

**MINUTES**  
**BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, October 21, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.**

The Brookville Borough Council met in the conference room on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

John Blazosky  
Phil Hynes  
Karen Allgeier  
Bill Kutz  
David Ferring  
Steve Hoak  
Clarinda R. Darr

**STAFF**

Manager Dana Shick  
Mayor Richard Beck  
Superintendent Bob Receski  
Police Chief Jason Brown  
Solicitor Jim Dennison  
Recorder Christine Gunning

**VISITOR/MEDIA**

Judi Anthony  
Matt Triponey  
John Pozza  
Jack DeMotte  
David Neill

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Blazosky called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

- 1. Approval of Expenditures** – The current bills were presented for approval. Manager Shick had one addition; to reimburse Phil Hynes \$462.38 for costs he incurred while attending the PSAB Fall Conference. Member Hoak moved to approve the bills as amended; seconded by President Pro-Tem Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0
- 2. Fund Level Financial Statement(s)** – President Blazosky stated Vice-President Hynes could answer any questions about the Fund Level Financial Statements.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- 1. David Neill and Jack DeMotte – HBI – Alley by Courthouse Reclassification**  
Mr. David Neill from HBI stated HBI is asking for reclassification of the alley beside the Courthouse. Mr. Neill stated they are in the process of finalizing the design. Solicitor Dennison stated he thinks the alley should be kept a public way, just pedestrian only. Mr. Neill reported there will be removable ballards to prevent cars from entering the alley. Mr. Neill stated these ballards can be removed for emergency vehicles to enter the alley. Mr. Neill reported the walkway will be twenty feet wide. President Pro-Tem Allgeier moved to direct the Solicitor to provide the necessary ordinance for the reclassification of the alley by the Courthouse to benefit the downtown park; seconded by Member Ferring. Motion carried 7-0.

## **REPORTS:**

### **Police Chief**

1. **Bomb Scares at the Brookville Junior/Senior High School** – Chief Brown stated there were bomb scares at the Brookville Junior/Senior High School yesterday and Friday. Chief Brown reported the bomb scare on Friday went flawlessly, and there was little evidence of a suspect. Chief Brown reported that the bomb scare that took place yesterday was caused by a juvenile who wrote the threat on a restroom wall. Chief Brown reported, with the cooperation of the Brookville School District, the juvenile was arrested and charged with terroristic threats, institutional vandalism, criminal mischief, and disorderly conduct. Chief Brown stated they will also seek restitution for all costs incurred by the school district and emergency personnel responding to the threat. Chief Brown stated that two culprits have been charged for two of the three bomb threats that have taken place this year at the Brookville Junior/Senior High School. Chief Brown invited parents and interested members of the community to attend an informational session on how to handle bomb threats Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Brookville Junior/Senior High School library.

### **Fire Chief - No Report**

**Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Receski said if anyone had questions regarding his written Superintendent's Report, he would be glad to answer them. Superintendent Receski reported the Pickering Street paving project had numerous setbacks due to the weather. Superintendent Receski publicly apologized to the residents of South Pickering Street for the inconvenience. Superintendent Receski stated the residents of South Pickering Street have been very cooperative. Superintendent Receski reported they will attempt to pave South Pickering Street this week.

### **Zoning and Code Enforcement – No Report**

### **Solicitor – No Report**

### **Committee Reports**

#### **A. Community Resources**

1. **Pennsylvania State Boroughs Association Fall Conference** – Community Resources Committee Chair Clarinda R. Darr thanked Council for letting her attend the Pennsylvania State Boroughs Association Fall Conference.
2. **Grant Update** – Community Resources Committee Chair Clarinda R. Darr reported DCNR posted the awards on Friday, and Brookville Borough was awarded a \$15,000.00 matching grant to write a master site development plan for the Walter Dick Memorial Park.

## **Borough Manager**

1. **Walter Dick Endowment Trust Compliance** – Manager Shick reported she has not heard back from anybody regarding potential candidates for the new accountant for the Walter Dick Endowment, so she will put this item on the agenda for the next Borough Council meeting on November 4, 2014.
2. **Wells Fargo – House Donation** – Manager Shick reported that Wells Fargo wants to donate 73 South Pickering Street in Brookville to the Borough, and they need to know if the Borough will accept their donation or not. Member Hoak moved that the Borough accept the property as a donation and allow Manager Shick and Solicitor Dennison to negotiate a contract; seconded by Member Ferringer. Motion carried 7-0.
3. **Renting the Dining Room** – Manager Shick asked Council if they wanted to continue to rent the dining room to the general public, even though it doesn't seem to be profitable. Member Ferringer moved not to rent the dining room to the general public, just tenants in the building, effective immediately; seconded by President Pro-Tem Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.
4. **Rebecca M. Arthurs Memorial Library – Fund Request** – Manager Shick reported the Rebecca M. Arthurs Memorial Library would like their funds as soon as possible. President Blazosky stated the Library will be paid as usual the budgeted amount of \$16,425.00.
5. **Executive Session** – Manager Shick requested an Executive Session for personnel issues with action expected.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Response to Editorial in Jeffersonian Democrat Regarding Depot Street** – Vice-President Hynes stated he would like to respond to the editorial in the Jeffersonian Democrat regarding Depot Street. Vice-President Hynes stated there is a lot of misinformation going around regarding the fund transfer of \$100,000.00 from our reserves to the street budget that took place at the July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Vice-President Hynes stated this was only a transfer of funds into our budget, and there were no expenditures paid out. Vice-President Hynes stated, when Judi Anthony asked Council for a specific figure on how much of that \$100,000.00 would be spent on Depot Street and how much of it would be spent on street repairs, he gave her the correct information. Vice-President Hynes stated we don't have a designated amount for any of these projects. Vice-President Hynes reported there has been a long delay on the Depot Street Project due to the fact that the engineering firm for this project, Senate Engineering, was extremely busy at that time and could not get us the plans that we needed, so we cancelled the bids. Vice-President Hynes stated we should have those plans from the engineer next week, and we will send out bids again. Vice-President Hynes stated when the bids come back in, we will know what the project costs, we will inform the public, and vote on it in an open session. Vice-President Hynes stated we want to answer all questions regarding this so that people are aware that we are being responsible with funds. Vice-President Hynes stated the Depot Street Project might cost around \$40,000.00, if it goes over that, we will look into grants and private funding, and we won't commit the Borough to a huge project it cannot afford.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMENTS:**

1. **Member Darr** – Member Darr stated there is a new counselling service business on Pickering Street in Brookville. Member Darr asked everyone to notice the Halloween paintings on the store-front windows downtown.
2. **Member Hoak** – Member Hoak reminded everyone the Halloween Parade starts at 5:30 p.m. on October 31<sup>st</sup> and ends at the fire station. Member Hoak reminded everyone Sweeney Todd is being performed at the Marlin Opera House.
3. **Member Kutz** – Member Kutz told Police Chief Brown to keep up the good work.
4. **President Pro-Tem Allgeier** – President Pro-Tem Allgeier thanked the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company and the Brookville Police Department in their work dealing with the bomb scares at the Brookville Junior/Senior High School. President Pro-Tem Allgeier asked everyone to remember former Council Member Randy Mumford's wife who passed away from cancer over the weekend. President Pro-Tem Allgeier stated the PSAB conference in Gettysburg was very topical. President Pro-Tem Allgeier thanked Jack DeMotte and H.B.I. for their work on the park. President Pro-Tem Allgeier reminded everyone that the annual United Fund Auction is taking place on Saturday, November 8, 2014.
5. **Vice-President Hynes** – Vice-President Hynes thanked Council for letting him attend the PSAB conference in Gettysburg. Vice-President Hynes stated 180 runners signed up for a run on the Redbank Valley Trail this Saturday.
6. **President Blazosky** – President Blazosky thanked Chief Brown for doing an awesome job.

**MEDIA QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/CLARIFICATION:**

Matthew Triponey, a reporter from the Punxsutawney Spirit and Jefferson County Neighbors, asked Police Chief Brown what the juvenile they arrested for the October 3<sup>rd</sup> bomb threat was charged with. Chief Brown stated the juvenile was charged with the same thing which is terroristic threats, institutional vandalism, criminal mischief, and disorderly conduct.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council entered Executive Session at 7:41 p.m. to discuss personnel matters with action expected. Executive Session ended at 7:57 p.m. with the following action taken:

1. **Healthcare for Uniform and Non-Uniform Employees** – President Pro-Tem Allgeier moved to permit Borough Manager Shick to meet with the uniform and non-uniform members of the Borough unions at their request to discuss a change in healthcare, and a change in insurance companies, and to approve the switch to U.P.M.C. pending the final approval of the two bargaining units; seconded by Member Hoak. Motion carried 7-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President Pro-Tem Allgeier moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.; seconded by Member Ferringer. Motion carried 7-0.

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Borough Manager