

**MINUTES**  
**BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, March 7, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.**

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mayor Richard Beck  
Karen Allgeier  
Randy Bartley  
Todd Gumphier  
David Taylor  
Lucy Ames  
Sarah Gallagher

**STAFF**

Manager Dana Rooney  
Police Chief Vince Markle  
Fire Chief Chris Henry  
President of the Brookville  
Volunteer Fire Company -  
Eric Sweitzer  
Code Enforcement Officer -  
Vince Markle  
Recorder Christine Gunning  
Solicitor Jim Dennison

**VISITOR/MEDIA**

Justin Felgar  
Alex Nelson  
Arthur McKinley  
Bob Lewis

**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:**

Member David Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting as submitted; seconded by Member Todd Gumphier. Motion carried 6-0.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

- A. Approval of Expenditures** – Member David Taylor moved to approve the accounts payables dated February 21<sup>st</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup> as submitted; seconded by Member Lucy Ames. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. Fund Level Financial Statements** – Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated you have the Fund Level Financial Statement Summary, and if you have questions, two-thirds of the Finance Committee and Manager Dana Rooney are here to answer them.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- A. Arthur McKinley – Pathways Project** – Arthur McKinley stated he was here in September of last year to talk about the Brookville Chamber of Commerce's Pathways Project, and was here for an update. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated we are going to establish a Pathways Committee that will be working with you on this project. Mrs. Allgeier stated the Pathways Committee will consist of President Phil Hynes, Member David Taylor, and Member Lucy Ames, so we will have a small group that will be putting the information together for the entire

Council. Mr. McKinley stated the Chamber of Commerce also planned a pet parade in May.

## **REPORTS:**

### **Chief of Police**

- A. Statistics** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated in February the Brookville Police Department had 111 calls for service, wrote 199 citations, 111 warnings, and 201 parking tickets. Police Chief Vince Markle stated there were 3 felonies, 15 misdemeanors, 1 drug arrest, 5 summaries, 1 302 committal, and 10 PoliceOne trainings.
- B. Officer of the Month** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated Officer Jaime Rinker was Officer of the Month.
- C. Executive Session** – Police Chief Vince Markle requested an executive session for personnel with action expected. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated we will have the executive session at the end of the meeting.

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

**Public Works** – Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades is under the weather and not with us this evening, so Manager Dana Rooney will give his report. Manager Dana Rooney stated the street crew is collecting data on the stormwater system, this month we are expecting our Army Corps inspection, and our salt supply is good.

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

### **Committee Reports**

#### **A. Finance Committee**

##### **1. Memorial Park Playground Equipment**

- a. Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grant (C2P2)** -- Finance Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated the committee met with Manager Dana Rooney in regards to various grants. Manager Dana Rooney stated the first grant is the C2P2 (Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grant) which we are partnering with Brookville Trail Hub Association to apply for, and we are also putting one in on our own for the suspension bridge at Walter Dick Park. Manager Rooney stated it has a fifty percent cash match. Manager Rooney stated a whole new bridge would cost six hundred thousand dollars, and the fifty percent match would be three hundred thousand dollars. Manager Rooney stated we are applying for two grants, so if we are awarded both of them, the money from the one will go towards the cash match for the other. Manager Dana Rooney stated the other grant is the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Grant which has a fifteen percent cash match. Manager Rooney stated the deadlines are April 5<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>. Member David Taylor made a

motion to approve applying for the C2P2 Grant with a fifty percent cash match of possibly three hundred thousand dollars; seconded by Second Vice-President Randy Bartley. Motion carried 6-0.

- b. **Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Grant** – Manager Dana Rooney stated the second grant is the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Grant. Manager Rooney stated it has a fifteen percent cash match, which would be thirty-seven thousand and five hundred dollars. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley made a motion to approve applying for the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Grant with a fifteen percent cash match of possibly thirty-seven thousand and five hundred dollars; seconded by Member Lucy Ames. Motion carried 6-0.
- c. **Anonymous Donation from a Private Donor** – Finance Committee Chair Karen Allgeier stated a private donor who wants to remain anonymous wants to donate one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars for the upgrade of the playground equipment at Memorial Park. Mrs. Allgeier stated to replace the playground equipment at Memorial Park it would cost one hundred seventy-eight thousand, and six hundred dollars. Manager Dana Rooney stated we would have to come up with the difference which is fifty-three thousand, and six hundred dollars. Manager Rooney stated the Finance Committee agreed to that, so we would like a motion to proceed with that if everybody is in agreement. Member Sarah Gallagher made a motion for the Borough to pledge fifty-three thousand, and six hundred dollars for the upgrade of the playground equipment at Memorial Park; seconded by Member Lucy Ames. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **Solicitor**

- A. **Ordinance for Grass and Leaves on Streets** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he did not do any more on that since the last meeting. Solicitor Dennison stated he has sample ordinances, but did not send them out.
- B. **Gary Hoffman – Trees** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated Gary Hoffman's concern about trees on Waterford Pike is really the adjoining property owner's issue. Solicitor Dennison stated he does not think it is an issue for the Borough to handle.

#### **Borough Manager**

- A. **Fire Tax Credit** – Manager Dana Rooney stated we had discussed in the past the Fire Tax Credit. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated the Public Safety Committee will work with the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company and come back to Council with a report.
- B. **Special Event Permit – Brookville Laurel Festival** – Manager Dana Rooney stated we have a special event permit for the Brookville Laurel Festival scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> which is primarily taking place on Main Street. Manager Rooney stated they provided a schedule of events, and are requesting multiple street closures throughout the event. Manager Rooney stated it has made its way through all the committee members and has formal

approval, so we just need Council's approval. Member Sarah Gallagher made a motion to approve the special event permit for the Brookville Laurel Festival as presented; seconded by Member Lucy Ames. Motion carried 6-0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Brookville Borough Council entered an executive session at 7:40 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter with action expected. Executive session ended at 7:53 P.M. with the following action taken:

Personnel Committee Chair Lucy Ames made a motion from committee to hire Steve Mazik as a part-time Officer contingent on his passing the Act 127. Vice-President Karen Allgeier stated since this motion is coming from committee, no second is needed, and asked all Council Members in favor of this motion to say 'aye'. Motion carried 6-0.

**ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:**

- A. **Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck stated last Friday he went to the Laurel Eye Clinic for their fiftieth anniversary. Mayor Beck stated they wanted him to do a confirmation and present a plaque.
- B. **Member Sarah Gallagher** – Member Sarah Gallagher stated she is very excited about the playground. Mrs. Gallagher stated she is glad that someone came forward with the donation, and that there will be safe equipment the kids can play on.
- C. **Member Lucy Ames** – Member Lucy Ames thanked Police Chief Vince Markle and Fire Chief Chris Henry for everything they do, and stated she hopes Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades is feeling better soon.
- D. **Member Todd Gumpher** – Member Todd Gumpher thanked Police Chief Vince Markle, Fire Chief Chris Henry, and Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades for the great jobs they do. Mr. Gumpher thanked the anonymous donor for the playground equipment, and stated his kids will benefit from it.
- E. **Vice-President Karen Allgeier** - Vice-President Karen Allgeier thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight. Mrs. Allgeier thanked Police Chief Vince Markle, Fire Chief Chris Henry, and Brookville Volunteer Fire Company President Eric Sweitzer for everything they do. Mrs. Allgeier asked the media if they had any questions.

**MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION:**

- A. **Justin Felgar – Fire Tax Credit** – Reporter Justin Felgar asked if the Fire Tax Credit would help the EMS (Emergency Medical Services) crisis. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated it does not involve the ambulance company at all, only firemen.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Second Vice-President Randy Bartley moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Todd Gumphier. Motion carried 6-0 at 8:05 P.M.

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Borough Manager