

MINUTES
BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday May 4, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u>	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>VISITOR/MEDIA</u>
Mayor Richard Beck	Manager Dana Rooney	Joyce Reitz
Phil Hynes	Police Chief Vince Markle	Matt Triponey
Karen Allgeier	Director of Public Works -	Gary Cable
Randy Bartley	Jonathan Rhoades	Jude Kendra
Ken King	Code Enforcement Officer -	Susan Spiedel
Todd Gumphier	Vince Markle	Candy Hunter
David Taylor	Recorder Christine Gunning	Fran Barilar
Lucy Ames – via Zoom	Solicitor Jim Dennison	Brandy Robinson
Taylor Reitz		Shane Robinson

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 (April 6, 2021):

Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve the minutes of the April 6th 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. President Phil Hynes asked if there were any additions or questions. Manager Dana Rooney stated there was one addition; \$10,074.00 for Dennison Law Office. Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve the bills as amended; 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 any questions, you can ask him, Manager Dana Rooney, or Vice-President Karen Allgeier.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Jude Kendra – Parking Ordinance** – Jude Kendra asked if the number and the date of the parking ordinance has been found. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated the ordinances are all online. After some discussion, Manager Dana Rooney stated all the streets that were discussed at the last meeting will be discussed later in the meeting.

REPORTS:

Chief of Police

- A. Statistics for April** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated in April the Brookville Police Department had 181 calls for service, wrote 237 citations, 239 warnings, and 181 parking tickets. Police Chief Vince Markle stated there were 5 felonies, 13 misdemeanors, 4 drug arrests, 5 summaries, and 2 302 commitments.
- B. Comments** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades got three of their vehicles serviced. Police Chief Vince Markle stated the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company did a great job, they have had a huge amount of calls this month, and as always, they had a full crew. Police Chief Vince Markle thanked Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades, Member Ken King, and Member Todd Gumphier for taking time out of their busy schedules to go around and get this parking resolved.
- C. Training** - Police Chief Vince Markle stated his guys are doing Racial Profile Training this month, and Hate Crimes Training for Law Enforcement.

Fire Chief – President Phil Hynes read Fire Chief Chris Henry’s written report (attached).

Public Works – Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades stated they finished with the winter cleanup and street sweeping. Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades stated they roughly swept up a little over a hundred and fifty tons this year of anti-skid. Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades stated Wilson Contracting will probably be working on Jenks Street for another five weeks replacing National Fuel gas line. Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades stated his crew is mowing at the parks, preparing roads for paving, and repairing inlets that are in need of repair.

Zoning/Health Officer – President Phil Hynes read Zoning and Health Officer Emerson Turnbull’s written report (attached).

Code Enforcement – Code Enforcement Officer Vince Markle read his written report (attached). Second Vice-President Randy Bartley asked if the old church property located at the corner of North Pickering Street and Church Street was vacant. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated no, but their attorney said they will be out May 15th.

Committee Reports

A. Personnel Committee

- 1. Probationary Period** – Personnel Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated at this time from the committee we are recommending we end the probationary period of our new equipment operator, Adam Wardell, effective May 2, 2021. 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.

B. Public Safety Committee

- 1. Parking on Streets** – Public Safety Committee Chairman Todd Gumphier stated it is recommended by the Public Safety Committee, Police Chief Vince Markle, Fire Chief Chris Henry, and Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades that we put one painted, marked parking space on Marlin Street, and due to what we can see as adequate parking we put no painted parking spots on Sayer, Craig, and Caldwell Streets. Public Safety Committee Chairman Todd Gumphier stated we recommend adding two parking spaces on 5th Street, erasing the two parking spaces on Short Pine due to the fire trucks and public works vehicles not being able to get around as well as cars, and erasing two parking spaces on South Pickering that are right next to two telephone poles that when it snows, the public works vehicles cannot get past. Public Safety Committee Chairman Todd Gumphier stated the committee, Police Chief Vince Markle, Fire Chief Chris Henry, and Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades recommend turning Madison Avenue from South Main down to South White into a one-way street down the hill to alleviate the crashes at the top of the hill that have occurred quite frequently, and also, they were approached by a Brookville dentist about putting in a handicapped parking spot in front of their office. Jude Kendra asked is the parking on Marlin in front of his house? Safety Committee Chairman Todd Gumphier stated yes. Jude Kendra asked if he could have two spaces because he has two vehicles. Public Safety Committee Chairman Todd Gumphier stated he could get back with the other committee members, Police Chief Vince Markle, Fire Chief Chris Henry, and Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades, look at it, and get back to you. Gary Cable asked what about the top of Craig Street? Public Safety Committee Chairman Todd Gumphier stated we did not look at that, but we could look at that as well. After some discussion, President Phil Hynes stated this will be an ongoing study, and we will have the committee look into this further.

C. Public Works Committee

- 1. Open 2021 Paving Bids** – Manager Dana Rooney opened the 2021 paving bids (paving bid tabulation attached). Manager Dana Rooney stated our paving budget for this year is \$145,900.00. Manager Dana Rooney stated the bids are over. Manager Dana Rooney stated we did not catch it until just today that the bid went out incorrectly. Manager Dana Rooney stated Demotte Street was included in the bid, and it should not have been. Manager Dana Rooney stated that is part of the reason why the bids are coming in over what we budgeted for. Manager Dana Rooney stated at this time you have a couple of options; you can accept the lowest bid, or we can go through the process of rebidding. Manager Dana Rooney stated the lowest bid is option one from Hager Paving in the amount of \$146,129.75. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley made a motion to accept option one from HRI in the amount of \$147,826.00. After some discussion, Second Vice-President Randy Bartley's motion died from lack of a second. Member Ken King made a motion to accept option one from

Hager Paving in the amount of \$146,129.75; seconded by Member David Taylor. Motion carried 7-0.

Solicitor – No Report

Borough Manager

- A. Resolution 569-21 – Swinging Bridge Grant** – Manager Dana Rooney stated we have Resolution 569-21 which is a resolution for a grant for the swinging bridge or the pedestrian bridge down at Walter Dick Park. Manager Dana Rooney stated the grant is a Greenways Grant. Manager Dana Rooney stated we are requesting \$150,000.00 and there is a cash match on that. Manager Dana Rooney stated there is a one hundred dollar application fee. Manager Dana Rooney stated this grant will not be awarded until fall of this year. Vice-President Karen Allgeier asked what the Borough's cost share would be, and Manager Dana Rooney stated she believes it would be fifteen percent. Vice-President Karen Allgeier made a motion to approve Resolution 569-21; seconded by Second Vice-President Randy Bartley. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. Resolution 570-21 – Master Site Plan(s) Grant** – Manager Dana Rooney stated we have Resolution 570-21 which is now labelled a master site plan grant. Manager Dana Rooney stated we approved a similar resolution at the last meeting, which was only labelled a master site plan for Longview Park. Manager Dana Rooney stated what we want to do is reopen that application and add a master site plan for Historic Main Street. Manager Dana Rooney stated we have actually already been awarded unofficially the grant for the swimming pool for Longview Park. Manager Dana Rooney stated because it is unofficially awarded, we are able to go back in and adjust that to add in the master site plan for Main Street. Manager Dana Rooney stated so we would be requesting an additional \$30,000.00. Manager Dana Rooney stated the Borough is the applicant and Historic Brookville Incorporated (H.B.I.) is supplying the cash match. Member David Taylor stated this would involve significant public meetings and public input. Member David Taylor stated this is a long way off, but we have to start with a master site plan. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley moved to approve Resolution 570-21; seconded by Vice-President Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.
- C. Bike Rack Update** – Manager Dana Rooney stated we received the rest of the bike racks. Manager Dana Rooney stated at this time we are waiting on an agreement for the property owners who are interested in having them put in front of their building to sign off on. Manager Dana Rooney stated the sidewalks are owned by the property owners of the stores, but the Borough will be installing the bike racks so we want something in writing that the property owners are authorizing us to come in. Manager Dana Rooney stated once we get that in writing, you will start to see those new bike racks pop up.
- D. PennDOT Update – Allegheny Boulevard Request** – Manager Dana Rooney stated at the last meeting, Second Vice-President Randy Bartley brought up that she was to reach out to PennDOT regarding different boulevard questions, and she got a response. Manager Dana Rooney stated

the first question was regarding the Flying J intersection, and how there is currently a no left turn signal allowing people to turn left into Flying J's coming down the boulevard. Manager Dana Rooney stated if the municipality is interested in that, we would have to be responsible to do our own study, and we would also have to pay to have it installed. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley asked what are we installing? Manager Dana Rooney stated we would have to change the traffic light signal that is there, and change the line painting on the road, but you would have to have a traffic study done first. Mayor Richard Beck stated maybe Flying J would donate some money towards it. Manager Dana Rooney stated the other question was at the intersection of 36, 28, and 322 where we were looking for leading green arrows. Manager Dana Rooney stated it would be the same thing; we would have to pay for the study, and we would be financially responsible to implement any changes.

- E. Special Event Permit – Paint the Town Blue** – Manager Dana Rooney stated we have a special event permit for Paint the Town Blue for the class of 2021. Manager Dana Rooney stated this is scheduled for May 22nd. Manager Dana Rooney stated it would start at the drive-in and do a parade through town. Manager Dana Rooney stated store owners are encouraged to paint their property blue, and the application has all of the appropriate signatures. Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve the special event permit for Paint the Town Blue as presented; seconded by Member Todd Gumphier. Motion carried 7-0.
- F. Chamber of Commerce Awards Luncheon** – Manager Dana Rooney stated Council is invited to the Chamber of Commerce Awards Luncheon on June 4th. Manager Dana Rooney stated there is a twenty-five dollar fee per person, and anyone interested in attending should let her know.
- G. Old Environmental/Fly Fishing Building at Walter Dick Park** – Manager Dana Rooney stated we advertised on Facebook that we were looking for someone to take over what we refer to as either the fly-fishing building down at the dam, or the old environmental building down at the dam. Manager Dana Rooney stated we had a taker, and Council has seen a draft lease. Manager Dana Rooney stated she does not believe Solicitor Jim Dennison has had a chance to formally review that. Manager Dana Rooney stated the organization looking to take that over is called 'Truth in Nature', and it is a boy's group for fatherless boys. Vice-President Karen Allgeier made a motion to approve moving forward with the organization 'Truth in Nature' taking over the fly-fishing building down at the dam upon Solicitor Jim Dennison's review of the draft lease; seconded by Member David Taylor. Motion carried 7-0.
- H. Executive Session** – Manager Dana Rooney requested an executive session for a personnel matter with no action expected.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Census Update** – Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated as you know for the country-wide census, they gave out the numbers per state. Vice-President

Karen Allgeier stated they have not yet done a breakdown, nor do they expect us to get the breakdown by county, township, or borough until September. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated but what it showed is we will lose one house seat, and asked everyone to please be mindful because that affects who represents us here. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated the population of Pennsylvania is 13,011,844. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated we lost one seat in 2010, and we are losing another in 2020.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

- A. **Junior Council Member Taylor Reitz** – Junior Council Member Taylor Reitz stated this is her last meeting, and thanked everyone for the opportunity to be a representative. Junior Council Member Taylor Reitz stated as a student, she really appreciates the opportunity to come here and witness some real-life stuff happening, as we do not really get to witness that often in school. Junior Council Member Taylor Reitz stated there was a band, chorus, and orchestra concert last Thursday. Junior Council Member Taylor Reitz stated boys track is doing very well, and Spirit Week is happening this week. Junior Council Member Taylor Reitz stated graduation is May 26th, the prom is June 3rd, and Paint the Town Blue is May 22nd.
- B. **Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck thanked Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades for putting that sign up as quick as he did. Mayor Richard Beck thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Mayor Richard Beck stated it was nice to see people from the Borough coming, if they have a complaint, or do not have a complaint, either way it is still nice to see everybody.
- C. **Member David Taylor** – Member David Taylor stated he is echoing what Mayor Richard Beck said about public participation. Member David Taylor stated he thinks it is important for people to show up and talk to us about what their interests are, and we do our best to listen.
- D. **Member Lucy Ames** – Member Lucy Ames apologized for not being at the meeting in person, and stated she hopes to be there for the next meeting. Member Lucy Ames stated she echoes the sentiments just heard. Member Lucy Ames thanked Police Chief Vince Markle, Fire Chief Chris Henry, and Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades for taking care of the issues we discussed in a previous meeting.
- E. **Member Ken King** – Member Ken King stated this parking issue is very complicated, and it will take a lot of time to figure it out so it is fair for everybody. Member Ken King stated it will take quite a study.
- F. **Second Vice-President Randy Bartley** – Second Vice-President Randy Bartley commended Police Chief Vince Markle for his aggressive stance on training, and commended the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company for their response to the beer truck accident. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated on May 15th there will be a second amendment rally in front of the courthouse from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Second Vice-President Randy

Bartley stated on May 13th there will be a school board candidates forum at the Columbia Theater in Brookville. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated seven people are running for four seats, and he thinks it is worth your time to elect people that will not tax you to death.

G. Vice-President Karen Allgeier – Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated today is National Firefighters Day and thanked the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company and all Fire Departments for the very hard job they do, pointing out there are less and less people willing to volunteer. Vice-President Karen Allgeier thanked Police Chief Vince Markle for being on top of whatever is going on in town. Vice-President Karen Allgeier asked everyone to come to the school board candidates forum on May 13th.

H. President Phil Hynes – President Phil Hynes stated a number of Council people are up for re-election so please vote. President Phil Hynes stated he is excited about all of the grant opportunities we are heading into. President Phil Hynes stated he thinks things are starting to move in the Borough, and it is a good thing. President Phil Hynes thanked everybody for coming out, and asked the media if they had any questions.

MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Brookville Borough Council entered an executive session at 7:55 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter with no action expected. Executive session ended at 8:24 P.M. with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to adjourn; seconded by Second Vice-President Randy Bartley. Motion carried 7-0 at 8:24 P.M.

Borough Manager

