hard work.

Fire Company

- A. **Statistics** - Ryan Pearsall, Deputy Chief of the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company, stated in the month of May they had 22 alarms, 2 structure fires, 1 vehicle fire, 1 CO incident, 4 lines down, 6 vehicle accidents, 2 Police Department assists, 1 EMS assist, and 1 fuel spill.

- B. **Drills** - Deputy Chief Ryan Pearsall stated the Brookville Hospital is hosting a drill June 24th that they will be involved in. Ryan Pearsall stated last Tuesday on East Main Street they had a multi-apartment drill. Ryan Pearsall stated Brookville, Pine Creek and Sigel members were there, and they plan on having more drills.
- C. **Crayon Castle/ Training** – Deputy Chief Ryan Pearsall stated Crayon Castle was provided fire safety and fire extinguisher training.
- D. **Army Reserve Center/ New Fire Alarm System** - Deputy Chief Ryan Pearsall stated the Army Reserve Center is in the process of installing a new fire alarm system, and we have been asked to look over it when it gets installed.

Director of Public Works – Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated Beardsley Mechanical came in last week. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated they are the contractors that will be putting in the new boilers. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated they disconnected the old boilers and drained them. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated we are now waiting on the asbestos abatement to be done. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated they are supposed to come in about two weeks to start that. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated his crew is still rebuilding inlets in town, mowing the parks, and all the usual. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier asked if the people who are digging up the roads can fill the ruts in. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated he would talk to Wilson Excavating and Grading about smoothing it out. Member Dave Ferringer asked what happens if we sign off on it and in a year it settles. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we do not actually sign off, it is part of our ordinance whenever they buy the street opening permit. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated the ordinance states how long they have to maintain it if it settles, and she thinks it is for two or three years.

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

Code Enforcement Officer – Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek reported at the beginning of the month he received a complaint about 138 Pine Street and found no violations, he had trash complaints on Middle Street and Jared Street and they were cleaned up, there were a couple of abandoned vehicles and high grass at the end of Fifth Street and Long Avenue and that has been taken care of, he contacted the owner of a property on Evans Street and it was cleaned up, he sent out several letters to properties on East Main Street, there are three houses on Valley Street and two have been taken care of and someone will take care of the third house, the garbage on the porch of a property on Spruce Street was taken care of, he needs to contact the old Dairy Queen about high grass, the Chinese restaurant cleaned up the garbage they had, and there is a complaint about a property on Maple Street that he needs to take care of.

Committee Reports

A. Street Committee

1. **Handicap Parking Spaces – Main Street** – Street Committee Chairman Bill Kutz stated in front of Randy's Electronics the committee would like to make that disabled parking particularly for SMP Home Medical. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier asked if that is where the meter is only fifteen minutes. Vice-President Bill Kutz asked if we can change the meter. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated yes. President Phil Hynes stated since this motion is coming from committee it does not need a second, and asked all Council Members in favor of establishing a handicapped space as designated by the committee to say 'aye'. Motion carried 6-0.
2. **Mirror for Diamond Alley** – Street Committee Chairman Bill Kutz stated the second issue is because you cannot go down Diamond Alley anymore, some citizens who live there are having trouble driving up and having to make sharp turns at that intersection where Wilson's Printing Shop used to be. Street Committee Chairman Bill Kutz stated the committee agreed to put up a mirror hopefully on a telephone pole. After some discussion, President Phil Hynes stated again this is coming out of committee. President Phil Hynes stated he thinks the motion would be to approve the mirror pending the authority placing it on the pole since we will have to get permission from the utility on that. President Phil Hynes asked all Council Members in favor to signify by saying 'aye'. Motion carried 6-0.
3. **Re-bid 2019 Paving Project** – Street Committee Chairman Bill Kutz stated we rejected the paving bids from the last meeting, so we need to have an advertisement to re-bid the streets that we have to pave. President Phil Hynes asked if this was coming from committee, and Street Committee Chairman Bill Kutz stated yes. President Phil Hynes asked all Council Members in favor of this motion coming from committee to signify by saying 'aye'. Motion carried 6-0.

B. Stormwater Committee

1. **Meetings** – Stormwater Committee Chairman Dave Ferringer stated coming from the committee they would like to change the meeting to the second Monday of the month and advertise to do that. President Phil Hynes asked all Council Members in favor of this motion coming from committee to say 'aye'. Motion carried 6-0.

Solicitor – No Report

Borough Manager

A. Cash Transfers

1. **Payback Interim Loan** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated she would like to pay back the interim loan from the General Fund to the Street Light Fund. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated she would like to transfer \$50,000.00 from the Street Light Fund back to the General Fund to repay that loan. Vice-President Bill Kutz moved to approve

Manager Dana D. Schreckengost's request to transfer \$50,000.00 from the Street Light Fund back to the General Fund to repay the interim loan; seconded by President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 6-0.

2. **Transfer to PLIGIT for Interest** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated she would like to transfer \$100,000.00 out of the General S&T Account into the General PLIGIT Account so we can get some interest. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to approve Manager Dana D. Schreckengost's request to transfer \$100,000.00 from the General S&T Account into the General PLIGIT Account; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. **Riverwalk Proposal** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we received a proposal from our engineers back in March to do a concept plan and work with the Army Corps of Engineers for a proposed Riverwalk. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we received the cost estimate of \$9,800.00 with direct expenses of \$750.00 for a total of \$10,550.00. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated the county has given us a check for \$10,500.00 to move forward with that project. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated the Borough would fund \$50.00 of that project. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier asked how the Borough got \$10,500.00 from the county. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated there was a request made for their Act 13 funds and it was granted. After some discussion, Member Randy Bartley moved to approve the funding for the feasibility study for the engineering firm for the Riverwalk; seconded by Vice-President Bill Kutz. Motion carried 5-1, with Member Dave Ferringer dissenting.
- C. **Dump Truck Agreement** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we have the Dump Truck Agreement which is a formal agreement between the Commonwealth and us. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated the loan agreement is to purchase a dump truck with a \$50,000.00 loan at a two percent interest rate that we will pay quarterly. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to approve the Dump Truck Agreement as presented; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 6-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

- A. **President Phil Hynes** – President Phil Hynes stated our Junior Council Member is busy with graduation I suspect, and Mayor Richard Beck had an accident this afternoon while mowing his grass and we do not have an update on his condition but we wish him well.
- B. **Member Randy Bartley** – Member Randy Bartley stated he feels obligated to clarify his remarks. Member Randy Bartley stated he is not opposed to bike racks. Member Randy Bartley stated he thinks it would be better for all parties if Borough Council was not involved, and it would probably go smoother for them if Council was not involved. Member Randy Bartley

commended Police Chief Vince Markle and his department for admirably handling the stand-off. Member Randy Bartley stated on behalf of the Laurel Board of which he is a member of, he thanks Council for their cooperation in establishing this year's festival, and he is pleased to report that things are all set to go.

- C. **Member Ken King** – Member Ken King stated he thinks a few bike racks would be a good thing, and it is probably good that Public Works Director Dave Vallosio and his crew installs them so they are installed properly on our right of way. Member Ken King commended everybody at the opposite table for doing a good job.
- D. **Member Dave Ferringer** – Member Dave Ferringer stated he echoes Member Randy Bartley about the handling of the standoff on Evans Street. Member Dave Ferringer stated he spoke with Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek, and he would like to volunteer his services if Council is o.k. with it, at no charge to the Borough to assist him. Vice-President Bill Kutz moved to approve Member Dave Ferringer's request to assist Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek at no charge to the Borough as presented; seconded by President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 6-0.
- E. **President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier** – President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier asked people to pick up their dog's poop when they walk them. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier stated our Junior Council Member Brynn Afton graduates with honors tomorrow evening at Brookville High School and we are very proud of her. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier stated Alternate Junior Council Member Donovan Hoffman will be moving on up into the Junior Council Member seat in September, and we are pleased to have him. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier stated Police Chief Vince Markle and his men handled the stand-off on Evans Street very professionally, and thanked them. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier stated the Laurel Festival is coming so please join in - it sounds like a really good time.
- F. **Vice-President Bill Kutz** – Vice-President Bill Kutz thanked everyone at the opposite table for all their hard work.
- G. **President Phil Hynes** – President Phil Hynes stated he thinks everyone knows where he stands on bike racks, so he does not need to go into that. President Phil Hynes stated he saw on WJAC the advertisement for the Laurel Festival, and it is pretty good and he thinks it might bring in a lot of out-of-town people. President Phil Hynes asked the media if they had any questions.

MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/ CLARIFICATION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to adjourn; seconded by Vice-President Bill Kutz. Motion carried 6-0 at 7:50 P.M.

Borough Manager