

MINUTES
BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, February 10, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Richard Beck
Phil Hynes
Karen Allgeier
Bill Kutz
Richard Baughman -
Arrived @ 6:10 P.M.
Randy Bartley
Taylor Reitz

STAFF

Manager Dana D. Schreckengost
Police Chief Vince Markle
Assistant Fire Chief Mike Allgeier
Public Works Director -
Dave Vallosio
Zoning & Health Officer -
Emerson Turnbull
Solicitor Jim Dennison

VISITOR/MEDIA

Nick LaBelle

CALL TO ORDER:

President Phil Hynes called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES (January 21, 2020):

Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve the minutes of the January 21st meeting as submitted; seconded by Member Randy Bartley. Motion carried 4-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- A. Approval of Expenditures** - The current bills were presented for approval. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated you have two pages; a page from last week and a new page to catch some more for this week. Member Randy Bartley moved to approve the bills as submitted; seconded by Vice-President Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 4-0.
- B. Fund Level Financial Statements** – President Phil Hynes stated you have the Financial Statements Summary, and the appropriate people are here if there are questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Chief of Police

- A. Statistics for January** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated in the month of January the Brookville Police Department received 165 calls for service, wrote 83 traffic citations, there were 151 warnings, 2 felonies, 35 misdemeanors, 2 drug arrests, and 16 summaries.

- B. Officer of the Month** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated Officer Justin Miller was Officer of the Month in January.
- C. Training** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated we did a felony traffic stop training and fighting from a vehicle training yesterday at the Borough garage. Police Chief Vince Markle stated Public Works Director Dave Vallosio was nice enough to let us use that, and Mayor Richard Beck was part of that training.

Fire Company – Assistant Fire Chief Mike Allgeier stated Fire Chief Chris Henry submitted his written report (attached) to Manager Dana D. Schreckengost. Assistant Fire Chief Mike Allgeier stated it is in your packets, and if you have any questions about it he can answer them.

Director of Public Works – Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated our crew has been busy keeping the roads dry the last couple of weekends. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated they worked on Council Chambers which is getting a face lift. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated so far this year we are not having trouble getting salt. Vice-President Karen Allgeier asked if they are keeping the drains clear. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated they are. Mayor Richard Beck asked if they ever got the money from the insurance company for the curb up there that got broken up by his place. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated not that he knows of. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated no, and she will go back and look at it. Police Chief Vince Markle stated he can add that on as restitution to the citation, and he will check on this too.

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

Committee Reports

A. Personnel Committee

- 1. Code Enforcement** – Personnel Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated the Personnel Committee has been discussing the differences between a Code Enforcement Officer that is a contract or ten ninety-nine type of employee versus that person being a part-time employee of the Borough. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated members of the Personnel Committee spoke with Solicitor Jim Dennison, and she spoke with Rich Miller who is our labor attorney with regard to this scenario. Personnel Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated the reason this came up is our last four Code Enforcement Officers were all contract employees and nothing got done. Personnel Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated things that should have gone to the Magistrate did not. Personnel Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated when you are talking about a ten ninety-nine or contract employee you do not have as much teeth in what you say, so we were looking at a part-time employee because we felt that we would be able to get things done. Personnel Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated this is up for discussion. After some discussion, Member Randy Bartley

moved to advertise for an independent contractor for Code Enforcement Officer; seconded by President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz. Motion carried 4-1, with Personnel Committee Chair Karen Allgeier opposed.

2. **Personnel Committee Members** – President Phil Hynes stated he is now on the Personnel Committee rather than President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz mainly due to the number of meetings that will be scheduled due to contract negotiations.
- B. **New Committee Chart** – President Phil Hynes stated we handed out a new committee chart because we renamed the Stormwater Committee the Stormwater/Residential Maintenance Committee.

Solicitor

- A. **Ordinance 1105 – Rezoning** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated we have two ordinances just for preliminary approval to advertise. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated the first one is number 1105 for the Beverage Air property which when they changed the zoning they changed it from Light Industrial One (LI-1) to Office Commercial (OC). Solicitor Jim Dennison stated this changes it back to Light Industrial One (LI-1). Solicitor Jim Dennison stated they are talking about expansion there and this will get rid of any potential issues related to zoning and their expansion. Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve Ordinance number 1105 for advertisement; seconded by Member Randy Bartley. Motion carried 5-0.
- B. **Ordinance 1106 – Rezoning** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated the second ordinance is for further out on Progress Street towards the property owned by the hospital, and it borders on where the Eagles owns, and then the Food Pantry. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated they want to rezone that from Office Commercial (OC) to Medium Density Residential (MDR) which would allow for multi-family dwelling units to be constructed there possibly. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated this is a request from the property owners. Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve Ordinance number 1106 for advertisement; seconded by Member Rick Baughman. Motion carried 5-0.

Borough Manager

- A. **Shade Tree Commission** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we have a Shade Tree Commission update. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we had received a resignation letter from Cindy Turnbull a couple of weeks ago. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated John Brundege is interested in the position, and he is a former DCNR Bureau of Forestry employee. Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to appoint John Brundege to the Shade Tree Commission; seconded by Member Randy Bartley. Motion carried 5-0.
- B. **Advertise Old Dump Truck** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we received our new dump truck, so we would like to advertise our old dump truck for sale. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated it is a 1993 International diesel, has a current inspection through March, and the minimum bid amount is five thousand dollars. Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve the request to advertise the old 1993 International diesel dump truck

with a minimum bid amount of five thousand dollars; seconded by Member Randy Bartley. Motion carried 5-0.

- C. **Chamber Dinner** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated Council is invited to the Brookville Chamber of Commerce’s Derby Party which is their annual awards dinner on March 14th from 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated the cost is twenty-five dollars per person, and if anyone is interested please let her know.
- D. **Pennsafe Inspection Fees** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated Pennsafe inspection fees have not been increased for several years. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated they are very minimal fees. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost the higher ones are the specialized permit fees which went from fifty or fifty-five dollars to sixty dollars. Member Randy Bartley moved to approve increasing the Pennsafe inspection fees as presented; seconded by Vice-President Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 5-0.
- E. **First Commonwealth Parking** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated Police Chief Vince Markle was contacted by First Commonwealth asking about a potential parking space for handicapped customers. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated she pulled this up on Google Maps for Council, and suggested turning the parking space at the end in front of the gray building into a handicapped spot. After some discussion, Member Rick Baughman moved to approve turning the parking space at the end in front of the gray building into a handicapped spot as presented; seconded by Vice-President Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

- A. **Alternate Junior Council Member Taylor Reitz** – Alternate Junior Council Member Taylor Reitz stated a portion of band students will travel to Keystone from February 13th to the 15th to play in district band and audition for region band. Alternate Junior Council Member Taylor Reitz stated the junior high academic team took second place at the academic finals competition in January, and the senior high team took first. Alternate Junior Council Member Taylor Reitz stated Youth in Government will be holding their annual Politics and Pastries fundraiser at the YMCA on February 26th, and tickets will be available at the door for twelve dollars.
- B. **Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck thanked all the people that showed up tonight, and complimented Police Chief Vince Markle on the training the officers have been getting.
- C. **Member Rick Baughman** – Member Rick Baughman thanked Alternate Junior Council Member Taylor Reitz for her report. Member Rick Baughman stated he likes to see what they are doing there as a Council to keep moving forward. Member Rick Baughman stated fire department as usual – second to none as far as he is concerned.

- D. Member Randy Bartley** – Member Randy Bartley stated he would like to reiterate his thanks to the three gentlemen who followed up on the distressed property on Pine Street. Member Randy Bartley stated he thinks that shows that the Borough can move rapidly, and that is important for people to know.
- E. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz** – President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz congratulated Member Todd Gumphier on his new baby, stated he wants to reiterate what Member Randy Bartley said on that Pine Street property – that is great, and told Police Chief Vince Markle to keep getting the druggies.
- F. Vice-President Karen Allgeier** – Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated regional choir is February 29th in Erie, and her niece is in regional choir. Vice-President Karen Allgeier thanked everyone for the discussion regarding the Code Enforcement Officer. Vice-President Karen Allgeier thanked everybody for coming to this earlier meeting, and thanked Police Chief Vince Markle, Code Enforcement Officer Emerson Turnbull, Manager Dana D. Schreckengost, Public Works Director Dave Vallosio, and the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company for everything they do.
- G. President Phil Hynes** – President Phil Hynes stated we neglected to do one item; the fact that we do not have a Code Enforcement Officer responding to calls from the public at the present time. President Phil Hynes stated he would like to entertain a motion to have Zoning and Health Officer Emerson Turnbull cover in the interim fielding any calls until we get a Code Enforcement Officer. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he would like to make this retroactive to the last meeting because Emerson has been doing Code Enforcement work. Member Randy Bartley moved to have Zoning and Health Officer Emerson Turnbull cover in the interim fielding any calls until we get a Code Enforcement Officer, and to make it retroactive to the last meeting; seconded by Vice-President Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 5-0. President Phil Hynes apologized to everyone for having to reschedule the meeting tonight, and apologized for any miscommunication we had with the press on when the time was. President Phil Hynes stated he thinks this is the first time in the last five or ten years that he can remember that we have not had a quorum. President Phil Hynes asked the media if they had any questions.

MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION:

- A. Nick LaBelle - Shade Tree Commission** – Reporter Nick LaBelle asked how you spell the last name of the newest member of the Shade Tree Commission. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated b-r-u-n-d-e-g-e.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Randy Bartley. Motion carried 5-0 at 6:46 P.M.

Borough Manager

