

MINUTES
BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday August 17, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, August 17, 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	Justin Felgar
Phil Hynes	Police Chief Vince Markle	Alex Nelson
Karen Allgeier	Code Enforcement Officer -	Larry Pearsall
Randy Bartley	Vince Markle	Sarah Gallagher
David Taylor	Solicitor Jim Dennison	
Lucy Ames		

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 (August 3, 2021):

Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve the minutes of the August 3rd meeting as submitted; seconded by Member David Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

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 what did we pay C and H Fencing for? Manager Dana Rooney stated Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades put some fencing along the creek by Memorial Park. Member David Taylor asked what about Dunlap Lawn and Garden? Manager Dana Rooney stated that is for a new lawn mower and some miscellaneous charges. Member David Taylor moved to approve the bills as submitted; seconded by Second Vice-President Randy Bartley. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Larry Pearsall – Code Enforcement** – Larry Pearsall stated this is just a brief summary. Larry Pearsall stated I feel it is because of a lack of communication with the people you have working here. Larry Pearsall stated Emerson Turnbull has viewed my property on a regular basis over the years, and the last borough ordinance municipal guy also reviewed my cars and property three or four times while he was here, and nothing was ever accumulated as to going on with any kind of legation. Larry Pearsall stated I have a problem with the Borough Municipal reaching an agreement with my property. Larry Pearsall stated I called

to get on the Municipal Board meeting, and within twenty minutes, Manager Dana Rooney took it upon herself to tag my property. Larry Pearsall stated it seems to be an awful lot of coincidence then to find out then that Manager Dana Rooney is assistant person to do that, and to get the papers, then Police Chief Vince Markle would go down and rewrite everything, and go about it all a second time. Larry Pearsall stated this is an abuse of power for something that had no reason to go to that step. Larry Pearsall stated if Manager Dana Rooney has a problem with me, fine, but if they would do what was promised to me, and handled the work that was done on my property, nobody would have a complaint. Larry Pearsall stated if you continue to have an abuse of power anomaly, it not only affects me, but it affects everybody he talks to, and the Borough does not need that kind of results. President Phil Hynes thanked Larry Pearsall and stated your comments are well noted and we will consider them.

REPORTS:

Committee Reports

A. Personnel Committee

1. **Police Contract** – Personnel Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated at this time at the last meeting you were given the information with regard to the Police Contract for starting in the new year. Personnel Committee Chair Karen Allgeier made a motion coming from committee to approve the Police Contract, and have it executed forthwith. President Phil Hynes asked if there was any discussion. President Phil Hynes asked the union has ratified on their end? Manager Dana Rooney stated yes. Member David Taylor thanked the Borough and the police for solving this. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated the key elements are always wages and benefits. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley asked can you touch on that? Personnel Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated they got a two percent wage increase over four years. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley asked if there was a change in benefits. Personnel Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated no. President Phil Hynes stated if there is no other discussion, that is coming from committee, so we do not need at second. President Phil Hynes asked all Council Members in favor of this motion coming from committee to say ‘aye’. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Public Safety Committee

1. **Parking Issues** – Public Safety Committee Member Lucy Ames stated at the August 3rd meeting the Public Safety Committee presented a report, and we have one additional recommendation that we would like to add to that report after further review. Public Safety Committee Member Lucy Ames stated for those streets that have been in question, and Public Safety Committee Chairman Todd Gumphier has that list of streets, we would like to paint a single white line, not individual parking spaces, but just a single white line to indicate where these people can actually park. Public Safety Committee Member Lucy Ames stated that will alleviate any questions on their part, alleviate any questions where the police are concerned, and it is in keeping with the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code. Public Safety Committee

Member Lucy Ames stated without that white line, we are not in keeping with the Vehicle Code, and she does not think that we want to put our police in that position. Public Safety Committee Member Lucy Ames stated the simplest solution is to have the Public Safety Committee meet with Police Chief Vince Markle, Fire Chief Chris Henry, and Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades to review those streets and add any additional streets that need to be added, if there are others that need to be added, and then have Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades go ahead and begin the process of putting in those white lines. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated you have to adopt it by ordinance, each one. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated do not ask Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades to do any work on it until after the ordinance is adopted. Public Safety Committee Member Lucy Ames stated o.k. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated we need to have a list of what you want specifically for each one, and then put it in an ordinance. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated you have to tell me what you need, then Council needs to agree about what they are going to do on each one, and then advertise the ordinance after we all reach an agreement of what we are doing. Public Safety Committee Member Lucy Ames asked in the future, if we find there are additional streets that need to be added, we can then add them to that ordinance? Solicitor Jim Dennison stated most of it has been done by many different ordinances along the way as the need arises. Public Safety Committee Member Lucy Ames stated o.k. so we will get you that list. Public Safety Committee Member Lucy Ames stated the second item was the item concerning Mr. Seeley on Daugherty Street who made a presentation at the June meeting, and asked if we could have the yellow diagonal lines painted directly across the street from his driveway on Pine Street. Public Safety Committee Member Lucy Ames stated we are in favor of doing that if everyone is in agreement with that. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated again, it is going to have to come back to Council for them to look at each thing you are changing. After some discussion, President Phil Hynes asked if we decide to do this, can that issue be tied in with the ordinance for the white lines so it is just one? Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he thinks that would just be administrative. President Phil Hynes stated at this point, the committee will get together the list and submit it to Council for review to put it in the ordinance. President Phil Hynes stated the other issue, if it is administrative, we could vote on that tonight, is that correct? Solicitor Jim Dennison stated yes, he thinks so. President Phil Hynes stated we do not even have to vote on it, that is just your recommendation. Public Safety Committee Member Lucy Ames stated we will pass that recommendation onto Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades. Manager Dana Rooney stated she can let him know. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he recommends talking to the people across the street about it before doing anything.

Solicitor – No Report

Borough Manager

- A. Fall Pennsylvania State Association of Borough's (PSAB) Conference - Erie** – Manager Dana Rooney stated PSAB released that they are having their Fall Leadership Conference this year. Manager Dana Rooney stated it is October 8th through the 10th which is Friday through Sunday, and if anyone is interested in attending, they should let her know so we can get them turned in for the early bird registration which is before September 20th.
- B. 2022 Police Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO)** – Manager Dana Rooney stated next is the 2022 Police Pension MMO which is the Minimum Municipal Obligation. Manager Dana Rooney stated we get this from the actuaries every year, and if you compare 2021's to 2022's it actually went down roughly eight thousand dollars, and that is because of some new hires coming in at the lower rate. Manager Dana Rooney stated we would need a motion to approve the MMO for the Police Department pension for 2022. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley made a motion to approve the MMO for the Police Department for 2022 in the amount of \$70,515.00 as presented; seconded by Vice-President Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 5-0.
- C. Public Works Trailer** – Manager Dana Rooney stated Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades has purchased a new trailer which is slightly bigger, and it was a great deal. Manager Dana Rooney stated at this point, we are looking for approval to sell our current trailer which is not very old, so we should get a break-even price from what we bought the new one for, for what we should be able to sell this for. Manager Dana Rooney stated brand new they are roughly three hundred dollars apart. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley asked how big the new trailer is. Manager Dana Rooney stated the new trailer is three feet longer and roughly a foot wider. Vice-President Karen Allgeier made a motion to give Manager Dana Rooney approval to advertise the old trailer to sell it; seconded by Second Vice-President Randy Bartley. Motion carried 5-0.
- D. Executive Session – Real Estate** – Manager Dana Rooney requested an executive session for real estate with no action expected.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION:

- A. Alex Nelson – Church Street Property** – Reporter Alex Nelson asked for an update on what is happening with the property on Church Street. Manager Dana Rooney stated it is just sitting there right now. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated we are waiting for the guy to come haul the garbage off. Manager Dana Rooney stated we are keeping it mowed.
- B. Justin Felgar – PennDOT Meeting about I-80 Tolling** – Reporter Justin Felgar stated he was at the Brookville School Board meeting last night and it was brought up that PennDOT had a meeting at Hickory Grove about the new

tolling on I-80. Justin Felgar asked if Council had any comment on that. Manager Dana Rooney stated that meeting specifically was to kind of give your stakeholders an idea, and to talk to some of the stakeholders in the community, to see what the effects tolling would have on the town. Manager Dana Rooney stated the Borough was well represented; she went to the meeting along with Police Chief Vince Markle and Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades. Manager Dana Rooney stated we all expressed our concerns that tolling on I-80 would have in our little town. Manager Dana Rooney stated out of all the bridges that they are looking to toll, Brookville has the shortest diversion route around the bridge, so theoretically if you want to avoid that toll, you can hop off, come through Brookville, and hop back on. Manager Dana Rooney stated several months ago, we discussed this publicly at a meeting and agreed to write a letter to the local representatives, commissioners, and senators that we were against tolling, especially with the deviation route being so short that we really are not sure we can handle all that excess traffic in a safe manner. President Phil Hynes stated if they were to toll, he is still in favor of trying to press them to give us a percentage of that since we maintain emergency services on that area.

- C. **Member David Taylor - Request for Proposals (RFP's)** – Member David Taylor asked how many Request for Proposal's (RFP's) the Borough received for the master site plans for Longview Park and Main Street Streetscape Project that are due August 15th. Manager Dana Rooney stated she did not do an exact count, but it is six or seven. Manager Dana Rooney stated she was just going to get scheduled with the committee, get those proposals out to the committee, and touch base with the committee for the Main Street Project and give them those proposals. Manager Dana Rooney stated after they have had some time to review it, we will set up a date to come all together set up a meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Brookville Borough Council entered an executive session at 7:22 P.M. to discuss a real estate matter with no action expected. Executive session ended at 7:47 P.M. with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Lucy Ames. Motion carried 5-0 at 7:47 P.M.

Borough Manager

