

**MINUTES**  
**BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday March 2, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.**

The Brookville Borough Council met via Zoom on Tuesday, March 2, 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  
Public Works Director -  
Jonathan Rhoades  
Code Enforcement Officer -  
Vince Markle  
Solicitor Jim Dennison

**VISITOR/MEDIA**

Cary Vargo  
LeeAnne Clayberger  
Patty Moorhead  
Mark Kozar  
Larry Pearsall  
Lynne Shedlock  
Howard Goodstein  
Arthur McKinley  
Sherry Campbell  
Matt Triponey  
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 (February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021):**

Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve the minutes of the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and the February 24<sup>th</sup> special meeting as submitted; seconded by Second Vice-President Randy Bartley. 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 on the February 16<sup>th</sup> list, what is American Natural Supply for. Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades stated that is for fuel. Member David Taylor asked what the \$3,500.00 to the Cohen Law Group was for. Manager Dana Rooney stated that is our Comcast negotiations attorney. After some discussion, Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve the bill pages dated February 16, 2021 and March 2, 2021 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 Fund Level Financial Statement Summary, and if there are questions, the appropriate people are here.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- A. Larry Pearsall – Steps** – Borough resident Larry Pearsall stated he is concerned about the steps that go up Fifth Street between Western Avenue and Euclid Avenue. Larry Pearsall stated he is concerned people might slip and fall all winter long. Larry Pearsall stated quite a few people without vehicles travel up and down those steps to go to the grocery store, and they carry groceries back up the steps. Larry Pearsall stated he lived there for 37 years, and they always used to be shoveled and maintained up until about five or seven years ago when the Borough quit. Larry Pearsall stated if the Borough is not going to maintain them, they should rope them off or totally block them from the top of the steps coming down. Larry Pearsall stated when the Borough plows the street, the steps are pretty well blocked at the bottom, but people still try to come down them and they are slipping and falling all winter long. Larry Pearsall stated without the steps, people have to go down Sixth Street with no sidewalks and walk in the traffic with the cars. Larry Pearsall stated he wonders if this could be worked back into the budget for safety reasons. President Phil Hynes thanked Larry Pearsall and stated that is a good point, and we appreciate your bringing that to our attention.
- B. Sherry Campbell – Heritage Grove Church** – Sherry Campbell, the Pastor from the Heritage Grove Church, stated they are located at 200 Church Street and stated they came into this ministry by invitation of the previous leadership here when the Free Methodists were planning to let go of this facility. Sherry Campbell stated they were told that it was county land, and that the church at that time and the facilities were owned by the Free Methodist Conference. Sherry Campbell stated they agreed to pass it on to us, and we began work here about two years ago. Sherry Campbell stated at this point, we are hoping to be able to have sort of a ministry to ministry. Sherry Campbell stated she has been in touch with the Ministerial Association in Brookville and other pastors, and there is a need for a place where churches can hold services. Sherry Campbell stated it would not be just one denomination, but a group of ministries. Sherry Campbell stated at this point, we were informed that the Borough may have other plans for this, and she wants Council to know they want to have a very dynamic ministry here. Sherry Campbell stated she believes given the time and the go-ahead they can do that. Sherry Campbell stated they are requesting the go-ahead to continue with the ministry that they have been working on here. President Phil Hynes asked if they had alternative locations to conduct their ministry. Sherry Campbell stated no, they do not have an alternate plan. President Phil Hynes stated at this point they are at the very preliminary stages of what they are doing with that property. President Phil Hynes stated what we can do is take your request into consideration. Sherry Campbell stated she would like to give Council a full proposal with pictures and details. President Phil Hynes stated he did not see where they would have a problem with that if they want to submit it to them, but they are really unsure of what they are doing with the property at this point. President Phil Hynes thanked Sherry Campbell.

## **RECESS:**

Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to recess the meeting at 7:14 P.M. for a liquor license transfer hearing; seconded by Member Lucy Ames. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting reconvened at 7:29 P.M. with the following action taken:

Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to pass the resolution allowing BFS Foods to go forward with their project at the former Gold Eagle site which involves transferring a liquor license from the Punxsutawney location to the Brookville location for the BFS Foods; seconded by Member Todd Gumphier. Motion carried 7-0.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED:**

- C. **Pennsylvania Economy League (PEL): Patty Moorhead, Lynne Shedlock, LeeAnne Clayberger, and Cary Vargo from ARRO Consulting – Strategic Management Planning (STMP) Presentation** - President Phil Hynes stated the next scheduled public comment is from the Pennsylvania Economy League. President Phil Hynes stated we had contracted them to do a Strategic Management Planning review, and they have a preliminary presentation to give to us.

1. **Patty Moorhead – Financial Review** - Patty Moorhead stated she is with the Pennsylvania Economy League, and she is here to present the Strategic Management Plan. Patty Moorhead stated the Strategic Management Program is a Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) program to give municipalities a financial and operations review. Patty Moorhead stated we look back at your historicals, we project your financials out five years, we do an operations review, and then we present you with a report that has our findings and recommendations for next steps. Patty Moorhead stated the Pennsylvania Economy League is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, eighty-year-old government research organization. Patty Moorhead stated she is going to go through the demographics and the financials. Patty Moorhead stated overall the population in Brookville has been decreasing, and it has decreased about eight point six percent overall from 1990 through the latest five year estimates. Patty Moorhead stated in 1990 you were at 4,183 and last year's estimate was 3,823. Patty Moorhead stated what is nice, is that your wage earners is still about sixty percent of total population. Patty Moorhead stated that is your demographic between eighteen and sixty-five. Patty Moorhead stated for income, Brookville's median households and per capita incomes are both above that of Jefferson County. Patty Moorhead stated in 2010 you were at \$38,578.00 for household income and \$26,337.00 for per capita income. Patty Moorhead stated household is for the whole household, and per capita is per person. Patty Moorhead stated more good news is you are below the percentage of families in poverty both statewide and in Jefferson County as well. Patty Moorhead stated overall your housing units in Brookville declined by fifty-seven over the thirty-year period. Patty Moorhead stated owner occupied decreased by one hundred and eighty-two, and rentals went up by one hundred and fifty. Patty Moorhead stated the good news is your vacancies actually decreased over the period by twenty-five. Patty Moorhead stated your median housing value has doubled since 1990. Patty Moorhead

stated in 1990 an owner-occupied house was averaging about \$49,100.00, and in 2019 it was worth about \$98,000.00. Patty Moorhead stated unfortunately, that does not translate to a higher assessed value. Patty Moorhead stated for the overall tax assessment of Brookville, the gap between market value versus assessed value which is your tax base, is growing, and as of 2019 market value was one hundred and seventy-five million dollars versus seventy-nine million in assessed value, or only about forty-four percent of market value. Patty Moorhead stated your revenue mostly comes from tax revenue, and real estate taxes are the highest producer of revenue in the Borough. Patty Moorhead stated seventy percent of your revenue comes from taxes, and of that seventy percent is coming from real estate taxes. Patty Moorhead stated your earned income, which is the second largest source of revenue in the Borough, had very little growth at one percent over the five-year period. Patty Moorhead stated on the non-tax revenue, the rental of the Borough Complex accounts for most of the revenue. Patty Moorhead stated on the expenditure side, personnel is your biggest cost center averaging one point four million dollars and they have increased about thirteen percent over the five-year period. Patty Moorhead stated personnel costs are seventy percent of your overall costs in the review period. Patty Moorhead stated for projections; in 2021 you should be on budget, in 2022 we project you will have a slight surplus, but then you will have some deficits going forward.

2. **Cary Vargo – Operations Review** – Cary Vargo from ARRO Consulting stated he conducted the Operations Review for the Borough. Cary Vargo stated prior to arriving in the Borough, a document review was conducted which included all departments. Cary Vargo stated documents that were reviewed include policies and procedures, audits, insurances, pensions, financials, and planning documents from both the Borough as well as governmental and nongovernmental agencies that were either partners or potential partners of the Borough from an economic development standpoint. Cary Vargo stated after the document review was completed, a two-day site visit was conducted in Brookville, and interviews were conducted with the Borough Manager, Police Chief, Public Works Director, Water and Wastewater Commissioner, three Council Members, and some additional Borough staff. Cary Vargo stated administratively, the Borough is operating efficiently, and the Borough Manager and administrative staff actually provide administration, finance, human resources, etcetera for both the Borough operations as well as the Brookville Municipal Authority operations. Cary Vargo stated one of the recommendations is simply to create an agreement so you are memorializing the relationship between the Brookville Borough and the Brookville Municipal Authority. Cary Vargo stated for the Police Department review, any Police Department is typically the highest risk operation of the municipality for obvious reasons. Cary Vargo stated the Chief is doing a wonderful job, and one of the recommendations is to give consideration to the Accreditation Program through the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association. Cary Vargo stated your Public Works Department is also operating effectively with an appropriately sized workforce. Cary Vargo

stated there are some recommendations specific to the Public Works Department as it relates to policies, as it relates to facilities, and more specifically the salt shed.

3. **Lynne Shedlock – Challenges and Findings** – Lynne Shedlock from the Pennsylvania Economy League stated she is going to go through the challenges and findings, and your recommendations and next steps. Lynne Shedlock stated to sort of tie everything together, what we see is declining property assessment values, growing expenditures, and future deficits likely if no action is taken. Lynne Shedlock stated there are some negative demographic trends that are impacting your tax base. Lynne Shedlock stated your population is declining and is growing a little older, and your vacant housing is increasing a little. Lynne Shedlock stated none of these trends are really stark, but they are there, and you do need to be aware of them so you can take steps to counter them if you need to. Lynne Shedlock stated the Borough has shown financial management, and you have made the appropriate tax increases so that you do not end up with deficits. Lynne Shedlock stated our biggest recommendation is that you seek your Phase Two STMP Grant funding from the state whenever possible, and anything is eligible as long as it is in the report. Lynne Shedlock stated some of the recommendations are more long term and take a little bit more work. Lynne Shedlock stated you can take them and work through them as a Council and see where you want to go with them
4. **Lynne Shedlock – Immediate Recommendations** – Lynne Shedlock stated these are our immediate recommendations. The first one is to continue monitoring for the potential impact of COVID. Lynne Shedlock stated the next area is technology. Lynne Shedlock stated we encourage you to upgrade your technology to increase capacity and improve operations. Lynne Shedlock stated consider alternative methods to the per capita and occupation taxes, because those are not a real significant source of revenue, and yet they take a lot of effort to collect. Lynne Shedlock stated the last immediate recommendation is community and economic development prioritization. Lynne Shedlock stated for smaller communities, you want to really focus on that community, residential type stuff like parks, combatting blight, and working on your downtown core. Lynne Shedlock stated to help you with all of this, the first recommendation is that you get a new comprehensive plan. Lynne Shedlock stated they also encourage the Borough to continue working with community partners like Historic Brookville. Lynne Shedlock stated the last recommendation is that you continue to seek that grant through DCNR for the pool complex, and we encourage you to let DCNR know you are in this program because you should be getting consideration given the fact that you are willing to do the work and go through this strategic planning process.
5. **Lynne Shedlock – Short-term Priorities** – Lynne Shedlock stated your parking meters are really, really low. Lynne Shedlock stated you are only charging five cents for fifteen minutes. Lynne Shedlock stated this is one way you could potentially get revenue. Lynne Shedlock stated she knows we also have a lot where we rent monthly spaces. Lynne Shedlock stated she

recommends that all of that be looked at. Lynne Shedlock stated we recommend that you upgrade your traffic signals, and continue with your current collective bargaining strategy. Lynne Shedlock stated they want the Borough to consider home rule for tax flexibility. Lynne Shedlock stated we are projecting that you will get a decreasing amount of property taxes, however, your earned income tax is growing. Lynne Shedlock stated right now you are limited in what taxes you can raise, so when you need revenue, the only tax that you can tap in right now is property tax. Lynne Shedlock stated so what home rule does is it lifts the caps on things like the earned income tax, and it allows you to slightly raise that tax as opposed to having to raise your property tax. Lynne Shedlock stated another consideration is to join with your fellow municipalities to lobby for changes to lift the restrictions on Act 511 like the earned income tax. Lynne Shedlock stated also, you could approach the county about conducting a property reassessment. Lynne Shedlock stated you could also consider monetization for sewer and water assets. Patty Moorhead stated that is pretty much what we have for you this evening. Patty Moorhead stated our next step would be to finalize the STMP report. Patty Moorhead stated check the recommendations, make sure the timelines are realistic, and assign responsibility for them. Patty Moorhead stated work with your DCED representative to apply for some Phase Two funding. President Phil Hynes stated he thinks there should be a follow-up meeting to answer specific questions, and give Council a chance to look at this report. Member David Taylor stated he would like Council to be able to see the graph report before it is finalized. Patty Moorhead stated o.k. After some discussion, President Phil Hynes thanked them for the presentation, and stated we will get a game plan together, follow up on the study, and get together a method for follow-up questions with your additional documentation. Patty Moorhead stated that sounds good.

## **REPORTS:**

### **Chief of Police**

- A. Statistics for February** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated in February the Brookville Police Department had 141 calls for service, wrote 116 citations, 129 warnings, and 23 parking tickets. Police Chief Vince Markle stated there were 2 felonies, 20 misdemeanors, and 7 drug arrests, 5 summaries, and 3 302 commitments.
- B. Funding** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated over the past couple of months, we have received funding from the county which paid for our portable radios which was approximately \$18,000.00. Police Chief Vince Markle stated they paid for face masks, and for a radio for the vehicle which was approximately \$1,000.00, so that was a huge savings to the Borough.
- C. Full-Time Officer** - Police Chief Vince Markle stated they hired a full-time officer, and thanked the Civil Service Commission and the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office which did the interviewing for the officers. Police Chief Vince Markle stated a recommendation came out of those two which he followed and hired that individual. Police Chief Vince Markle stated with that

full-time officer being a float officer, we had to let four of our part-time officers go.

**D. Annual Update Training** - Police Chief Vince Markle stated we conducted our annual update training, and everybody completed that and got certified again.

**E. Comments** - Police Chief Vince Markle stated he would like to thank Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades for fixing his heater. Police Chief Vince Markle stated three of our officers assisted the Attorney General's Office at the gun show at the fairgrounds. Police Chief Vince Markle stated Officer Justin Miller was Officer of the Month.

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

**Public Works** – Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades stated this last month has been keeping us busy with the weather. Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades stated other than that, we are still working on upgrading the lights to LED lights in the Borough Complex. Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades stated we received our new backhoe today. Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades stated our new hire, Adam Wardell, just started today.

**Zoning/Health Officer** – Zoning and Health Officer Emerson Turnbull submitted a written report (attached). Manager Dana Rooney stated the first inspection for South White Street that carries over from last night is a sign permit for Senator Dush's Office. Manager Dana Rooney stated the new inspection on Main Street is for a new business coming in called Main Street Revolution. Manager Dana Rooney stated he had one inquiry regarding a new store on Depot Street which we believe may be a dent and bent store, but Zoning Officer Emerson Turnbull will have more on that next month.

**Code Enforcement** – Code Enforcement Officer Vince Markle stated we are going to pass on this report until next month when we meet in person.

## **Committee Reports**

### **A. Strategic Planning/Census Committee**

1. **Grant Application** – Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated she would like to get approval to apply to DCNR the Bureau of Recreation and Conservation Community Partnerships Program for a grant for a Master Site Plan for a swimming facility. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated this is something that she, Second-Vice President Randy Bartley, and a number of people have tried to do over the years, but there was never grant money for it. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated now we have a chance to get a grant to look at putting in a pool for Brookville. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated she would like to bring that forward, and get a motion and approval by Council to submit this grant by the due date of April 14<sup>th</sup>. President Phil Hynes asked if this is a matching grant. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated yes, for fifteen thousand dollars. After some discussion, 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.

2. **Census Update** – Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated she is going to put the Census update off until the next meeting in April.

#### **Solicitor**

- A. **The Old Church Property** - Solicitor Jim Dennison stated we have been pushing them to remove their property out of the old church property located at the corner of North Pickering Street and Church Street, at least from the tabernacle that is falling down. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated we need to move on that fairly quickly as a Council and make some decisions. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated the Free Methodist Church conveyed all their rights to the county. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated when we got the deed from the county, we also got the quitclaim deed from the Free Methodist Church, so the Free Methodist Church basically waived any interest they had in the premises. After some discussion, President Phil Hynes stated we will put that on a higher priority list.

#### **Borough Manager**

- A. **Stone Wall Update** – Manager Dana Rooney stated first we have a stone wall update from East Main Street. Manager Dana Rooney stated the stone wall is down that was up along East Main Street. Manager Dana Rooney stated the Borough is in possession of all of the frontal facing stones, and we do have uses for them in mind. Manager Dana Rooney stated we are not looking to sell them. Manager Dana Rooney stated that was part of the agreement, that we retain those. Manager Dana Rooney stated you are going to see some projects this summer and fall for uses of those stones.
- B. **Swinging Bridge – Walter Dick Park** – Manager Dana Rooney stated the next topic is the swinging bridge down at Walter Dick Park. Manager Dana Rooney stated on February 12<sup>th</sup> of 2021 we unfortunately had to close the swinging bridge due to a failed inspection. Manager Dana Rooney stated over the course of many years, we have been working on this project because we knew it was starting to fall into disarray. Manager Dana Rooney stated we have contacted numerous contractors and the Army Corps of Engineers. Manager Dana Rooney stated, just to give the public a general update, we are working on an alternative, and as of today we have some good news. Manager Dana Rooney stated the Army Corps of Engineers has reached out to us and said they may be able to help us. Manager Dana Rooney stated we are still waiting for a concrete answer, and she will hopefully have that at the next meeting in April. Manager Dana Rooney stated if the Army Corps of Engineers cannot help us, we have multiple quotes from contractors ranging from \$600,000.00 to \$800,000.00 to replace that. Manager Dana Rooney stated that number is so large because with today's regulations we are now forced to come into ADA compliance. Manager Dana Rooney stated the far end of the bridge currently is a set of steps, and that is no longer feasible under ADA compliance. Manager Dana Rooney stated so around \$200,000.00 is for a ramp coming down off of whatever type of bridge we get



put in to lead down to the trail path itself. Manager Dana Rooney stated we are working on this and this is a priority of the Borough to get that fixed.

- C. **I-80 Proposed Bridge Tolling** – Manager Dana Rooney stated another hot topic right now is the proposal of tolling the Interstate 80 Bridges. Manager Dana Rooney stated she feels they would be hurting themselves if they did not put in writing and send a letter to our local County Commissioners, House Representative, Senator, and the Governor’s Office strongly discouraging tolling the I-80 Bridges. Manager Dana Rooney stated if you are only tolling the bridges, Brookville Borough is going to see a major increase in traffic, especially locally, from people getting off and travelling Route 322 to avoid that I-80 Bridge toll. Member David Taylor made a motion to authorize Manager Dana Rooney to draft a letter to send to the appropriate government representatives opposing the I-80 Bridge toll; seconded by Member Todd Gumphier. Motion carried 7-0.

- D. **Planning Commission Opening** – Manager Dana Rooney stated we have been advertising for some time an opening on the Planning Commission, and we have received three names of interest over our advertising period. Manager Dana Rooney stated we need to fill that eventually, but you are not forced to take action tonight. Manager Dana Rooney stated the three names on the table this evening are; David Ferringer, Aaron Haines, and Arthur McKinley. Manager Dana Rooney asked if there were any questions regarding the three applicants. President Phil Hynes stated he would entertain a motion to either nominate someone tonight, or to delay the vote. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley made a motion to nominate Arthur McKinley to the Planning Commission; seconded by Vice-President Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0. President Phil Hynes congratulated Arthur McKinley.

- E. **New Pickup Truck** – Manager Dana Rooney stated we discussed putting up for bid an old truck that we had at the Public Works Department. Manager Dana Rooney stated at the time we made the motion to put that out for bid, we also transferred the line item that was labelled for a new truck over to the backhoe. Manager Dana Rooney stated after some review it was determined that we probably need both. Manager Dana Rooney stated coming out of the Strategic Planning Program, they found a typo in our 2021 budget in our favor. Manager Dana Rooney stated it is through a police line item. Manager Dana Rooney stated it got entered in the budget for \$135,000.00, but in reality, it should have been \$13,500.00. Manager Dana Rooney stated that is where our \$15,000.00 for the swimming pool grant match would come out of with no effect to the budget, and we have some money left over in the truck line item that we bought the backhoe through. Manager Dana Rooney stated she would like to take that additional difference and buy a new pickup truck for the Street Department at this time. Manager Dana Rooney stated again, there was a typo in the budget, so at the end of the day, there is no bottom-line difference. Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve buying a new pickup truck for the Street Department as presented; seconded by Member David Taylor. Motion carried 7-0.

- F. Address Change – Tabled from February** – Manager Dana Rooney stated in the February meeting we had an address change proposal from Gabriel Foradora. Manager Dana Rooney stated he was requesting that we have a new address labelled 32 Jenks Street for a garage that currently shares the address of 34 Jenks Street. Manager Dana Rooney stated we tabled it off of a question Solicitor Jim Dennison brought up of does it meet our zoning requirement. Manager Dana Rooney stated after some review, it does not meet our zoning requirement. Manager Dana Rooney stated she would make the recommendation that we deny the address change for 32 Jenks Street. Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to deny the address change for 32 Jenks Street; seconded by Second Vice-President Randy Bartley. Motion carried 7-0.
- G. Address Change** - Manager Dana Rooney stated we have another address change. Manager Dana Rooney stated the current property is Brookville Chevrolet, which is labelled as Chestnut Land LP. Manager Dana Rooney stated this is from the county saying they request an address change for a new address to be assigned to the Auto Body Shop located on the property of Chestnut Land LP or aka Brookville Chevrolet. Manager Dana Rooney stated the building in question is located on the South side of Main Street. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he does not have a problem with that. Manager Dana Rooney stated they are requesting that the new address for the Auto Body Shop be 23 Main Street. After some discussion, Second Vice-President Randy Bartley moved to approve the new address of 23 Main Street for the Auto Body Shop at Brookville Chevrolet; seconded by Vice-President Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Renaming the South White Street Bridge** – Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated he is reading this on behalf of the American Legion Post 102, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 204. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated we are requesting the Borough's support for renaming the South White Street Bridge in honor of Captain Raymond H. Bud Hetrick. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated Bud Hetrick was a sky raider pilot shot down while on a mission over Laos, and for thirty-eight years he was enlisted as killed in action. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated he was finally laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery on September 16, 2004. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated the veterans are requesting the Borough write letters of support to Senator Dush and Representative Smith as soon as possible. Member David Taylor moved to authorize Manager Dana Rooney to send letters of support to Senator Dush and Representative Smith in regards to renaming the South White Street Bridge in honor of Captain Raymond H. Bud Hetrick; seconded by Member Lucy Ames. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:**

- A. Junior Council Member Taylor Reitz Report** – Junior Council Member Taylor Reitz submitted a written report (attached).
- B. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley** – Second Vice-President Randy Bartley asked if they could meet in person next month. President Phil Hynes stated he thinks they can, but he does not know what the state regulations will be at that time. President Phil Hynes stated it might be something they want to decide in a couple of weeks to see where we are at. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated he knows Clarion County Commissioners are meeting in person next week. President Phil Hynes asked if Council had any opinion one way or the other on it. After some discussion, President Phil Hynes stated it seems that the desire of Council is to meet in person unless otherwise instructed.
- C. President Phil Hynes** – President Phil Hynes asked the media if they had any questions.

#### **MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION:**

- A. Alex Nelson – Swimming Pool** – Reporter Alex Nelson stated since there is so much talk going on about getting a grant for the pool, does Council have a location for where that would be? Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated we are looking at Longview Park. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated it is a huge area owned by the Borough, and we could do a number of things there. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated it is a very underutilized piece of property.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to adjourn; seconded by Second Vice-President Randy Bartley. Motion carried 7-0 at 8:48 P.M.

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Borough Manager

