

MINUTES
BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday January 5, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Brookville Borough Council met via zoom on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

STAFF

Manager Dana Rooney
Police Chief Vince Markle
Code Enforcement Officer -
Vince Markle
Solicitor Jim Dennison

VISITOR/MEDIA

Nick LaBelle
Alex Nelson

CALL TO ORDER:

President Phil Hynes called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and stated he ran a quick poll and they decided not to have the Pledge of Allegiance in zoom format.

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES (December 15, 2020):

Member David Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the December 15th meeting as submitted; seconded by Member Lucy Ames. Motion carried 7-0.

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 if we process a Fire Tax check once a year. Manager Dana Rooney stated in this case no, one other small check was issued and this was the remainder. Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve the bill page dated December 31, 2020 as submitted; seconded by Member Todd Gumphier. Motion carried 7-0. Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve the bill page dated January 5, 2021 as submitted; seconded by Member David Taylor. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. Fund Level Financial Statements** – President Phil Hynes stated you have the Fund Level Financial Statement Summary, and if there are questions, the appropriate people are here to answer them.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Chief of Police

- A. Statistics for December** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated in December the Brookville Police Department had 172 calls for service, wrote 141 traffic citations, 132 warnings, and 14 parking tickets. Police Chief Vince Markle stated there were 3 drug arrests, 9 misdemeanors, and 5 summaries.

Fire Chief – Fire Chief Chris Henry submitted a written report (attached).

Public Works – Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades submitted a written report (attached).

Zoning/Health Officer – Zoning and Health Officer Emerson Turnbull submitted a written report (attached).

Code Enforcement – No Report

Committee Reports

A. Personnel Committee

- 1. Executive Session** – Personnel Committee Chair Karen Allgeier requested an executive session for a personnel matter with action expected.

Solicitor

- A. Old Church Property** - Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he is waiting on the deed from the county for the old church property located at the corner of North Pickering Street and Church Street.

Borough Manager

- A. Cash Transfer – Fire Fund PLGIT to Fire Fund S&T Bank** – Manager Dana Rooney stated she would like to transfer \$90,000.00 from the Fire Fund PLGIT account to the Fire Fund S&T Bank account. Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve transferring \$90,000.00 from the Fire Fund PLGIT account to the Fire Fund S&T Bank account; seconded by Second Vice-President Randy Bartley. Motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Streetscape Project** – Member David Taylor stated he wanted to discuss the Streetscape Project. Member David Taylor stated the ultimate goal would be to put together a fund raising plan for this which would be significant if we are looking the length of Main Street to develop a landscape plan and a streetscape development plan for the area between White Street and Franklin Avenue. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated her issue with starting something like this is the cost, even for preliminary studies, without having found any grant money or other funding available for us to use to do this, especially since due to COVID businesses are not open or at full use. Vice-

President Karen Allgeier stated she thinks it is a good idea to get some ideas together, but she thinks we need to look at this at a later date once COVID has started to go away and we get back to some semblance of normal. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated he thinks it is important to get the planning done first before we look at grants. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated we have no idea what to even ask for at this point. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated he thinks Member David Taylor's plan is valid and he would volunteer to serve on his ad hoc committee on behalf of the Borough. Vice-President Karen Allgeier asked who is going to pay for the plan. Member David Taylor stated there is planning money out there, but we will not even know how much to ask for. After some discussion, Member David Taylor stated all he is proposing at this point is a sit down and meet regarding this. President Phil Hynes asked Member David Taylor to get back to Council with more details about when the meeting will take place.

- B. Put 2008 F250 Super Duty Truck out for Bid** – President Phil Hynes stated in Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades' report, he asked for Council's approval to sell the 2008 F250 super duty truck. Manager Dana Rooney stated we are not really using that truck anymore because it is now out of inspection, and it would cost around three thousand dollars for it to pass inspection for our needs. Manager Dana Rooney stated since we did recently buy that new Ford truck, we do not necessarily need the 2008 truck anymore so instead of putting money into it Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades would rather just get rid of it. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley asked if we would have to bid the 2008 truck out, and Manager Dana Rooney stated that is correct. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley moved to bid out the sale of the 2008 F250 super duty truck; seconded by Vice-President Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

- A. Member David Taylor** – Member David Taylor stated we had a tragic fire on Western Avenue a couple of nights ago, and he hopes we keep the family that lost their house in our prayers. Member David Taylor stated the county is purchasing the first floor of Jefferson Place, and it will be converted to office space. Member David Taylor stated that will take a chunk off of the real estate taxes.
- B. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley** – Second Vice-President Randy Bartley thanked the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company for their quick response to the house fire on Western Avenue. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated it was an arson fire and he is hoping for a speedy resolution to that investigation.
- C. President Phil Hynes** – President Phil Hynes asked if the owner had insurance, and Solicitor Jim Dennison stated they did.

MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Brookville Borough Council entered an executive session at 7:20 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter with action expected. Executive session ended at 7:30 P.M. with the following action taken:

Personnel Committee Chair Karen Allgeier made a motion coming from committee to authorize the Civil Service Commission to begin the process of hiring one new full-time police officer. President Phil Hynes stated since this motion is coming from committee, no second is needed. President Phil Hynes asked all Council Members in favor of this motion coming from committee to say 'aye'. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Phil Hynes stated we will keep you advised whether the next meeting in February will be a zoom meeting or in person. Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to adjourn; seconded by Member David Taylor. Motion carried 7-0 at 7:32 P.M.

Borough Manager