

MINUTES
BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday August 4, 2020 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Richard Beck
Phil Hynes
Karen Allgeier
Randy Bartley
Ken King
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

Nick LaBelle
Alex Nelson
Mark Lussky
Sandra Snyder
Michael Allgeier
John Courter

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 (July 7, 2020):

Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve the minutes of the July 7th meeting as submitted; seconded by Second Vice-President Randy Bartley. Motion carried 6-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- A. Approval of Expenditures** – The current bills were presented for approval. President Phil Hynes asked if there were any additions or questions. Member David Taylor asked the Volunteer Fire Company twenty thousand and the library eighty-eight hundred, is that the annual? Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated no those are just a portion of their taxes. Member David Taylor moved to approve the bills as submitted; seconded by Vice-President Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 6-0.
- 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:

- A. Mark Lussky – Face Masks** – Mark Lussky stated he lives in Brookville, he is a senior citizen, and he has a compromised immune system. Mark Lussky stated he came to the meeting to ask Council for advice. Mark Lussky stated as he looks

about our rural community, he sees people who do not wear masks. Mark Lussky stated we have a public health order requiring people to wear personal protective equipment, and this has the force of law. Mark Lussky stated it seems like a reasonable law that is meant to benefit the public health. Mark Lussky congratulated the people at Giant Eagle Super Market for their compliance and their respect for human life and safety. Mark Lussky stated this is in stark contrast to Mike's Super Market where customers and employees were not wearing face masks when he stopped by there earlier. Mark Lussky asked what should he do? Mark Lussky maskless people show a disregard for life and safety. Mark Lussky stated some people put on masks to get in places, and then take them off when they get in. Mark Lussky stated he is asking for Council's guidance and advice. President Phil Hynes thanked Mark Lussky.

- B. Sandra Snyder – Paper Alley** – Sandra Snyder stated she owns property on the corner of Geist Way and Carmalt. Sandra Snyder stated a neighbor constantly blocks a paper alley near there, and she is asking Council for direction on how to get that paper alley closed. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated we can not close something we did not open. After some discussion, Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he understands the problem, but he does not have a lot of good solutions. Sandra Snyder stated she thought Council had said people should not block paper alleys, and Solicitor Jim Dennison stated yes we did. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated no one should block people's access. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he will continue to think about this.

REPORTS:

Chief of Police

- A. Statistics** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated in the month of July the Police Department had 186 calls for service, wrote 209 citations, 163 warnings, 260 parking tickets, 4,622 felonies, 1 drug charge, 3 misdemeanors, 2 summaries, and 3 DUI's.
- B. Policy Enacted** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated they enacted a policy on July 7th requiring officers to stop inappropriate behavior by other officers. Police Chief Vince Markle stated prior to this policy, officers had to report it, but now they actually have to take another step with this policy and stop the action. Police Chief Vince Markle stated choke holds are banned except in life or death situations with our policy.
- C. Classes in August** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated in August each officer will do a fitness and nutrition class, responding to people with mental illness class, and suicide by cop.
- D. Portable Radios** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated he is asking Council to make a motion on his line item 01-410-327 so he can order new portable radios. Police Chief Vince Markle stated he has \$9,000.00 in that line item and he is looking at spending \$16,560.00. Police Chief Vince Markle stated he had money from last year, and he will let Manager Dana D. Schreckengost explain that part. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated they received \$3,000.00 in private donations to buy radios. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated also last year in his budget section, he did not spend \$21,600.00 in

general so the money is there. Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to allow Police Chief Vince Markle to order the portable radios as presented; seconded by Member David Taylor. Motion carried 6-0.

- E. Comments** – Police Chief Vince Markle thanked Public Works Director Dave Vallosio and his guys for doing an outstanding job around the Police Department, and thanked Fire Chief Chris Henry and the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company for working well together with the Police Department.

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

Director of Public Works – Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated paving has been completed in the Borough. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated Hager Paving will be back to tar and chip. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated line painting is about ninety-five percent complete in town.

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, 19 calls for tall grass and weeds, 4 property cleanups, 3 buildings taken down, and they issued 3 citations for non-compliance. Code Enforcement Officer Vince Markle stated the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company took part in the demolition of those buildings.

Committee Reports

A. Census Committee

- 1. Update on 2020 Census** – Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated there have been some changes. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated the Census was to continue taking numbers in until the 31st of October and that has been changed to the 30th of September. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated our numbers are still down from ten years ago. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated over the weekend Brookville Community Theatre did a Census public service announcement for our regional director in Ridgway. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated it will be on Facebook and YouTube, and in 36 seconds it tells you how to fill out the Census. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated they will be starting in seven days to go door to door with masks, gloves and identification to people who have not responded in our area. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated the Brockway area numbers are significantly lower than ten years ago, and we are still about fourteen percent lower than where we were ten years ago. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated there is an article in the Mirror about it, and the billboard is still up. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated if we get four thousand people on this Census, we will qualify for CDBG money that is used for roads and other things in the Borough for maintenance and stormwater issues. Vice-President Karen Allgeier urged everyone to take the Census.

B. Personnel Committee

1. **Cleaning Position** – Personnel Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated coming out of Committee we need to approve advertising in the local papers for the full-time cleaning position that has come available. President Phil Hynes stated since this is coming out of Committee, we do not need a second. President Phil Hynes asked all Council Members in favor of this motion coming out of Committee to say ‘aye’. Motion carried 6-0.

Solicitor - Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he really does not have anything except what is in executive session.

Borough Manager

- A. **Cash Transfers** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated this evening we have some cash transfers to do.
 1. **General Fund** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated for the General Fund she would like to transfer \$50,000.00 from our S&T Bank account into PLGIT. Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve transferring \$50,000.00 from our S&T Bank account into PLGIT for the General Fund; seconded by Member David Taylor. Motion carried 6-0.
 2. **Fire Fund** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated for the Fire Fund she would like to move \$55,000.00 from our S&T Bank account into PLGIT. Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve transferring \$55,000.00 from our S&T Bank Account into PLGIT for the Fire Fund; seconded by Member David Taylor. Motion carried 6-0.
 3. **Street Light Fund** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated for the Street Light Fund she would like to move \$25,000.00 from our S&T Bank account into PLGIT. Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve transferring \$25,000.00 from our S&T Bank account into PLGIT for the Street Light Fund; seconded by Member Lucy Ames. Motion carried 6-0.
 4. **Liquid Fuels Fund** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated for the Liquid Fuels Fund she would like to move \$118,000.00 from PLGIT to our S&T Bank account. Member David Taylor moved to approve transferring \$118,000.00 from PLGIT to our S&T Bank account for the Liquid Fuels Fund; seconded by Vice-President Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. **Five Year Winter Traffic Services Agreement**
 1. **Resolution 560-20** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated PennDOT brought in our new proposal, and they call it their Winter Traffic Services Agreement. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we tend to sign for five years at a time. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated we have an agreement itself to sign, and in addition which is approving that agreement is Resolution 560-20. Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated this is for the year 2020 through 2025, and this is where the Municipal Authority and the Borough takes care of state roads. Vice-President Karen Allgeier

moved approval of Resolution 560-20; seconded by Second Vice-President Randy Bartley. Motion carried 6-0.

- C. **Police Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO)** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost stated the Police Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation decreased for 2021, and it is \$78,509.00. Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve the Police Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2021 in the amount of \$78,509.00 as presented; seconded by Member Lucy Ames. Motion carried 6-0.
- D. **Executive Session - Legal** – Manager Dana D. Schreckengost requested an executive session for legal matters with no action expected.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

- A. **Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting and expressing their thoughts on different things in the Borough.
- B. **Member Lucy Ames** – Member Lucy Ames stated she was out of town on personal matters since their last meeting and she wants to thank everyone for their understanding and thoughtfulness.
- C. **Member Ken King** – Member Ken King thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting.
- D. **Second Vice-President Randy Bartley** – Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated we are not going digital with the parking meters. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated we have parts for the old meters and we will keep repairing them.
- E. **Vice-President Karen Allgeier** – Vice-President Karen Allgeier thanked Police Chief Vince Markle and Fire Chief Chris Henry for everything they do. Vice-President Karen Allgeier asked everyone to get gun raffle tickets for the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company gun raffle which is on August 22nd. Vice-President Karen Allgeier thanked Mark Lussky and Sandra Snyder for coming to the meeting.
- F. **President Phil Hynes** – President Phil Hynes thanked Mark Lussky for bringing up the issue of masks. President Phil Hynes stated speaking for himself, he certainly promotes it and we can only urge that the rest of the town follows suit. President Phil Hynes asked the media if they had any questions.

MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Brookville Borough Council entered an executive session at 7:36 P.M. to discuss legal matters with no action expected. Executive session ended at 8:05 P.M. with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Second Vice-President Randy Bartley moved to adjourn; seconded by Member David Taylor. Motion carried 6-0 at 8:05 P.M.

Borough Manager