

MINUTES
BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, July 2, 2019 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Richard Beck
Phil Hynes
Dave Ferringer
Ken King
Rick Baughman
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
Solicitor Jim Dennison

VISITOR/MEDIA

Don Pangallo
Ryan Pearsall
Rose James
John Pozza
Caleb Gilliland
Joy Norwood

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 (June 18, 2019):

Member Dave Ferringer moved to approve the minutes of the June 18th meeting as submitted; seconded by Member Rick Baughman. Motion carried 5-0.

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 Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 5-0.
- B. Fund Level Financial Statements** – President Phil Hynes stated you have the Fund Level Financial Statements, and if anyone has any questions we are here to answer them.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Chad Weaver – Handicap Parking** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated Chad Weaver contacted us about having two handicap parking spaces in front of the Courthouse. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated he said they had complaints especially from veterans coming into the Courthouse. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated he is looking for the first two parking spaces at the corner of Pickering Street and Main Street. President Phil Hynes stated since Chad is not here and we really have not had a chance to look at it, he thinks the Street Committee should look at it and make a recommendation at the next meeting.

REPORTS:

Chief of Police

- A. Statistics for June** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated in the month of June the Brookville Police Department received 177 calls for service, wrote 86 citations, 90 warnings, 231 parking tickets, 4 misdemeanors, 2 summaries, and had 16 PoliceOne Academy Trainings.
- B. Comments** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated we had our first-ever night time qualification. Police Chief Vince Markle stated we went out at 5:00 p.m. and shot in the dark until 11:00 p.m. Police Chief Vince Markle stated it was a very good training. Police Chief Vince Markle stated we also had a Tactical Officer there with the Attorney General's Office putting us through room and building clearing drills. Police Chief Vince Markle stated Officer Andrew Turnbull is Officer of the Month. Police Chief Vince Markle thanked Public Works Director Dave Vallosio and his men for their assistance every time I-80 shuts down. Police Chief Vince Markle thanked both fire departments, and thanked Manager Dana D. Schreckengost for sending him great information from conferences.

Fire Company – Written Report (attached)

Director of Public Works – Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated work on the new boiler installation is coming along very well. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated they started on June 24th and they are about sixty-five percent complete. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated we are prepared for the one hour blackout tomorrow with generators. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated other than that it is business as usual.

Zoning/Health Officer – Zoning and Health Officer Emerson Turnbull read his written report (attached). Zoning and Health Officer Emerson Turnbull stated Vice-President Bill Kutz asked him to report on the Planning Commission meeting which we had last Monday. Zoning and Health Officer Emerson Turnbull stated the main part of the meeting dealt with a number of issues with the new building for the hospital that do not meet code or needed approval by Brookville Borough Council. Zoning and Health Officer Emerson Turnbull stated he could go over the whole list if you want. Zoning and Health Officer Emerson Turnbull stated the Planning Commission approved it and said the balance of any changes will be up to the hospital if they need things like additional lighting. Zoning and Health Officer Emerson Turnbull stated everything else got approved.

Code Enforcement Officer – Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated he received a complaint for the end of Richards Street for high grass and weeds, a complaint for 25 Maple and Darrah Street for high grass and abandoned vehicles, a complaint for Franklin Street about old furniture, complaints about trash on Church Street and two houses on Western Avenue, and complaints about high grass on Geist Way, the end of Darrah Street, and the old Dairy Queen property. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated at 5 South Main Street it has been raining so much that mud came down

into another property. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated he talked to Public Works Director Dave Vallosio about getting a curb put there.

Committee Reports - None

Solicitor

- A. **Bike Rack Letter** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated we talked about this before, and he recommended before that the Borough own and maintain the bike racks. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated it would be better if they are placed closer to the buildings. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost asked if the wording of the letter was o.k. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he thinks you need to decide before they send the letter out if the Borough will own and maintain the racks. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated that is the issue and that is what Council has to decide. Member Randy Bartley stated the letter we are talking about was from one private organization to a tenant of a landlord, and he would hate to see Council make a decision for this municipality based on private correspondence. After some discussion, President Phil Hynes stated he suggests that the letter be a separate issue. Member Ken King stated he thinks we should approve that we install and maintain them, and he thinks we should vote on them on an individual basis so we are not overrun. Member Rick Baughman stated he thinks the property owners should be held responsible for the condition of the sidewalks first, and Public Works Director Dave Vallosio should be involved in this because he will be the one that has to do the maintenance on the bike racks. After some discussion, Member Randy Bartley moved that the Brookville Borough maintain installed bike racks at the pleasure of the individual property owners, with the bike racks being strategically located pending Borough approval; seconded by Member Ken King. President Phil Hynes asked for a roll call vote. Member Rick Baughman voted no, Member Dave Ferringer voted yes, Member Randy Bartley voted no, Member Ken King voted yes, and President Phil Hynes voted yes. Motion carried 3-2, with Members Rick Baughman and Randy Bartley dissenting.

Borough Manager

- A. **Riverwalk Grant** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we were approached by Arthur McKinley with a Riverwalk grant to plant trees down along Memorial Park. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated it is a pilot tree planting project of twenty-five sycamore trees. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated it is a test project to jumpstart the Riverwalk. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated a group of volunteers will plant and maintain them. Solicitor Jim Dennison asked how we have a grant application for a project Council has not approved yet. After some discussion, Member Randy Bartley asked if they would entertain a motion to table this. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated the grant application deadline is July 12th so either we are approving it tonight or we are denying it because if we table it we do not have another meeting before the grant deadline. Member Dave Ferringer

moved to deny it; seconded by Member Randy Bartley. Motion carried 5-0. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost asked if she should pass word along that we will not entertain any additional grants until we have reviewed the proposed Riverwalk. President Phil Hynes stated I would think so, and Solicitor Jim Dennison stated absolutely.

- B. Penn Highlands Brookville Medical Building** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated next on the list is the Penn Highlands Brookville medical building. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated this has gone through the Planning Commission and it was approved. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated two of the bigger exceptions they made for it are the height of the building and parking. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated the center of the building is two feet higher than the rest of the building due to the stairwell. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated the Planning Commission approved that. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated it did not come into compliance with our number of parking spaces required. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated they feel they have adequate parking, and the Planning Commission approved that. Member Randy Bartley asked what the project is. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated it is the new medical building. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated the offices in the Charles Medical Center will be moving into this new medical building. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated if you are looking at the hospital from South Main, it is the very lowest parking lot on the very far right hand side is where they are putting this. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated the Borough needs to approve the parking and the height of the building. President Phil Hynes stated he spoke with Planning Commission Chairman Bill Kutz and he is in favor of this. Member Randy Bartley moved to approve the Planning Commission's recommendations on the Penn Highlands Brookville medical building; seconded by Member Dave Ferring. Motion carried 5-0.
- C. Special Event Permit – Relay for Life** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we have a special event permit for Relay for Life scheduled for August 3rd from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we have all other signatures on the event permit. Member Randy Bartley moved to approve the special event permit for Relay for Life on August 3rd as presented; seconded by Member Rick Baughman. Motion carried 5-0.
- D. Quality of Life Ordinance** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated she attended the blight meeting that the county had for all the local municipalities. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated she distributed two different Quality of Life Ordinances for everybody to review. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated this is what some different townships and boroughs are doing near us to prevent blight. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated what we came to at the conclusion of that meeting is that we should work on preventing blight, because once a building is blighted it is too far gone. Member Dave Ferring stated we virtually all live in a neighborhood where there is a blighted property. Member Dave Ferring stated we are the stewards for the Borough, and if we are not maintaining what we have, we lose property values. Member Dave Ferring stated we have an ordinance to take care of most

things. Member Dave Ferringier stated you have to penalize these people. After some discussion, Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated many people are using 'quality of life' instead of 'blight' and capture more of the issues going on in their town. President Phil Hynes stated obviously this is a continuing issue that Council is very concerned about. President Phil Hynes stated he is asking everyone to review these ordinances, and then we will move forward one way or the other.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **Mutual Aid Agreement between the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company and the Pine Creek Township Volunteer Fire Department** – President Phil Hynes stated at this point in the meeting we do have the issue of the Mutual Aid Agreement between the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company and Pinecreek. President Phil Hynes stated we have both fire chiefs here. President Phil Hynes stated we discussed this at the last meeting. President Phil Hynes asked if there are any questions from Council, or do we want to make a motion. Pinecreek Township Volunteer Fire Department Chief Don Pangallo stated Pennsylvania has a statewide agreement for all the fire departments, and they are all under a Mutual Aid Agreement. After some discussion, Member Rick Baughman moved for the Chief of the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company to make the appropriate changes to the response through the nine one one center based on this recommendation of Council; seconded by Member Ken King. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Loose Bricks on Main Street** – Member Randy Bartley stated Member Rick Baughman touched on this earlier, but we have a real problem on Main Street with loose bricks. Member Randy Bartley stated he saw two people trip in front of the Courthouse. Member Randy Bartley stated he wondered if we might approach a private organization like HBI to see if they would fund a project like that. After some discussion, Member Randy Bartley stated he would suggest having Manager Dana D. Schreckengost reach out to them.
- B. **Schedule for National Fuel Gas Repairs on Butler Street** - President Phil Hynes stated he has been approached by several people as to what the schedule is for National Fuel Gas to make repairs up on Butler Street. President Phil Hynes stated we know they are waiting until the end of the project, but do we have any timeline on when they are coming back? Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated the last time he talked with the foreman he told me it was going to be two weeks. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated she also heard the two week time period, and she knows the Laurel Festival delayed it. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated next year the same contractor is coming in for Oak, Barnett, Sayer, and Walnut.

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

- A. **Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck stated he is glad to see the two fire companies working together, and he is glad they got this passed for Rose Township.
- B. **Member Rick Baughman** – Member Rick Baughman stated he has been riding around with Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek and he would like to speak with Solicitor Jim Dennison. Member Rick Baughman stated he thinks it is great that the fire departments are working together.
- C. **Member Randy Bartley** – Member Randy Bartley stated on behalf of the Laurel Board he would like to thank the two fire departments and the Brookville Police Department for doing a remarkable job that day there was a wreck on I-80 and traffic came through Brookville during the Laurel Festival.
- D. **Member Ken King** – Member Ken King stated he wishes everyone a happy Fourth of July weekend.
- E. **Member Dave Ferringer** – Member Dave Ferringer stated he hopes all of Council will look at these Quality of Life Ordinances and come up with something for our town. Member Dave Ferringer stated he appreciates the fire departments, and he thinks the Laurel Festival was successful.
- F. **President Phil Hynes** – President Phil Hynes stated he wanted to make a comment on the vote for the Riverwalk grant. President Phil Hynes stated he does not want it to be a reflection that Council is not supporting that project. President Phil Hynes stated we encountered this several times, and the committee on this is very anxious and gung-ho with the project. President Phil Hynes stated it is just a process that has to be gone through. President Phil Hynes wished everyone a safe and sane Fourth of July, and asked the media if they had any questions.

MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION:

- A. **John Pozza – Planned Blackout** – Reporter John Pozza asked are we having a planned blackout. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated yes, tomorrow from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated Penelec was sending robocalls out to customers that will be affected.

ADJOURNMENT:

Member Rick Baughman moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Randy Bartley.
Motion carried 5-0 at 7:51 P.M.

Borough Manager

