

MINUTES
BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday June 1, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Richard Beck
Karen Allgeier
Randy Bartley
David Taylor
Lucy Ames

STAFF

Manager Dana Rooney
Police Chief Vince Markle
Fire Chief Chris Henry
Director of Public Works -
Jonathan Rhoades
Code Enforcement Officer -
Vince Markle
Recorder Christine Gunning
Solicitor Jim Dennison

VISITOR/MEDIA

Alex Nelson
Matt Triponey
Don Musgrave
Larry Pearsall
Arthur McKinley
Lance Carrier
Jackie Carrier
Jeff Carrier
Ken Burkett
Brenda Shumaker
Susan Spiedel
Scott Seeley
Julie Peer
Jasonna Hockinson
Brandy and Shane Robinson

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-President Karen Allgeier 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 (May 18, 2021):

Second Vice-President Randy Bartley moved to approve the minutes of the May 18th meeting as submitted; seconded by Member David Taylor. Motion carried 4-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- A. Approval of Expenditures** – The current bills were presented for approval. Vice-President Karen Allgeier asked if there were any additions or questions. Member David Taylor asked if the payment to the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company was an annual payment. Manager Dana Rooney stated that is roughly one third of their taxes. Member David Taylor asked what Quadient was, and Manager Dana Rooney stated that is the postage meter machine. Member David Taylor asked about the payment to the Rebecca M. Arthurs Memorial Library. Manager Dana Rooney stated that is roughly one third of their taxes. Member David Taylor moved to approve the bills as submitted; seconded by Second Vice-President Randy Bartley. Motion carried 4-0.

- B. Fund Level Financial Statements** – Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated you have the Fund Level Financial Statement Summary, and if there are any questions, you can ask her or Manager Dana Rooney.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Lance Carrier – Zoning Uses for Office Commercial (OC)** – Lance Carrier stated he is a licensed funeral director and embalmer, and he is trying to put a funeral home in Brookville, but ran into an issue. Lance Carrier stated funeral homes are in the Downtown Commercial district (DC) and Transitional Zone (TZ) district, but not in the Office Commercial (OC) district, so he is requesting an amendment change to permit funeral homes to operate in the OC district. After some discussion, Second Vice-President Randy Bartley made a motion to begin the process to amend the ordinance to permit funeral homes to operate in the OC district; seconded by Member David Taylor. Motion carried 4-0. Brenda Shumaker stated she thinks Lance will bring professionalism to the Brookville area. Brenda Shumaker stated Lance is a great embalmer and good with people. Brenda Shumaker thinks it is good for folks to have another choice, and hopes Council will put the words ‘funeral homes’ in the OC district. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated we have already approved the change, so it will get posted in the newspaper, and then at our next meeting in July, it will be on the agenda to be approved as new language in that particular part of the ordinance.
- B. Scott Seeley – Pine Street Driveway/Parking** – Scott Seeley stated he noticed that we are working on the parking ordinance. Scott Seeley stated he lives on Daugherty Street, and all the neighbors have yellow diagonal lines marking where no one is supposed to park. Scott Seeley stated sometimes people park across from his spot. Scott Seeley stated he hopes Council will approve someone painting those yellow lines across from his driveway to avoid accidents. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated she is sending this to Police Chief Vince Markle, Fire Chief Chris Henry, and the Public Safety Committee, and they will get back to you once we get this all looked at.
- C. Larry Pearsall – Code Enforcement Letter** – Larry Pearsall stated back in July of 2019 the Borough needed access to his property at 3 Main Street to put in a new water line and sewage line. Larry Pearsall stated Solicitor Jim Dennison handled the required contracts to use for his property, with his promise that everything would be returned to what it was before. Larry Pearsall stated when they got there to put the lines in, he suggested a variance as to the original lines which saved them hours and hours of work to have easier access to what they wanted to do. Larry Pearsall stated by changing the area of route of the water lines, it put them closer to his inventory of car parts, and they pushed his stack of organized inventory with a backhoe and all their equipment. Larry Pearsall stated his inventory got spread from a twenty foot by twenty-foot area to what probably now exceeds one hundred and fifty feet. Larry Pearsall stated in November of 2020, Manager Dana Rooney and Solicitor Jim Dennison met with him to discuss an agreement as to cover the damage of some of his items, as well as restacking and reorganizing his property. Larry Pearsall stated they reached an agreement at that time, and then nothing happened for one hundred and ten days. Larry

Pearsall stated in March of 2021 he attended a Brookville Municipal Authority meeting to bring up the fact that there was no response and nothing was done. Larry Pearsall stated Solicitor Jim Dennison emailed him, asking him to sign a paper. Larry Pearsall stated he would not sign until the work is done. Larry Pearsall stated on June 27th his property at 3 Main Street was tagged for numerous violations. Manager Dana Rooney stated Larry you are out of time. Larry Pearsall stated thank you.

- D. Arthur McKinley – Chamber of Commerce Update** – Arthur McKinley stated he was asked by the Brookville Chamber of Commerce to attend Brookville Borough Council meetings and give Council Members updates on Chamber initiatives, and encourage cooperation. Arthur McKinley stated there will be an award luncheon at Walter Dick Park this Friday at 11:30 A.M. and all Chamber members are invited to attend. Arthur McKinley stated the Chamber partnered with the Laurel Festival Board, the Jefferson County Historical Society, and the Coolspring Power Museum to promote the new Greenburg Cadillac Museum, which is the largest collection of cadillacs in the world. Arthur McKinley stated the Chamber has launched My Benefit Advisor to guide businesses through the complexity of planning, insurance, and managing employee benefits programs. Arthur McKinley stated they are also looking to start an internship program. Arthur McKinley stated regarding elections, the Chamber proposed to collect information from all the candidates and put it on their website. Arthur McKinley stated the Chamber is also supporting the Laurel Festival Main Street Walking Tour. Arthur McKinley stated the Chamber wants to create a fisherman's path and picnic areas along Brookville's rivers. Arthur McKinley stated as conceived it should involve no construction, no special permissions, and no grants or local, state, or federal expenditures. Vice-President Karen Allgeier thanked Arthur McKinley, and stated we appreciate that update from the Chamber.
- E. Brandy Robinson – Parking** – Brandy Robinson stated we are hoping to resolve some parking issues, and at the last meeting they said there would be more research done on this. Brandy Robinson asked if anything has been found out. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated they are still working on it, and they are looking at the entire town so it is not a quick fix.

REPORTS:

Chief of Police

- A. Statistics for May** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated in May the Brookville Police Department had 170 calls for service, wrote 167 citations, 206 warnings, and 216 parking tickets. Police Chief Vince Markle stated there were 5 felonies, 10 misdemeanors, 3 drug arrests, 4 summaries, 2 302 commitments, and 6 PoliceOne Trainings.
- B. Training** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated Officer Hollobaugh and Officer Rinker attended a ChildFirst forensic training program.
- C. Officer of the Month** - Police Chief Vince Markle stated Officer Mickey Stormer was Officer of the Month.
- D. Part-time Meter Enforcement** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated he would like Council to approve putting an ad in the paper to hire a part-time meter person

because the individual we have working is needed at home right now for some family matters. Member David Taylor made a motion to put an ad in the paper to hire a part-time meter person; seconded by Second Vice-President Randy Bartley. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Public Works – Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades stated the guys have been working hard on the Church property that we have. Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades stated they got the tabernacle knocked down, and they are waiting on a few quotes to see how much it will cost to get it hauled out of there. Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades stated they are getting the roads ready for paving, and the grass is keeping them busy. Member David Taylor asked if the debris from the church property will be hauled away or burned. Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades stated it will be hauled away.

Zoning/Health Officer – No Report

Code Enforcement – Code Enforcement Officer Vince Markle stated they issued 10 citations, there were 16 tall grass and weed, 3 unsafe structures, 4 property cleanups, 2 garbage cleanups, and 1 junk vehicle.

Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

1. **Library Funds** – Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated we are going to move into committee reports and there is a Finance Committee report. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated she is the Chair and none of the rest of the Finance Committee is here. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated so that she can talk she is turning the meeting over to Second Vice-President Randy Bartley. Finance Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated we received a request from the Rebecca M. Arthurs Memorial Library. Finance Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated they put in for a grant to replace the lighting in the building with LEDs. Finance Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated the grant paid them \$400.00, the balance of the cost of the project was \$6,210.29, and they paid it. Finance Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated the library is asking if the Borough would make a one-time donation, and the Finance Committee decided to donate this to the library. Finance Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated the library will probably be looking at requesting a tax increase for the next round of taxes because their funding continues to be cut and the school no longer sends them any funding at all. Finance Committee Chair Karen Allgeier made a motion coming from the committee that they would like the Council to approve the payment of \$6,210.29 to the library to reimburse them for their outlay for the LED lights, wiring, etcetera at the library. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley asked if that was coming from committee, and Finance Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated it was. Member David

Taylor stated the library is important, has always operated on a shoestring budget, and he is in favor of this. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated he feels this sets a bad precedent, and he thinks it is a travesty that the school does not donate to the library. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley asked all Council Members in favor of this motion coming from committee to say 'aye'. Motion carried 3-1, with Second Vice-President Randy Bartley opposed.

Solicitor – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated the sidewalk agreement for the bike racks and the Truth in Nature lease are still on his list, and he will get to them.

Borough Manager

- A. **Special Event Permit – Cork and Fork Event** – Manager Dana Rooney stated we have a special event permit for a Cork and Fork event scheduled for Saturday, August 14th from 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at Laurelbrooke Drive. Manager Dana Rooney stated it has all the appropriate signatures. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley moved to approve the special event permit for the Cork and Fork event as presented; seconded by Member David Taylor. Motion carried 4-0.
- B. **Dog Park Grant** – Manager Dana Rooney stated in the past, Council has discussed the possibility of a dog park in town, so we called DuBois and asked them about their dog park. Manager Dana Rooney stated she found a grant or a contest for a dog park, and the winner would get twenty-five thousand dollars to go towards a dog park. Manager Dana Rooney stated we have to have our entry submitted by the end of June, and asked are we interested? After some discussion, the general consensus of Council was to take no action.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Old Church Property** – Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated he went with Manager Dana Rooney, Vice-President Karen Allgeier, and a group of veterans to look at the old church property. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated that property has not been code compliant for quite some time. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated the Borough has to bring it to code before we can do anything with it. After some discussion, Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated she is sending this to the Property Committee.

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

- A. **Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, and congratulated Fire Chief Chris Henry for getting the ISO's up. Fire Chief Chris Henry stated they are going in that direction.
- B. **Member David Taylor** – Member David Taylor stated he wanted to tell everyone how appreciative he is for being part of such a tightly run

organization. Member David Taylor stated the last page of the Borough magazine focuses on Brookville.

- C. **Member Lucy Ames** – Member Lucy Ames stated she is glad to be back, thanked Council for their patience, and thanked everyone for what they do.
- D. **Second Vice-President Randy Bartley** – Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated first of all Fire Chief Chris Henry, I thought the sirens were great. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated he had an occasion to deal with one of Police Chief Vince Markle's officers, and he was extremely impressed by their helpfulness and professionalism.
- E. **Vice-President Karen Allgeier** – Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated she saw Mayor Richard Beck and Police Chief Vince Markle in the car in the parade leading the way. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated graduation is tonight. Vice-President Karen Allgeier thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, and asked the media if they had any questions.

MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION:

- A. **Matt Triponey – Library Contribution** – Reporter Matt Triponey asked what amount the Brookville Borough contributed to the Rebecca M. Arthurs Memorial Library, and Manager Dana Rooney stated \$6,210.29.

ADJOURNMENT:

Member David Taylor moved to adjourn; seconded by Second Vice-President Randy Bartley. Motion carried 4-0 at 8:15 P.M.

Borough Manager