

**MINUTES**  
**BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday July 7, 2020 @ 7:00 P.M.**

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Richard Beck  
Phil Hynes  
Karen Allgeier  
Randy Bartley  
Ken King  
Todd Gumphier  
David Taylor  
Lucy Ames

**STAFF**

Manager Dana D. Schreckengost  
Police Chief Vince Markle  
Fire Chief Chris Henry  
Public Works Director -  
Dave Vallosio  
Zoning & Health Officer -  
Emerson Turnbull  
Code Enforcement Officer –  
Vince Markle  
Recorder Christine Gunning  
Solicitor Jim Dennison

**VISITOR/MEDIA**

Fran Barilar  
Candy Hunter  
Nick LaBelle  
Alex Nelson

**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 16, 2020):**

Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve the minutes of the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting as submitted; seconded by Member David Taylor. Motion carried 7-0.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

- A. Approval of Expenditures** – The current bills were presented for approval. Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve the bills as submitted; seconded by Second Vice-President Randy Bartley. Motion carried 7-0.
- 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. Member David Taylor asked under ‘Tax Collection’ does the Borough now pay the Tax Collector directly? Member David Taylor stated the Tax Collector used to take the certain amount per collection or percentage. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated that is what happens except we just issue the check back to her. Member David Taylor asked under ‘Culture’ part-time staff five thousand dollars on page eleven? Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated that would be for lifeguards if we opened the dam. Member David Taylor asked on page two of the Library Budget, professional staff, three hundred and fifty dollars. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated that is for the Tax Collector.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**REPORTS:**

**Chief of Police**

- A. Firearms and Taser Training** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated all of the Officers completed their annual firearms training and taser training.
- B. Harassment Incidents** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated there were two incidents where people harassed the police. Police Chief Vince Markle stated one of his Officers was at the hospital and an individual asked him if he was there to shoot him, the Officer said no, and the individual stated he was not black enough. Police Chief Vince Markle stated that individual was arrested for harassment. Police Chief Vince Markle stated in the other incident one guy was following the police around town, parked by a patrol car, flipped the police officers off, and did a high-speed getaway. Police Chief Vince Markle stated they caught him the next day and he is in jail on fifty thousand dollars.
- C. Statistics** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated in the month of June the Police Department had 187 calls for service, wrote 114 citations, 114 warnings, 30 parking tickets, 1 felony, 14 misdemeanors, and 7 summaries.
- D. Use of Force Training** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated the entire police force is signed up for Anti-Bias Training, Ethics and Law Enforcement, and a two-hour Use of Force Training. Police Chief Vince Markle stated he updated our Use of Force Policy by adding a section called Duty to Intervene. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley asked for more information on Duty to Intervene. Police Chief Vince Markle stated basically it means the guys are going to take care of each other. Police Chief Vince Markle stated if you go to a call and the guy gets under your partner's skin, you grab him and pull him back and let him know you will handle it so we do not create bigger problems and end guy's careers because someone antagonized them.

**Fire Chief** – Fire Chief Chris Henry read his written report (attached).

**Director of Public Works** – Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated the handicapped parking space in front of the Gray's building has been completed and the new meter is in. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated they have been busy raising storm inlets around town for paving that will be done in the near future. President Phil Hynes asked if the paving is on schedule and if they will be able to get to it. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated they will be able to get to it, but he has not heard from them yet though.

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

**Code Enforcement** – Code Enforcement Officer Vince Markle stated they had 6 vehicles removed this month, 29 calls for grass, 2 property cleanups, 1 building taken down, and they issued 3 citations for non-compliance. Code Enforcement Officer Vince Markle thanked Fire Chief Chris Henry for helping the Brookville Police Department clean up

the town. Code Enforcement Officer Vince Markle stated when they had the protest in town, Fire Chief Chris Henry offered the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company for them, and set it up for ambulances to be there. Code Enforcement Officer Vince Markle stated on Saturday Vice-President Karen Allgeier and Second Vice-President Randy Bartley did an outstanding job recognizing first responders.

## **Committee Reports**

### **A. Census Committee**

1. **Update** – Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated we are down about fourteen percent from our previous Census numbers from 2010, and they are hoping to be able to go door to door to people who have not responded in the middle of August. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated the Census means dollars to the Borough, possibly one hundred thousand dollars a year. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated she hopes the people in Brockway work on their Census because they are down about forty percent. Member David Taylor asked if the county total population makes a difference, and Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated yes county money gets split up between the townships and the county areas whereas right now we have to fight townships and everybody else in the county to get CDBG money, and if we hit four thousand we become an entitlement community which gives us our own funding every year.

### **B. Personnel Committee**

1. **Negotiations** – President Phil Hynes stated the Personnel Committee has opened up negotiations with the nonuniform employee union and negotiations are ongoing.

**Solicitor** - Solicitor Jim Dennison stated the Borough received a complaint, and he emailed a copy of it to Council. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated we can discuss it later. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he really does not have anything else.

## **Borough Manager**

- A. **Meter Decorations in August** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we had a request from the Brookville Area Garden Club to decorate the parking meters with yellow ribbon for the month of August to commemorate the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve allowing the Brookville Area Garden Club to decorate the parking meters with yellow ribbon for the month of August as presented; seconded by Member David Taylor. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. **New Address** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we have a new address for approval this evening for a new house being built. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated the new address proposed is 41 Glade Lane which would be off of Walnut Street. Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve the new address of 41 Glade Lane as presented; seconded by Member Ken King. Motion carried 7-0. Member David Taylor asked if this has to go through the county as well, and Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated yes.

- C. **Special Event Permit – Cork and Fork** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we have a special event permit for the Cork and Fork event held at WRC Senior Services. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated the event is to be held on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at Laurelbrooke, and it has received all of the approved authorizations. Member Ken King moved to approve the special event permit for Cork and Fork as presented; seconded by Member David Taylor. Motion carried 7-0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Parking Meters** – Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated it was brought to his attention that some of the mechanical meters are old and it might be time to move into the digital age with our meters. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated he knows this would be expensive and he wanted to bring this to Council's attention. President Phil Hynes stated we looked at this before, and we almost have to do that because we can't get parts anymore. Police Chief Vince Markle stated he did some checking on that, and we did not want to go to the digital age – we wanted to keep it historic. Police Chief Vince Markle stated that is not up to him, that is just his preference. Police Chief Vince Markle stated new meters would cost \$100,000.00 to \$110,000.00 for all of them. Police Chief Vince Markle stated they have not received too many complaints that the meters do not work correctly, just that people cannot see through the lense of the meter. Police Chief Vince Markle stated he found a company that has a lot of parts, and he ordered ten new lenses to put in the meters and he thinks they will cost around \$500.00. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated that might put a band aid on the problem, but he thinks we still need to go digital. After some discussion, President Phil Hynes assigned this to the Public Works Committee in coordination with Police Chief Vince Markle and Public Works Director Dave Vallosio to look into this further.
- B. **Redbank Valley Trail – Resurfacing Depot Street** – President Phil Hynes stated the Redbank Valley Trail and the Borough sort of jointly operate Depot Street. President Phil Hynes stated it is owned by the Borough, and it is sort of maintained by the Redbank Valley Trail. President Phil Hynes stated the plans for Redbank Valley Trail are that they will resurface Depot Street. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated since it is the Borough's property, he thinks the Borough should pay for it if there is money left in the street paving account. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated he hates to take money from a nonprofit. After some discussion, Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve allowing the Redbank Valley Trail to resurface Depot Street; seconded by Member Lucy Ames. Motion carried 7-0.

**ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:**

- A. **Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting.

- B. Member Lucy Ames** – Member Lucy Ames thanked the Brookville Police Department and the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company during these difficult times we are facing.
- C. Member Todd Gumphier** – Member Todd Gumphier commended Code Enforcement and stated they are doing a great job.
- D. Member Ken King** – Member Ken King thanked all the departments; the Public Works Department, the Brookville Police Department, and the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company for the great jobs they are doing.
- E. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley** – Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated he would like to thank the Brookville Police Department and the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company for attending the Rally for America on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
- F. Vice-President Karen Allgeier** – Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated she would like to repeat that sentiment to the Chiefs who are here, and the other Officers, Firemen, and the Fire Police that were there as well as the Ladies Auxiliary members. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated it was nice to have everyone out on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated Code Enforcement – you guys rock, and you have gotten more done in the last sixty days than in the last five years.
- G. President Phil Hynes** – President Phil Hynes stated he thinks everyone has said everything, and asked the media if they had any questions.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to adjourn; seconded by Member David Taylor.  
Motion carried 7-0 at 7:29 P.M.

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Borough Manager