

MINUTES
BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, October 3, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Richard Beck
Phil Hynes
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
Public Works Director -
Jonathan Rhoades
Code Enforcement Officer –
Vince Markle
Recorder Christine Gunning
Solicitor Jim Dennison –
arrived at 7:14 P.M.

VISITOR/MEDIA

Justin Felgar
Bob Lewis
Gary and Rita Kahle

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:

Member David Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the September 5th meeting as submitted; seconded by Second Vice-President Randy Bartley. Motion carried 6-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- A. Approval of Expenditures** – Member David Taylor moved to approve the accounts payables for September 22nd and October 3rd as submitted; seconded by Member Lucy Ames. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. Fund Level Financial Statements** – President Phil Hynes stated you have the Fund Level Financial Statement Summary, and if you have questions, the appropriate people are here.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Gary and Rita Kahle – Water Problem** – Gary Kahle stated he was there to talk about a continual water problem he has at his property on Clark Street. Mr. Kahle stated when we get a severe rain, it floods over, comes across the driveway, and takes large stones from the driveway down the road from his home. Mr. Kahle asked Council what they are going to do to resolve this problem. Mr. Kahle

stated from what he understands, you are looking at the culverts over by the trailer court, and replacing them in possibly the next three years, is that correct?

Manager Dana Rooney stated yes. Manager Rooney stated we have an agreement that says we have to address it in the next three years, but it is financial as to why it is not being done sooner. Manager Rooney stated it is approximately a six hundred thousand dollar project. Mr. Kahle asked until it is fixed, do we have to absorb all this? President Phil Hynes stated unfortunately, yes. President Hynes stated we are under the three-year time frame to get this done.

REPORTS:

Chief of Police

- A. **Statistics** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated in September the Brookville Police Department had 121 calls for service, wrote 120 citations, 59 warnings, and 242 parking tickets. Police Chief Markle stated there were 41 misdemeanors, 3 drug arrests, 11 summaries, and 9 felonies.
- B. **Comments** – Police Chief Vince Markle stated they solved one of their drug deliveries resulting in death. Chief Markle stated those individuals were put in prison last week for criminal conspiracy. Chief Markle stated his guys did a good job working with the District Attorney's Office on that one. Chief Markle stated also, the guys did a great job on a financial issue where an adult took two hundred thousand dollars from an individual, and they were able to go back through the bank accounts, and make an arrest. President Phil Hynes thanked Chief Markle for his help in dealing with an incident of vandalism on the Redbank Valley Trail. Mr. Hynes stated an ATV (all-terrain vehicle) ran into the birdman statue. Mr. Hynes stated Chief Markle found a suspect, and charges are pending.

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

Public Works - Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades stated the Valley Street Project has been completed that Terra Works did for us. Mr. Rhoades stated we received another LDR Grant through the Conservation District for Rose Siding stormwater, and they actually did already complete it too. Mr. Rhoades stated leaf pickup will take place October 25th through November 10th weather permitting. Mr. Rhoades stated the gas company is all wrapped up with most of their projects, like South Pickering, Hunts Alley, and Oak Street. Mr. Rhoades stated they are going to start working on Barnett Street and Sayer Street.

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

Zoning Officer – President Phil Hynes read Zoning Officer Joe Kelsch's written report (attached).

Committee Reports - None

Solicitor

- A. **Fire Tax Credit** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he is still working on the Fire Tax Credit.

Borough Manager

- A. **New Address Request** – Manager Dana Rooney stated we received a request from the county and the property owner for a new address at the end of June. Manager Rooney stated it is currently addressed as 104 Mabon Street, and the request is to change it to 104 Mabon Street, apartment one and 104 Mabon Street, apartment two. Manager Rooney asked Solicitor Jim Dennison if he heard any updates on this. Solicitor Dennison stated he is still discussing this with Zoning Officer Joe Kelsch. Manager Rooney stated okay, we will carry it over to the next meeting.
- B. **Cash Transfer(s)** – Manager Dana Rooney stated she needs to do a cash transfer for the Liquid Fuels Account. Manager Rooney stated we need to move twenty thousand dollars from the PLGIT Account to the S&T Bank Account. Member David Taylor made a motion to approve transferring for the Liquid Fuels Account twenty thousand dollars from the PLGIT Account to the S&T Bank Account; seconded by Member Sarah Gallagher. Motion carried 6-0.
- C. **Resolution 598-23 – Police Officers’ Contributions to Police Pension Plan** – Manager Dana Rooney stated next we have Resolution 598-23 for reducing the Police Officers’ contributions to their pension. Manager Rooney stated their pension fund is okay right now, so we would like to set that at the minimum, which is one point zero three percent for the year 2024. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley made a motion to approve Resolution 598-23, setting the Police Officers’ contributions to their pension at one point zero three percent for the year 2024; seconded by Member Sarah Gallagher. Motion carried 6-0.
- D. **Resolution 599-23 – Local Shares Grant – Street Sweeper** – Manager Dana Rooney stated the next two resolutions are under a Local Shares Grant. Manager Rooney stated no cash match is required, only nonrefundable one hundred dollar application fees. Manager Rooney stated the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) administers it, and the deadline is November 30, 2023. Manager Rooney stated we would like to submit for a new street sweeper for \$282,223.00, which is Resolution 599-23. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley made a motion to approve Resolution 599-23 to submit for a new street sweeper for \$282,223.00; seconded by Member David Taylor. Motion carried 6-0.
- E. **Resolution 600-23 – Local Shares Grant – Leaf Truck** – Manager Dana Rooney stated we would also like to submit for a new leaf truck for \$254,528.33, which is Resolution 600-23. Member Lucy Ames made a motion to approve Resolution 600-23 to submit for a new leaf truck for \$254,528.33; seconded by Member Todd Gumpher. Motion carried 6-0.
- F. **Special Event Permit – Pumpkin Roll 2023** – Manager Dana Rooney stated we have a Special Event Permit for the Pumpkin Roll which is scheduled for

Sunday, November 5th at 1:00 P.M. at the top of Pickering Street. Manager Rooney stated the departments have all approved it. Member Sarah Gallagher made a motion to approve the Special Event Permit for the Pumpkin Roll as presented; seconded by Member Lucy Ames. Motion carried 6-0.

- G. Executive Session – Personnel** – Manager Dana Rooney requested an executive session for a personnel matter with no action expected. President Phil Hynes stated we will have the executive session at the end of the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

- A. Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck stated it is nice to see Gary and Rita Kahle here tonight, and we appreciate you coming.
- B. Member Sarah Gallagher** – Member Sarah Gallagher stated she echoes what Mayor Beck said. Mrs. Gallagher stated we are working on it.
- C. Member David Taylor** – Member David Taylor stated he understands we got the inspection report from the Corps of Engineers for flood control, and Council should probably hear about that at some point. Manager Dana Rooney stated she will scan it and send it out to everybody.
- D. Member Lucy Ames** – Member Lucy Ames thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, and stated thanks to our fellows as always.
- E. Second Vice-President Randy Bartley** – Second Vice-President Randy Bartley stated he took a tour with Public Works Director Jonathan Rhoades of some of the low points and washed-out points in the Borough. Mr. Bartley stated the whole town is built on hills, and everything flows downhill, and sometimes at great speed. Mr. Bartley stated he saw how it pushed out the big steel grate on Allenbaugh Run, and it is just amazing the force the water has. Also, Mr. Bartley stated he does not think that people understand, Chief Markle, the investigation that goes into a drug death like that, and the conspiracy aspect is extremely hard to prove. Mr. Bartley congratulated Police Chief Vince Markle and his guys for doing a great job.
- F. President Phil Hynes** – President Phil Hynes stated it is such a beautiful night out. Mr. Hynes stated it is one of those days where it is nice to walk down Main Street and see what a nice town we have in the fall. Mr. Hynes asked the media if they had any questions.

MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Brookville Borough Council entered an executive session at 7:27 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter with no action expected. Executive session ended at 8:18 P.M. with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Second Vice-President Randy Bartley moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Todd Gumphier. Motion carried 6-0 at 8:18 P.M.

Borough Manager