

MINUTES
BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, January 4, 2016 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

John Blazosky
Phil Hynes – via phone
Karen Allgeier
David Ferringier
Bill Kutz
Steve Hoak
Clarinda R. Darr
Danielle VanSteenberg

STAFF

Manager Dana D. Shick
Mayor Richard Beck
Police Chief Jason Brown
Director of Public Works
Dave Vallosio
Solicitor Jim Dennison
Recorder Christine Gunning

VISITOR/MEDIA

Randy Bartley
Matt Triponey
John Pozza
Barb Blazosky
Barbara VanSteenberg
Hope Foulk
Frank Foulk

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Richard Beck called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

A. Election of Officers – Mayor Richard Beck Presides

1. **President of Council** – Mayor Richard Beck called for nominations for President of Brookville Borough Council. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated nominations do not need a second. Member Bill Kutz nominated Member John Blazosky as President. Mayor Richard Beck asked that all those in favor signify by saying aye. Mayor Richard Beck asked for a roll call vote because the response was too weak. Member Steve Hoak voted nay, Member John Blazosky voted yes, Member Clarinda R. Darr voted nay, Member Karen Allgeier voted nay, Member David Ferringier voted yea, Member Bill Kutz voted yes, Member Phil Hynes voted yes. The motion to nominate Member John Blazosky for President of Council carried 4-3.
2. **Vice-President of Council** – Mayor Richard Beck stated he will accept nominations for Vice-President of Brookville Borough Council.
 - a. **Member Steve Hoak** - Member Clarinda R. Darr nominated Member Steve Hoak as Vice-President of Brookville Borough Council. Mayor Richard Beck asked that all those in favor signify by saying aye. Mayor Richard Beck asked Council for a roll call vote since the response was too weak. Member Steve Hoak voted yea, Member John Blazosky voted no, Member Clarinda R. Darr voted yea, Member Karen Allgeier voted yea, Member David Ferringier voted nay, Member Bill Kutz voted no, Member Phil Hynes voted no. Motion failed 4-3. Mayor Richard Beck called for another nomination for Vice-President of Brookville Borough Council.

- b. **Member Phil Hynes** – President John Blazosky nominated Member Phil Hynes for Vice-President of Brookville Borough Council. Mayor Richard Beck asked that all those in favor signify by saying aye. Mayor Richard Beck asked for a roll call vote since the response was too weak. Member Steve Hoak voted yea, President John Blazosky voted yes, Member Clarinda R. Darr voted nay, Member Karen Allgeier voted nay, Member David Ferringier voted yes, Member Bill Kutz voted yes, and Member Phil Hynes voted yes. The motion to nominate Member Phil Hynes for Vice-President of Brookville Borough Council carried 5-2.

3. **President Pro-Tem of Council** –

- a. **Member Karen Allgeier** - Mayor Richard Beck asked for nominations for President Pro-Tem of Brookville Borough Council. Member Clarinda R. Darr nominated Member Karen Allgeier as President Pro-Tem of Brookville Borough Council. Mayor Richard Beck asked that all those in favor signify by saying aye. Mayor Richard Beck asked Council for a roll call vote since the response was too weak. Member Steve Hoak voted yes, President John Blazosky voted no, Member Clarinda R. Darr voted yes, Member Karen Allgeier voted yes, Member David Ferringier voted no, Member Bill Kutz voted no, and Vice-President Phil Hynes voted no. Motion failed 4-3.
- b. **Member Bill Kutz** – Mayor Richard Beck asked for a second nomination for President Pro-Tem of Brookville Borough Council. Member David Ferringier nominated Member Bill Kutz as President Pro-Tem of Brookville Borough Council. Mayor Richard Beck asked that all those in favor signify by saying aye. Mayor Richard Beck asked Council for a roll call vote since the response was too weak. Member Steve Hoak voted no, President John Blazosky voted yes, Member Clarinda R. Darr voted no, Member Karen Allgeier voted no, Member David Ferringier voted yes, Member Bill Kutz voted yes, and Vice-President Phil Hynes voted yes. The motion to nominate Member Bill Kutz for President Pro-Tem of Brookville Borough Council carried 4-3.

4. **Council Members** – Mayor Richard Beck stated he would now swear in the newly elected Council Members.

- a. **Member Steve Hoak** – Member Steve Hoak stated he was sworn in at the Courthouse this morning by Judge Foradora.
- b. **Member David Ferringier** – Mayor Richard Beck swore in Brookville Borough Council Member David Ferringier.

Mayor Richard Beck turned it over to President John Blazosky. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated Council Members have to be sworn in to vote, so Council should go over the election of officers again.

5. **President of Council** – Mayor Richard Beck called for nominations for President of Brookville Borough Council. Member Bill Kutz nominated Member John Blazosky as President of Brookville Borough Council. Mayor Richard Beck asked all those in favor to signify by saying aye. Mayor Richard Beck noted the same result as before. The motion to nominate Member John Blazosky for President of Brookville Borough Council carried 4-3.

6. **Vice-President of Council** – Mayor Richard Beck called for nominations for Vice-President of Brookville Borough Council. Member Bill Kutz nominated Member Phil Hynes as Vice-President of Brookville Borough Council. Mayor Richard Beck asked all those in favor to signify by saying aye. Mayor Richard Beck noted the same results as before. The motion to nominate Member Phil Hynes for Vice-President of Brookville Borough Council carried 5-2.
7. **President Pro-Tem of Council** –
 - a. **Member Karen Allgeier** - Mayor Richard Beck called for nominations for President Pro-Tem of Brookville Borough Council. Member Karen Allgeier nominated herself as President Pro-Tem of Brookville Borough Council. Mayor Richard Beck asked all those in favor to signify by saying aye. Mayor Richard Beck asked for a roll call vote since the response was too weak. Member Steve Hoak voted yes, President John Blazosky voted no, Member Clarinda R. Darr voted yes, Member Karen Allgeier voted yes, Member David Ferringer voted no, Member Bill Kutz voted no, and Vice-President Phil Hynes voted no. Motion failed 4-3.
 - b. **Member Bill Kutz** – Mayor Richard Beck asked Council for a second nomination for President Pro-Tem of Brookville Borough Council. Member David Ferringer nominated Member Bill Kutz as President Pro-Tem of Brookville Borough Council. Mayor Richard Beck asked all those in favor to signify by saying aye. Mayor Richard Beck asked for a roll call vote since the response was too weak. Member Steve Hoak voted no, President John Blazosky voted yes, Member Clarinda R. Darr voted no, Member Karen Allgeier voted yes, Member David Ferringer voted yes, Member Bill Kutz voted yes, and Vice-President Phil Hynes voted yes. The motion to nominate Member Bill Kutz for President Pro-Tem of Brookville Borough Council carried 5-2. Mayor Richard Beck turned the meeting over to President John Blazosky. President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz asked Solicitor Jim Dennison if Vice-President Phil Hynes had to stay on the phone for the rest of the meeting. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he did not have to stay on the phone as long as Council does not lose its quorum. Vice-President Phil Hynes hung up the phone.

REGULAR MEETING – Call to Order – President John Blazosky Presides

CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES (December 15th & 29th):

Member Steve Hoak moved to approve the minutes of the December 15th and 29th meetings as submitted; seconded by Member David Ferringer. Motion carried 6-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- A. **Approval of Expenditures** – The current bills were presented for approval. Member Steve Hoak moved to approve the bills as submitted, seconded by Member David Ferringer. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. **Fund Level Financial Statements** – President John Blazosky stated Vice-President Phil Hynes just got off the phone, but if anyone has any questions

regarding the Fund Level Financial Statements Manager Dana D. Shick can answer them.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Brookville's Best – Hope Foulk – Jars of Joy** – Hope Foulk, owner of Jars of Joy at 354 Main Street, stated she also owns The Masters Touch Salon at the same address. Hope Foulk stated at Jars of Joy they carry hot cocoas, flavored coffees, 17 flavors of syrups, jellies and jams, and 3 different butters. Hope Foulk stated they will add a low sugar/no sugar line. Hope Foulk stated she named Jars of Joy after her mother who had cancer. Hope Foulk stated five percent of sales of everything in a jar will be donated to the Hahne Regional Cancer Center. Member Clarinda R. Darr asked Hope Foulk if she made all of these from her mom's recipes. Hope Foulk stated she did not make all of them, but her mother taught her how to can and make a lot of the jellies. Hope Foulk stated they also carry jewelry, craft items, art work, and quilted items. Hope Foulk stated she is trying to keep her business local, and they are always looking for new vendors.
- B. John Pozza – Bike Racks on Main Street** – John Pozza reported Carol Briggs planned on attending tonight's meeting to speak about bike racks also, but must have gotten the night mixed up. John Pozza stated the committee plans on presenting three bike racks to Council, but first Carol Briggs would like to talk to Solicitor Jim Dennison about the ordinance regarding this. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated as long as the Borough places the bike racks they are exempt from the ordinance. John Pozza stated they discussed having no more than two bike racks per block downtown.

REPORTS:

Chief of Police

- A. National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day** - Police Chief Jason Brown stated January 9th is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, and asked everyone to honor all men and women in law enforcement.
- B. Statistics for December** – Police Chief Jason Brown stated in December the Brookville Police Department handled 1,331 calls for service, made 76 written reports, 63 traffic contacts, 21 felony arrests, 23 misdemeanor arrests, 15 summary arrests, and 1 protective custody for a mental health commitment.

Fire Chief – Member Steve Hoak stated Fire Chief Jim Lipuma was not present at tonight's meeting because he is attending their meeting at the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company, and he wishes everyone a Happy New Year. Member Steve Hoak stated the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company responded to 21 alarms in December, averaging 10 firefighters per call, investing 285 man hours for the emergency calls only, and averaging 16 members per drill night. Member Steve Hoak stated their average response time in Brookville was 5:10 minutes. Member Steve Hoak stated they responded to 4 automatic fire alarms, 2 gas leaks, 1 meth lab, 7 motor vehicle accidents, 5 structure fires, 1 tree down, and 1 vehicle fire. Member Steve Hoak stated they tested the 800 MHz Pema radios with Jefferson and Clarion PennDot, County EMA's and State Police on December 8th, and all worked well. Member Steve Hoak stated they used the new radios

at a scene that the emergency responders were staged over a ½ mile stretch of interstate 80, and for the first time the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company, PSP, and Penndot were all able to communicate. Member Steve Hoak reported they will begin removing the Christmas lights and banners next week, weather permitting. Member Steve Hoak stated Fire Chief Jim Lipuma would like to thank the Brookville Water Authority for giving the fire company permission to drill on the old water plant office before it is demolished. Member Steve Hoak reported they awarded a contract to Lutz Concrete in the amount of \$35,375.00 to replace the Brookville Fire Company's tarmac in front of the fire hall as soon as weather permits. Member Steve Hoak asked permission for the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company to get salt from the Borough salt pile to use at the fire station. President John Blazosky asked Council if they approved of the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company getting salt from the Borough salt pile, and all Council Members in general approved of it. Member Steve Hoak stated the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company's Annual Gun Bash is on February 27th at the Brookville Fire Station. Member Steve Hoak stated everyone is encouraged to purchase their tickets and help support the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company.

Director of Public Works – Public Works Director Dave Vallosio reported winter shift work will be starting next Monday, January 11, 2016. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated his department has been working on refurbishing benches.

Zoning/Code/Health Officer – No Report

Committee Reports – No Committees

Solicitor

- A. **Right of Ways** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he needs Council to make a motion adopting the two right of ways he gave them information about at the previous meeting. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated one right of way is to replace the existing line that is behind the Maintenance Building on Darrah Street. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated the other right of way is for a new line where the new sewer line will cross from Redbank Creek to the pump station at Giant Eagle that goes across route 36 and goes into the E.U.M. Church parking lot. Member Steve Hoak moved to approve as presented; seconded by Member Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 5-1, with Member Clarinda R. Darr abstaining. Member Clarinda R. Darr stated she abstained because she did not receive the materials regarding the right of ways.

Borough Manager

- A. **RFP's for Walter Dick Park** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated a while ago the Borough released a Request for Proposals for Walter Dick Park. Manager Dana D. Shick stated the Borough received five proposals. Manager Dana D. Shick stated Council does not need to vote on these tonight, but should review them. Member Karen Allgeier stated she was kind of irritated when she first saw the proposals were almost all around \$30,000.00 instead of being lower. Manager Dana D. Shick stated the two lowest proposals were \$14,985.00 and

\$29,030.00. Manager Dana D. Shick stated there is a huge gap between what they do for those two figures. Manager Dana D. Shick stated Council might want to set up interviews with all five. Manager Dana D. Shick stated this is currently just up for review, but Council should look at this and pursue it. Member Steve Hoak suggested this be tabled until committees are established.

- B. State Ethics Commission Statement of Financial Interests** – Manager Dana D. Shick asked Council to fill out the State Ethics Commission Statement of Financial Interests and return it as soon as possible.

PUBLIC COMMENT: President John Blazosky asked if there was more public comment.

- C. Barbara Blazosky** – Barbara Blazosky asked Police Chief Jason Brown if there were any laws to protect dogs from being kept outside in cold winter weather. Police Chief Jason Brown stated the Brookville Police Department would respond to it first to make sure it is not anything of an immediate nature, then it would be referred to the Dog Warden for enforcement. Reporter Randy Bartley stated Debbie McAndrews, the Jefferson County Animal Protection Officer, actually would handle that, not the Dog Warden.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. New Bank Signature Cards** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated a motion needs to be made for new bank signature cards to be issued since Council has a new President Pro-Tem. Member Karen Allgeier moved to approve that new bank signature cards be issued since Council has a new President Pro-Tem; seconded by Member Steve Hoak. Motion carried 6-0.

ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

- A. Junior Council Member Danielle VanSteenberg** – Junior Council Member Danielle VanSteenberg stated today was the first day students were back from break. Junior Council Member Danielle VanSteenberg stated the seniors got approval for an overnight trip to Virginia Beach. Junior Council Member Danielle VanSteenberg stated they began grade testing again to help fulfil a grant. Junior Council Member Danielle VanSteenberg stated she and three other students will be competing in District Orchestra next Thursday and Friday.
- B. Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck wished everyone a happy and prosperous new year.
- C. Member Clarinda R. Darr** – Member Clarinda R. Darr wished everyone a happy new year, and stated she was very happy the town pulled together for the holiday season. Member Clarinda R. Darr stated she heard the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company turned the Town Square into a small Times Square. Member Clarinda R. Darr stated she hopes 2016 will be a good year for us all.
- D. Member David Ferring** – Member David Ferring wished everyone a healthy new year.

- E. **President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz** – President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz thanked Public Works Director Dave Vallosio and his crew for doing a great job.
- F. **Member Steve Hoak** – Member Steve Hoak wished everyone a safe, happy, and healthy new year. Member Steve Hoak stated once committees are established he hopes Council will have a planning meeting to get our goals set for 2016 and beyond.
- G. **Member Karen Allgeier** – Member Karen Allgeier wished everyone a safe, happy, and prosperous new year. Member Karen Allgeier stated she hopes everyone's Christmases went well.
- H. **President John Blazosky** – President John Blazosky wished everyone a happy and safe new year, and asked the media if they had any questions.

MEDIA COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION:

Reporter John Pozza asked President John Blazosky when committees will be formed, and President Blazosky stated by the next meeting. Reporter John Pozza asked Member Steve Hoak how many people knew about the ball drop in Brookville's Town Square. Reporter Randy Bartley stated around 30 people were there. Reporter John Pozza stated he thinks a lot of people would have enjoyed seeing that, and probably would have been there if they would have known about it. Member Steve Hoak stated the ball drop was a late idea the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company had, and their younger members constructed the ball. Member Steve Hoak stated maybe in the future the ball drop will become bigger and better.

ADJOURNMENT:

Member Karen Allgeier moved to adjourn; seconded by President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz. Motion carried 6-0 at 7:43 p.m.

Borough Manager

