

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

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Richard Beck
Phil Hynes
Bill Kutz
Karen Allgeier
Dave Ferringier
Ken King
Rick Baughman
Randy Bartley
Donavan Hoffman

STAFF

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

VISITOR/MEDIA

Janice Hoffman
Todd Gumphier
Joy Norwood
Nick LaBelle
Rose James

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 (October 15th, 2019):

Vice-President Bill Kutz moved to approve the minutes of the October 15th 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 Rick Baughman. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. Fund Level Financial Statements** – President Phil Hynes stated you have the Financial Statements Summary, and if you have any questions the appropriate people are here to ask.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Janice Hoffman – Cemetery Road Parking** – Janice Hoffman stated she was here to find out whatever came out of the cemetery parking problem. Janice Hoffman stated they have been doing that for thirty years and they never hurt anybody. Janice Hoffman stated she stopped there to watch a game for fifteen or twenty minutes and the police had her move. Janice Hoffman asked what ordinance was passed that allows them to do that. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he talked to Police Chief Vince Markle and they decided parking should not be allowed there because it is a safety issue. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated if there

was a fire or some other emergency at the school, two cars could not pass side by side on Cemetery Road if cars are parked on the side. Police Chief Vince Markle stated he met with the Safety Committee at the school and they were all in favor too that it was a safety hazard.

- B. Dr. Boghean – Pine Street Siren** – President Phil Hynes stated Dr. Boghean was not able to make it tonight, but Junior Council Member Donovan Hoffman will read the letter he wrote to us (attached). After Junior Council Member Donovan Hoffman read the letter, Member Rick Baughman stated he did some research and read his response to Dr. Boghean and his problem with the siren. Member Rick Baughman stated the purpose of community alert sirens, is to alert the citizens of the volunteer fire department and members of the alert team. Member Rick Baughman stated while we rely on other forms of communication such as pagers and cell phones, they have their shortcomings. Member Rick Baughman stated the National Fire Protection Association recommends that there are at least two reliable means to alert fire fighters, and sirens get fire fighters' attention at any time. Member Rick Baughman stated not everyone has a pager, cell phone, or a scanner. Member Rick Baughman stated when people hear a siren it tells them there is an emergency going on somewhere and it helps with traffic. Member Rick Baughman stated it warns citizens to be alert of volunteers responding to the firehouse, and to watch out for the fire truck responding to an incident. Member Rick Baughman stated fire sirens also help with the cost of homeowners insurance. Member Rick Baughman stated the siren is a part of the Brookville Borough's effort to keep its residents safe and aware at all times. President Phil Hynes stated Dr. Boghean came to Council before with this issue, and Council deferred this issue to the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company, and we voted to eliminate it for a year. President Phil Hynes stated the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company came back to us asking to reinstate it. It is my understanding that we really deferred this issue to the Fire Chief, and we were going on his recommendation, and that is where we are at as far as background. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier stated the siren went from having seven bursts to three just to let people know there is something going on. Member Randy Bartley stated he understands Dr. Boghean's problem, and suggested consulting with the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company on relocating the siren. Mayor Richard Beck stated after the siren started up again, they got numerous calls thanking them. President Phil Hynes stated this is obviously an issue that will need further discussion. President Phil Hynes stated he would like to refer this to the Fire Chief and Police Chief who can give some input on that to the Public Safety Committee and come back to Council for further discussion.

REPORTS:

Chief of Police

- A. Statistics for October** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated in the month of October the Brookville Police Department received 223 calls for service, wrote 96 traffic citations, 82 warnings, and 233 parking tickets. Police Chief Vince Markle stated there were 5 felonies, 26 misdemeanors, 2 drug arrests, and 15 summaries. Police Chief Vince Markle stated we had criminal trespass and

burglary at one of our churches, driving under D.U.I. suspension, indecent assault, corruption of minors, harassment, disorderly conduct, unlawful contact with minors, sex offenses, possession of a controlled substance, public drunkenness, bad checks, D.U.I.'s, possession of weapons, simple assault, terroristic threats, wreckless driving, and one safe 2 say at the Brookville High School so we have had another busy month.

Fire Company – Written Report (attached)

Director of Public Works – Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated we began picking up leaves last week and it will continue as weather permits in the Borough probably until the end of November. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated the new boilers have been installed in the building and everything is working fine. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated the contractor did an excellent job.

Zoning/Health Officer – President Phil Hynes read Zoning and Health Officer Emerson Turnbull's written report (attached).

Code Enforcement Officer – Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated regarding the melted siding in Zoning Officer Emerson Turnbull's report, the man who has the antique shop had glass and mirrors stored in the driveway and when the sun would hit those the heat would melt the siding on the house next to them. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated he has removed all those, but he still has a bunch of wood and stuff laying there. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated hopefully he will take all of that to his new place at the Chevy garage. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated on Euclid and Mabon there were reports of high grass, and it was taken care of. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated he asked people to move their junk cars on Marlin Street, East Main Street, White Street, and Race Street, and they are working on getting them moved. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated he had a complaint of high grass on Richards Street, and that grass was cut. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated he had complaints of trash at Crestwood, and he tried to contact the owner of that trailer court five or six times and has gotten no returned calls. Member Dave Ferringer asked if the owner of Crestwood wanted everything sent to him, and Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated yes, and everything was sent to him. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated there is high grass and weeds at the old Dairy Queen, and he tried to contact the owner but has gotten no response. Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek stated he gave the new owner of the old library a list of things that need done, and the new owner said he would take care of it.

Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

1. **2020 Budget** – Finance Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated at the last meeting we gave Members of Council the 2020 Budget to review. Finance Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated if there are no questions or comments on the 2020 Budget, she would like to make a motion out of

committee to advertise the 2020 Budget. President Phil Hynes asked all Council Members in favor of this motion coming from committee to say 'aye'. Motion carried 7-0. President Phil Hynes stated the budget will be on display for thirty days as required by law, then we will vote on it.

Solicitor

- A. Amendment for the Quality of Life Ordinance** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated after the last meeting he was given the proposed amendment for the Quality of Life Ordinance. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated the Quality of Life Ordinance seems to be what many communities in Pennsylvania are going after to allow a ticketing process for violations of the various property maintenance ordinances that we have in the Borough. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated one of the problems with the 2009 edition of the Property Maintenance Code is under the ordinance that is written now, you need to give written notice before you can violate anybody on anything. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he wants to amend that ordinance and then incorporate this Quality of Life into some of the ordinances that we already have in existence so we are not rewriting what we already have. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated this would streamline the procedure and cut out a lot of the time that is involved in it. Member Randy Bartley asked if Solicitor Jim Dennison is saying now that he wants to draft a Quality of Life Ordinance and insert our current ordinances into Quality of Life. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated what he would do is set up the ticketing procedure, what you go through and what the fines are, and then he would say that the violation of this ordinance like the Burning Ordinance is a violation of this Quality of Life Ordinance so Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek could write a ticket for that. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated there have been communities that have done that, just incorporate. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated you cannot just do that with the Property Maintenance Code because it is a lot more complicated issue, so he would just revise that so on the simpler violations Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek could just write tickets, and that money goes to the Borough too. Member Randy Bartley asked so we would be looking at a Quality of Life Ordinance. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated yes, we are not really rewriting everything, we are just using what we have to incorporate that theory.
- B. Main Street** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated Main Street is looking pretty good. Solicitor Jim Dennison asked the Borough crew cleaned things up a little bit didn't you? Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated yes. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he noticed it almost immediately, and told Public Works Director Dave Vallosio he did a good job.

Borough Manager

- A. Special Event Permit – Light Up Brookville** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we have a special event permit for Light Up Brookville scheduled for Friday, November 29th on Main Street from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated they will bring Santa to town and light up the holiday lights. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we

have all approved signatures on that. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier moved to approve the special event permit for Light Up Brookville as presented; seconded by Member Randy Bartley. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Cash Transfers

1. **General Fund** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated for the General Fund we need to transfer fifty thousand dollars from the S&T account into our PLGIT account to gain some interest. Member Dave Ferringer moved to approve transferring fifty thousand dollars for the General Fund from the S&T account to the PLGIT account; seconded by President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.
2. **Liquid Fuels** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated for Liquid Fuels we need to transfer five hundred dollars from the S&T account into the PLGIT account. Vice-President Bill Kutz moved to approve transferring five hundred dollars for Liquid Fuels from the S&T account to the PLGIT account; seconded by President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.
3. **Fire Fund** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated for the Fire Fund we need to transfer five thousand dollars from the S&T account into the PLGIT account. Vice-President Bill Kutz moved to approve transferring five thousand dollars for the Fire Fund from the S&T account into the PLGIT account; seconded by President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

- A. **Junior Council Member Donovan Hoffman** – Junior Council Member Donovan Hoffman stated the first quarter of the academic year, and most of the fall sports seasons have wrapped up. Junior Council Member Donovan Hoffman stated the football team lost their first playoff game against Kane, but on a lighter note the girls' volleyball team won the District Nine Double A Championship. Junior Council Member Donovan Hoffman stated the Youth in Government Club held a bake sale today at the Heritage House in an effort to raise money for their annual trip to Harrisburg. Junior Council Member Donovan Hoffman stated the Brookville school musical, 'Freaky Friday', is November 14th, 15th and 16th and practice for the musical continues until then.
- B. **Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck thanked Janice Hoffman for coming tonight and presenting her side of it.
- C. **Member Rick Baughman** – Member Rick Baughman thanked President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier for filling in for him on a project so he could attend to a family matter. Member Rick Baughman told Police Chief Vince Markle to keep at it, told Public Works Director Dave Vallosio he did a good job, and thanked Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek for doing a great job.

- D. Member Randy Bartley** – Member Randy Bartley stated he and Mayor Richard Beck attended the centennial celebration for the Brookville Hospital on Saturday night. Member Randy Bartley stated it was a grand affair, and the hospital is something we should never take for granted.
- E. Member Ken King** – Member Ken King stated he commends the fine work being performed every day by the people at that table including Christine.
- F. Member Dave Ferringer** – Member Dave Ferringer stated he is appreciative of all the folks out here including Manager Dana D. Schreckengost and the Finance Committee for getting the budget together so quickly. Member Dave Ferringer thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight.
- G. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier** – President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier stated you guys, you rock. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier stated Police Chief Vince Markle, you and your guys are everywhere patrolling neighborhoods and keeping us safe. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier told Code Enforcement Officer Donald Jonischek to keep up the good fight, thanked Public Works Director Dave Vallosio for everything he and his crew does, and thanked everyone on Council for reviewing the budget. President Pro-Tem Karen Allgeier stated Junior Council Member Donavan Hoffman is a member of the Youth in Government group which is a fantastic group of kids at the high school that are learning about government first-hand, and she commends them and their mentors for putting that program together.
- H. Vice-President Bill Kutz** – Vice-President Bill Kutz stated he appreciates Mrs. Hoffman's frustration about the cemetery parking. Vice-President Bill Kutz stated he used to watch his kid play from up there, and it seems fifty years of tradition ought to mean something. Vice-President Bill Kutz stated at the same time the police are stuck having to take care of business so it is like being stuck between a rock and a hard place. Vice-President Bill Kutz stated regarding Dr. Boghean, he feels for him and he liked Member Randy Bartley's idea of moving the siren.
- I. President Phil Hynes** – President Phil Hynes thanked everyone as well, and stated he also notes that Todd Gumphier is here tonight and told him he is glad to see he came to a meeting since he is on the ballot tonight. President Phil Hynes stated we will see how that turns out, and maybe welcome him to Council depending on how the election goes. 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 Member Dave Ferringer. Motion carried 7-0 at 7:45 P.M.

Borough Manager

