

MINUTES
BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday June 7, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 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	Arthur McKinley
Phil Hynes	Police Chief Vince Markle	Justin Felgar
Karen Allgeier	Fire Chief Chris Henry	Larry Pearsall
Randy Bartley	Public Works Director -	Bob Lewis
David Taylor	Jonathan Rhoades	
Lucy Ames	Code Enforcement Officer -	
Sarah Gallagher	Vince Markle	
	Recorder Christine Gunning	
	Solicitor Jim Dennison	

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:

Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve the minutes of the May 3rd meeting as submitted; seconded by Member Sarah Gallagher. Motion carried 6-0.

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 we got from Dartonya Manufacturing. Manager Dana Rooney stated they do some small parts for us. Member David Taylor asked what about J&J Feeds and Needs. Manager Dana Rooney stated that was for a battery purchase. Vice-President Karen Allgeier moved to approve May 17, 2022 and June 7, 2022 accounts payable as submitted; seconded by Member David Taylor. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. Fund Level Financial Statements** – President Phil Hynes stated you have the Fund Level Financial Statement Summary, and if there are any questions, we are here to answer them.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Larry Pearsall – Zoning Letter Received** – Larry Pearsall stated he has a couple of questions. Larry Pearsall stated the new Zoning Officer sent him a letter a few weeks ago, and he called the Borough Office to request the things that should have been included with that letter, and also it said he could request a hearing on that. Manager Dana Rooney stated Larry, you left it that you were going to pick

those papers up in the office. Manager Dana Rooney stated they are waiting for you in the office. Larry Pearsall stated nobody ever called to say that they were ready. Manager Dana Rooney stated I will grab them for you right now. Larry Pearsall stated o.k. please do. Larry Pearsall served certain Members of Council with subpoenas, and Solicitor Jim Dennison stated Larry, get back to the podium. Larry Pearsall stated he does not advise you to skip on the judge part of it this time. President Phil Hynes stated no one skipped on you. Police Chief Vince Markle stated Larry say what you need to say and get moving. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated say what you need to say and be done. After some discussion, Larry Pearsall stated he owned the Radio Shack property since 1976. Larry Pearsall stated he met with the previous Zoning Officers, and he never had a fine or been bothered until Manager Dana Rooney and Code Enforcement Officer Vince Markle. Larry Pearsall stated for forty-two years he had cars stored there. After some discussion, Larry Pearsall stated all he is asking for is fair treatment. Manager Dana Rooney stated if you have a problem with code enforcement, your right to action is taken in front of Greg Bazylak, not Brookville Borough Council. Manager Dana Rooney stated for the zoning letter you just received, you can go to the Zoning Hearing Board. Manager Dana Rooney stated they are two separate issues. After some discussion, President Phil Hynes stated you have had your five minutes.

B. Arthur McKinley – Greenberg Cadillac Museum/Truck Traffic – Arthur McKinley stated he is here on his own and also as a liaison for the Brookville Chamber of Commerce. Arthur McKinley stated the Brookville Chamber of Commerce is having its annual business leadership luncheon this Friday, and details are on the Brookville Chamber of Commerce's website. Arthur McKinley stated the Brookville Chamber of Commerce partnered with the Greenberg Cadillac Museum this year, and will be helping to promote that event which is happening one weekend a month in June, July, August, and September. Arthur McKinley stated it is the largest collection of Cadillacs in the world, right here in Brookville. Arthur McKinley stated the reason he is here specifically tonight is because we are under attack. Arthur McKinley stated he supposes Council has discussed the truck traffic through our town. Arthur McKinley stated this truck traffic at all hours of the day and night is unsupportable. Arthur McKinley stated at his property he witnessed several accidents, and has had multiple trucks on his property, passing through his property, and ending up with wreckage on his property. Arthur McKinley stated PennDOT's solution is to divert traffic through Brookville. Arthur McKinley stated he thinks the local and county government need to get more involved, and to come up with recommendations to coordinate better with PennDOT. Arthur McKinley stated we could have two lanes of traffic by using the breakdown lane. Arthur McKinley stated we also need a strategy to keep Google and Yahoo Maps from sending traffic through our downtown. Arthur McKinley stated it is a serious problem, so thank you for listening to me. President Phil Hynes thanked Arthur McKinley.

REPORTS:

Chief of Police

- A. Sedan** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated he is asking permission from Council to advertise to sell their sedan. Vice-President Karen Allgeier made a motion to allow Police Chief Vince Markle to put the sedan up for sale with whatever he determines will be a good minimum for the bids; seconded by Member David Taylor. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. Executive Session** – Police Chief Vince Markle requested an executive session for a personnel matter with no action expected.
- C. Statistics for May** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated in May the Brookville Police Department had 171 calls for service, wrote 137 citations, 126 warnings, and 226 parking tickets. Police Chief Vince Markle stated there were 9 misdemeanors, 10 summaries, 2 302 commitments, and 9 PoliceOne trainings.
- D. Officer of the Month** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated Mickey Stormer was Officer of the Month.
- E. Activities/Training/Events** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated we escorted the candidate for governor Doug Mastriano, participated in the Brookville High School senior parade, and had four officers attend a two-day ACT One AD in service training for providing security for graduation. Police Chief Vince Markle stated we had a really sad call a few weeks ago. Police Chief Vince Markle stated a young man jumped off the I-80 bridge, and he cannot commend his officers, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and everyone enough. Police Chief Vince Markle stated they saved that individual's life. Police Chief Vince Markle stated they were down over that steep mountain very fast to keep that individual from drowning. Police Chief Vince Markle stated it was a commendable miracle and everybody worked together. Police Chief Vince Markle stated we had state police, fire department, EMS, and high school personnel. Police Chief Vince Markle stated it is a very awesome thing that a small community can come together that fast. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley asked in light of the tragedy in Texas, could you recap the steps that the Borough and the school district take to secure the schools. Police Chief Vince Markle stated we all have policy and procedure. Police Chief Vince Markle stated the school has policy and procedure. Police Chief Vince Markle stated our police department had numerous trainings, active shooter drills with different businesses in town, and shooting tactics in close quarters. Police Chief Vince Markle stated they are also equipped and carry duty bags because once we get there, we get the threat taken care of, and we have to render first aid because we might have an ambulance that is a half hour away. Police Chief Vince Markle stated we have go bags in our car that have up to ten tourniquets in them. Police Chief Vince Markle stated we have gone over force-on-force, which is the way you get through to your officers. Police Chief Vince Markle stated you can watch a video, but until you actually get someone in that situation, and get them under stress, you see how they react, and not everybody is cut out to react to it. Police Chief Vince Markle stated the day you pin this badge on, you are willing to give your life, and you are willing to neutralize the threat. Police Chief Vince Markle stated he has gone to active shooter trainings where they have their

armored vehicles and SWAT teams. Police Chief Vince Markle stated Brookville does not have that. Police Chief Vince Markle stated that is two to four hours away. Police Chief Vince Markle stated we teach one to three officer responses. Police Chief Vince Markle stated you have to train your people to have the right mindset, and be prepared for this type of call. Police Chief Vince Markle stated that is what we have been doing over the years with our physical fitness, Simunition trainings, and we sit and discuss things. Police Chief Vince Markle stated our active shooter gear is whatever we have readily available. Police Chief Vince Markle stated when the first officer gets there, it determines if we have nineteen dead or none. Police Chief Vince Markle stated he is very, very proud of the staff that we have, and you should be very happy with the police department you have also because most departments do not have those kind of guys. Police Chief Vince Markle stated he wants the community to know that our policy is not to stand around and listen and watch. Police Chief Vince Markle stated our policy is we either arrest somebody or kill somebody, and he is not saying that is right or wrong, that is just how our community will do it. President Phil Hynes asked do you feel you have adequate communications equipment? Police Chief Vince Markle stated we do amongst ourselves. Police Chief Vince Markle stated the problem is with the state police, they can talk on their radio frequency, and we were on ours. Police Chief Vince Markle stated the state police can turn to ours, but we cannot turn to theirs. Member David Taylor asked are all the doors at the schools always locked? Police Chief Vince Markle stated yes. Member David Taylor stated he hopes we all realize how lucky we are to have the police department that we have. Police Chief Vince Markle stated we have an outstanding group of guys, and there is not one of them that would not be busting through that door. Police Chief Vince Markle stated it would probably be a race to stop the threat. President Phil Hynes thanked Police Chief Vince Markle for a fine report.

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

Public Works – Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades stated we worked with PennDOT, and they helped us get East and West Main Street cleaned up. Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades stated PennDOT flagged for us while we swept and bermed it, however they said they would be back after July to do a better job of berming. Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades stated they are getting the roads prepped for paving. Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades stated IA donated some millings that we can use for shoulder backings.

Code Enforcement – Code Enforcement Officer Vince Markle read his written report (attached).

Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

1. Change Order Request – Main Street Stormwater – Finance

Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated the committee met to discuss a

change order to the Main Street water project. Finance Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated normally when we do water projects, and we have a chance to piggyback on those water projects to provide new storm drains, etcetera, we go ahead and get the cost to do that. Finance Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated Terra Works, who is doing the work for the Brookville Municipal Authority on the water, gave us a bid of \$51,590.00 to do the storm water drains which coincide with the Main Street water project. Finance Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated the Finance Committee discussed it, and they are bringing forward that we would like to have this approved by full Council, so that when they start their project, this project can go right along with it. Finance Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated this is coming from committee, so we do not need a second, and this is a motion to approve this change order request. President Phil Hynes asked if there were any questions. Member David Taylor asked is this coming from American Rescue Funds, or is this out of the budget? Finance Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated it is out of the American Rescue Funds. 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 6-0.

B. Storm Water Committee

1. **Fetzer Street Grant** – Storm Water Committee Member Sarah Gallagher stated we are very happy to announce that we have received a grant to do a project on Fetzer Street that will add inlets and stone to help redirect some of the storm water. Storm Water Committee Member Sarah Gallagher it is roughly a twelve-thousand-dollar grant. Member David Taylor asked where did that come from. Manager Dana Rooney stated the Conservation District.

Solicitor – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he revised the agreement with the Redbank Valley Trail Association. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he has a couple of things to discuss in executive session with no action.

Borough Manager

- A. **Brookville Municipal Authority (BMA) Board Member** – Manager Dana Rooney stated at the last Brookville Municipal Authority Board meeting, Brad Miller announced he was retiring from the board, so with that the board made a recommendation to come to Brookville Borough Council for Jason Geer to fill Brad Miller's term which was set to expire in December of 2026. Vice-President Karen Allgeier made a motion to appoint Jason Geer to fill Brad Miller's position on the Brookville Municipal Authority Board; seconded by Member David Taylor. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. **County Liquid Fuel Request** – Manager Dana Rooney stated for the county liquid fuel request, the county receives liquid fuel money every year, and if the county has extra, the Municipalities can put in a request to receive some of those excess funds. Manager Dana Rooney stated we would like to put a

request in to get a wheel loader, mill mount, and a broom which would cost roughly \$170,000.00. Manager Dana Rooney stated she is just presenting this to Council as an option for some possible money, and if we choose to put a request in, we can. Manager Dana Rooney stated there is a grant loan program we can team this up with. Manager Dana Rooney stated she would not request more than ten thousand dollars. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley made a motion to request ten thousand dollars from the county from their excess liquid fuel money; seconded by Vice-President Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 6-0.

- C. **Roof Complex Grant/Loan** – Manager Dana Rooney stated the roof complex grant slash loan is a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Facilities Program, and as the title suggests, it is a loan and grant program. Manager Dana Rooney stated you have to contact USDA to see what your municipality is eligible for in the form of grants, and Brookville is eligible to receive thirty-five percent of the project in grants, with a maximum grant dollar amount of fifty thousand dollars. Manager Dana Rooney stated the rest would be a low interest loan. Manager Dana Rooney stated the Finance Committee discussed this, and we want to submit to the grant loan program a section of the roof which is the main section that runs down the hallway here. Manager Dana Rooney stated it is a great applicant for this grant/loan. Manager Dana Rooney stated the total project is coming in at approximately seventy-six thousand dollars, so we would be at the thirty-five percent grant, and the rest would be at a low interest rate loan. Vice-President Karen Allgeier made a motion to allow Manager Dana Rooney to apply for this grant/loan program through USDA as presented; seconded by Member Sarah Gallagher. Motion carried 6-0.

- D. **Suspension Bridge Grant Update** – Manager Dana Rooney stated several months ago we applied for a T-Mobile grant for the suspension bridge at Walter Dick Park. Manager Dana Rooney stated we did not get that grant. Manager Dana Rooney stated however she has been pointed to a Keystone Grant which opens July first and closes out in August. Manager Dana Rooney stated it is good for up to five hundred thousand dollars through the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) with a thirty percent match. Manager Dana Rooney stated you should see this come back to the agenda hopefully at the July meeting, and request formal permission to apply for that Keystone Grant for the suspension bridge.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

- A. **Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck thanked the people who came to the meeting tonight with their problems. Mayor Richard Beck stated they are all our problems. Mayor Richard Beck thanked Member Sarah Gallagher for getting PennDOT to go along with fixing some of our traffic problems.

- B. Member Sarah Gallagher** – Member Sarah Gallagher stated PennDOT put a plan in place for us, and will give us six sign boards all along Interstate 80 that say for truck traffic to stay on. Member Sarah Gallagher stated they will input our closures into Google Maps early so it will register into the app program, so they will not be rerouted through Brookville, and they assured her that they are not concerned about these closures. Member Sarah Gallagher stated the Laurel Festival Board has trimmed down the closures to the minimum, and actually got rid of some closures. Member Sarah Gallagher stated we do have some backup plans in place, and ability to open earlier if we are finding that we are having problems. Member Sarah Gallagher stated we have been taking this very seriously, and if you have any questions about this to call her.
- C. Member David Taylor** – Member David Taylor stated he thinks the gas company did some patching on Pickering Street by the Methodist Church. Member David Taylor asked is that going to be put back with hot patch or cold patch? Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades stated hot patch. Member David Taylor stated Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades, well done at getting the drinking trough cleaned up on East Main Street. Member David Taylor asked if there is any kind of a nontoxic to people and animals treatment that we can put on that to keep the grass from growing back? Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades stated we will just keep trying to keep it trimmed up pretty good. Member David Taylor stated at the Borough conference a few weeks ago, he met the Pennsylvania Director of Rural Development for the United States Department of Agriculture. Member David Taylor stated he invited them, and they are coming to Brookville. Member David Taylor stated they are a great grant source. Member David Taylor stated he will take them on a walking tour around town after lunch on the 24th of June. Member David Taylor stated then he would like to invite Council to meet here at 2:30 P.M. and also include Police Chief Vince Markle, Fire Chief Chris Henry, and Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades because they do make grants for police departments and for fire companies.
- D. Member Lucy Ames** – Member Lucy Ames stated special thanks to Member Sarah Gallagher. Member Lucy Ames stated you have done a great job. Member Lucy Ames stated you are working with PennDOT, and that is fantastic. Member Lucy Ames stated thank you for all your work on the Laurel Festival. Member Lucy Ames stated Police Chief Vince Markle, what you said tonight almost brought me to tears. Member Lucy Ames stated she thinks we should all be very thankful for the police department that we have, and she thinks a lot is taken for granted. Member Lucy Ames thanked Police Chief Vince Markle, Fire Chief Chris Henry, Arthur McKinley, the press, and the folks that come to see us.
- E. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley** – Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated he really appreciates the training Police Chief Vince Markle puts his guys through. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated having served on the Laurel Board, he knows how much work goes into this every

year. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated this Council and the police are in constant contact with PennDOT. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated there are some things a small borough can do, and some things are just totally unrealistic. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated you are never going to regulate interstate traffic through Brookville Borough Council, all we can do is continue to do the best with the weapons we have at hand.

F. Vice-President Karen Allgeier – Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated ditto to everything that has already been said. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated the conference they just went to in Hershey was very enlightening. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated they talked about the census, and how it may be skewed due to COVID. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated we were stuck in our houses, and some people who normally turn in a census, did not understand how to do it online. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated there were talks on leadership, how to lead in our Borough, and be involved. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated volunteerism is down by ninety percent. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated the Laurel Festival is lucky they have a group of people who are willing to step up and do the work. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated it is amazing that the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company has twenty-nine volunteer firefighters. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated most volunteer fire companies out east have eight to twelve people in them. Vice-President Karen Allgeier thanked everyone for allowing her to go to the conference.

G. President Phil Hynes – President Phil Hynes stated at the conference, Brookville Borough was well represented by Member David Taylor and himself at the golf tournament. President Phil Hynes stated he and Member David Taylor won the golf tournament. President Phil Hynes stated Happy Laurel Festival, and asked the media if they had any questions.

MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION:

A. Justin Felgar – Brookville Police Department – Reporter Justin Felgar stated the Borough of Brookville has an outstanding Police Department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Brookville Borough Council entered an executive session at 8:05 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter with no action expected. Executive session ended at 8:32 P.M. with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Second Vice-President Randy Bartley moved to adjourn; seconded by Member David Taylor. Motion carried 6-0 at 8:32 P.M.

Borough Manager

