

**MINUTES**  
**BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, October 1, 2019 @ 7:00 P.M.**

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Richard Beck  
Phil Hynes  
Bill Kutz  
Dave Ferringer  
Ken King  
Rick Baughman  
Randy Bartley  
Donavan Hoffman

**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**

Roy Darrin  
Rose James  
Joy Norwood  
Aly Delp

**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 (September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019):**

Member Dave Ferringer moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting regarding the Riverwalk, and the minutes of the regular meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> as submitted; seconded by Member Randy Bartley. 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 Vice-President Bill Kutz. 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 on the status of the budget the appropriate people are here to ask.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- A. Roy Darrin – Cleaning up Brookville** – Brookville resident Roy Darrin stated he has been hearing that people think your town is looking shabby. Roy Darrin stated you have a guy hired here to go to work for you, so put him to work. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated he goes to work as much as he can. Roy Darrin asked why we cannot get the area cleaned up. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated there is a whole lot that you have not seen that he has done, and he does what he can as long as he can. Roy Darrin stated there is a

lot of high grass around that is not getting cut. After some discussion, President Phil Hynes stated this really is not pick on our staff day. President Phil Hynes stated we know the issue and we are trying our best to address it. Roy Darrin asked why anyone has not been ticketed. President Phil Hynes stated we have been looking into ordinances and quality of life ordinances. Member Rick Baughman stated we are trying, but a lot of times there is a legal matter involved. Roy Darrin stated Renovo is all taken care of and cleaned up. Roy Darrin stated he wishes we could solve this problem somehow. President Phil Hynes stated your comments are duly noted, and thanked Roy Darrin.

## **REPORTS:**

### **Chief of Police**

- A. **Statistics for September** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated in the month of September the Brookville Police Department received 179 calls for service, wrote 121 traffic citations, 73 warnings, 241 parking tickets, 8 felonies, and 3 misdemeanors.
- B. **Child Abuse Injury Reconstruction Class** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated one officer went to a child abuse injury reconstruction class, and he said it was really good.
- C. **Officer of the Month** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated Officer Mickey Stormer is officer of the month.
- D. **Physical Fitness Challenge** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated they had their first annual Brookville Police Department Physical Fitness Challenge on September 7<sup>th</sup> at the Rails-to-Trails head. Police Chief Vince Markle stated the average of our department pushups was 53 in a minute, average sit-ups 48, average pullups 15, and the average for the three mile run was 25 minutes for three miles. Police Chief Vince Markle stated the guys did extremely well, and Member Dave Ferringer and Mayor Richard Beck were nice enough to come out and help us that day.
- E. **Executive Session** – Police Chief Vince Markle requested an executive session for a personnel matter with action expected.

### **Fire Company**

- A. **Written Report** – Fire Chief David Miller stated he had nothing additional to add to his written report (attached).

**Director of Public Works** – Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated they installed new steps at the intersection of Franklin Avenue and Main Street. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated all work orders are current. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated they are getting ready for leaf pickup.

**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 corner of Ridge and Rebecca the trash and old salvage is being cleaned up. Code

Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated the old library on Main Street has weeds, and problems with the foundation. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated he was told at the last meeting that someone was taking over and he would take care of it but he has seen no action, and a lot of work needs done. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated that was set up for a foreclosure sale in September, and it was rescheduled for some time in October. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he thinks it will sell. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated 152 Pine Street has old unregistered and uninspected vehicles, 148 Pine Street also has older type vehicles, and at 25 Maple Street the grass is mowed and the dumpster is empty. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated the old Dairy Queen has high grass, 93 Pine Street which was condemned was cleaned out inside and all the trash was removed. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated at 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Long Avenue the vehicles have been removed.

### **Committee Reports – No Reports**

### **Solicitor – No Report**

### **Borough Manager**

- A. Riverwalk Army Corps Submission** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated at the last meeting we had discussed taking the alternate plan with the big, black outline and submitting that to the Army Corps of Engineers, however using the original route as the Master Plan. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated the engineer came back and said that is considered to be a hybrid if we do that because we are taking both plans and attempting to submit portions of it. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated that would cost an additional five hundred dollars if that is what we want. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated you have a couple choices; pay the extra money and submit them jointly, or pick one and submit it to the Army Corps of Engineers. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated she is looking for Council's feedback on how you want to proceed. Vice-President Bill Kutz stated he does not want to spend five hundred dollars. Member Rick Baughman stated he thinks we should go with the original one. President Phil Hynes stated just so Council knows the background, when the committee met with Arthur McKinley he was pushing for the plan on the left and we had agreed the plan on the right, but we did tell him coming from committee that we would try to get feedback on his Master Plan. President Phil Hynes stated it is up to Council with what we want to do. Member Randy Bartley stated the committee came back with Arthur McKinley's approval for the plan on the right, keeping in mind that we would keep alive the Master Plan, but to go with the Master Plan at this point is stretching it a bit. Member Randy Bartley stated the committee agreed at this time that the plan on the left was not workable, and the only plan that we thought was workable was the plan on the right. After some discussion, Member Randy Bartley stated his interest is doing what is best for the people in the Borough, and go with the plan on the right. Vice-President Bill Kutz moved to go with the plan on the right that the committee agreed on with Arthur McKinley, and if Arthur McKinley wants to

submit the other plan he can raise the money and have it submitted; seconded by Member Randy Bartley. Motion carried 6-0.

- B. **Cash Transfer** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we need to make a cash transfer to pay for our paving this year. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated she would like to transfer \$33,000.00 from the PLGIT Liquid Fuels Account to the S&T Bank Liquid Fuels Account. Vice-President Bill Kutz moved to approve transferring \$33,000.00 from the PLGIT Liquid Fuels Account to the S&T Bank Liquid Fuels Account as presented; seconded by Member Randy Bartley. Motion carried 6-0.
- C. **Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA) Application** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we have a LERTA Application with a bid amount of fifty dollars for an empty property on East Main Street near the Brookville Chevrolet garage. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated after further clarification, we found this to be the old Sunoco Station. Member Randy Bartley stated hopefully the new owner will repair it. After some discussion, Member Randy Bartley moved to approve the LERTA Application for the old Sunoco Station for fifty dollars as presented; seconded by Vice-President Bill Kutz. Motion carried 6-0.
- D. **Special Event Permit – Tour de Brookville** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we have a special event permit for Tour de Brookville scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 A.M. to noon on the Rails-to-Trails. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated everyone has signed off on this. Member Randy Bartley moved to approve the special event permit for Tour de Brookville as presented; seconded by Vice-President Bill Kutz. Motion carried 6-0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful** – Member Rick Baughman stated we received a delivery of trash bags at the front office out there from Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. Member Rick Baughman stated we will do that again. Member Rick Baughman stated we will do the trash bag handout again but we have not set a date yet. Member Rick Baughman stated it is coming up. President Phil Hynes stated he thinks that was pretty well received last year.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Brookville Borough Council entered an executive session at 7:26 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter with action expected. Executive session ended at 7:32 P.M. with the following action taken:

Member Dave Ferringer moved to allow Police Chief Vince Markle to hire a part-time officer; seconded by Member Rick Baughman. Motion carried 6-0.

## **ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:**

- A. Junior Council Member Donovan Hoffman** – Junior Council Member Donovan Hoffman stated the football team faces Saint Marys at home for Homecoming on Friday, Homecoming festivities will be held before the game, and the Homecoming dance is Saturday evening. Junior Council Member Donovan Hoffman stated the cross-country team had its Senior Night last Tuesday. Junior Council Member Donovan Hoffman stated the girls' soccer team played Clearfield yesterday, and they just won tonight against DuBois three to one. Junior Council Member Donovan Hoffman stated David Cable advanced to the second round of district golf and placed top fourteen. Junior Council Member Donovan Hoffman stated the band will march in the Autumn Leaf Parade on Saturday.
- B. Member Rick Baughman** – Member Rick Baughman stated we had one visitor tonight speak about Brookville. Member Rick Baughman stated Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek does a lot of unseen good. Member Rick Baughman stated we just need to keep doing what we are doing, and keep moving forward.
- C. Member Randy Bartley** – Member Randy Bartley stated Don, regardless of the comments that were made tonight, I think the list you presented tonight speaks volumes to the work you are doing, and on behalf of the Borough we appreciate it.
- D. Member Ken King** – Member Ken King stated the same thing. Member Ken King stated Don, keep up the good work. Member Ken King stated there is a lot more to it than people realize.
- E. Member Dave Ferringer** – Member Dave Ferringer stated Police Chief Vince Markle mentioned that Mayor Richard Beck and I were score keepers for the Chief's challenge. Member Dave Ferringer stated they worked nicely together. Member Dave Ferringer stated he appreciates Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek.
- F. Vice-President Bill Kutz** – Vice-President Bill Kutz thanked all the people at the side table. Vice-President Bill Kutz stated Don – ditto what these other people said, and I appreciate the work you are doing. Vice-President Bill Kutz stated Police Chief Vince Markle those numbers that I heard, I used to be able to do about 40 pushups in a day, and those guys are doing it in a minute. Vice-President Bill Kutz stated it is a great thing you started. Vice-President Bill Kutz stated Junior Council Member Donovan Hoffman did a good job too.
- G. President Phil Hynes** – President Phil Hynes stated on Depot Street the Redbank Valley Trail sprayed the parking lot for herbicide this past weekend, and they are doing some maintenance down there. President Phil Hynes asked the media if they had any questions.

**MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/ CLARIFICATION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Vice-President Bill Kutz moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Dave Ferringier.  
Motion carried 6-0 at 7:38 P.M.

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Borough Manager