

**MINUTES**  
**BROOKVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, May 31, 2016 @ 7:00 P.M.**

The Brookville Borough Council met in the large conference room on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. with the following in attendance:

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

John Blazosky  
Phil Hynes  
Bill Kutz  
Karen Allgeier  
Steve Hoak  
Dave Ferringier  
Clarinda R. Darr  
Levi Roseman

**STAFF**

Manager Dana D. Shick  
Mayor Richard Beck  
Police Chief Jason Brown  
Fire Chief Jim Lipuma  
Public Works Director -  
Dave Vallosio  
Zoning/Code/Health Officer -  
Emerson Turnbull  
Solicitor Jim Dennison  
Recorder Christine Gunning

**VISITOR/MEDIA**

Randy Bartley  
Matt Triponey  
John Pozza  
Scott Shindledecker  
Ann Sarvey  
Jim Sarvey  
Marion Vanfosson  
Bonnie Beck  
Mable Dunkle  
Sandy Snyder  
Dean Hetrick  
Rick Cook  
Kim Howser  
Ron Bowen  
Mary Bowen  
Sandy Yenosky  
Lennea Darrin

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President John Blazosky 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 (May 17, 2016):**

Member Karen Allgeier moved to approve the minutes of the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting as submitted; seconded by Member Dave Ferringier. Motion carried 7-0.

**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 Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. Fund Level Financial Statements** – President John Blazosky stated if anyone has any questions regarding the Fund Level Financial Statements, they can ask Manager Dana D. Shick or Vice-President Phil Hynes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- A. Dean Hetrick and Ron Flick – CORE – Center for Organ Recovery and Education** – Dean Hetrick stated they started a Brookville team for CORE which

stands for Center for Organ Recovery and Education. Dean Hetrick stated he educates people to be donors. Dean Hetrick stated 121,000 people need organ transplants today, and one person can save up to eight lives with organs. Dean Hetrick stated you are never too old to donate your organs. Dean Hetrick stated they go to fairs and other events and set up tables to try to get more donors. Dean Hetrick stated if anyone wants to join the Brookville team, they meet the second Wednesday of every month at 5:00 P.M. at the Brookville Hospital annex building. Dean Hetrick stated we need to make everyone a donor, and everyone can give a kidney since you only need one. Dean Hetrick stated members of CORE are available to talk at meetings or churches. Member Clarinda R. Darr asked how long it takes to register to become a donor. Dean Hetrick stated it takes a minute to put your information on a card, they send it to CORE, and you are registered within a week. Council thanked Dean Hetrick for his presentation.

- B. Nicole Cable – Paint the Town Purple/Relay for Life** – Nicole Cable stated she is here for Relay for Life which is scheduled to take place on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Nicole Cable stated this year it will be a twelve hour event. Nicole Cable stated they are requesting permission to Paint the Town Purple for Relay for Life on Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> and for the decorations to come down on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Nicole Cable stated they will put purple bows and laminated cards with information about the event on parking meters. Member Karen Allgeier moved approval for Relay for Life to Paint the Town Purple; seconded by President Pro-Tem Bill Kutz. Motion carried 7-0.

## **REPORTS:**

### **Chief of Police**

- A. Activity Statistics** – Police Chief Jason Brown reported he had no activity statistics to report for the month of May since today is still May 31<sup>st</sup>. Police Chief Jason Brown stated he will have them at the next meeting.
- B. Aggressive Driving Grant** – Police Chief Jason Brown stated this year the Brookville Police Department will not take part in the Commonwealth sponsored Aggressive Driving Grant due to a lack of interest in participation by some of our officers. Police Chief Jason Brown stated due to this lack of participation the department would not be able to cover the total number of required hours to participate.
- C. Update on Part-time Parking Enforcement Position** – Police Chief Jason Brown stated he is pleased to announce they have chosen Mr. Lester Villella to the newly created Parking Enforcement position. He will be in training with Ms. Emery, our current Parking Enforcement Officer, very shortly. Police Chief Jason Brown stated once they get everything up and running, he will be happy to bring Mr. Villella to a meeting and introduce him to everyone.
- D. Active Shooter Exercise at Hickory Grove Elementary School** – Police Chief Jason Brown reported there will be an Active Shooter Exercise at Hickory Grove Elementary School on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> in the afternoon.

## **Fire Chief**

- A. Statistics for May** - Fire Chief Jim Lipuma reported for the month of May there were sixteen alarms, averaging eight firefighters per call, and fifteen members per drill night. Fire Chief Jim Lipuma reported the average response time was five minutes and forty five seconds.
- B. Summary of Calls** - Fire Chief Jim Lipuma stated the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company responded to two automatic fire alarms, eight motor vehicle accidents, two natural gas leaks, two QRS (quick response services), one structure fire, and one vehicle fire.
- C. Accident on the Interstate** - Fire Chief Jim Lipuma stated three weeks ago there was a bad accident on the interstate where three people perished. Fire Chief Jim Lipuma stated three firemen are still dealing with what happened at this difficult call. Fire Chief Jim Lipuma stated everyone did a wonderful job at that scene. Fire Chief Jim Lipuma thanked Police Chief Jason Brown and his staff for handling the re-route through Allegheny Boulevard to get the vehicles off.
- D. Fire Lanes/Part-time Employees** - Fire Chief Jim Lipuma asked where we are with the fire lanes, and stated last month Solicitor Dennison said we are not doing anything. Fire Chief Jim Lipuma stated he printed out all the Borough Council meeting minutes from last February to the last meeting he was at and they are all here. Fire Chief Jim Lipuma stated the minutes go up and back from we do not have an ordinance, to we have to rewrite one, and that we have to make one. Fire Chief Jim Lipuma stated on ten six 2015 Solicitor Jim Dennison stated regarding the parking regulations we need to talk to PennDOT and two sections need to be created, one for fire lanes and one for handicapped parking. Reading from the minutes, Fire Chief Jim Lipuma stated Fire Chief Jim Lipuma asked if we can rewrite them or write them, and Solicitor Jim Dennison stated we need Council's approval. Reading from the minutes, Fire Chief Jim Lipuma stated President Pro-Temp Karen Allgeier moved to authorize Solicitor Dennison to proceed with the regulations of fire lanes and handicapped spots, seconded by Member Steve Hoak, and the motion passed six to zero. Fire Chief Jim Lipuma stated to his knowledge we have not made a motion not to do that, is that correct? Fire Chief Jim Lipuma stated Solicitor Dennison told him that he works for Council and that he does not work for me, and that I need to do my own research, and I did my own research. Fire Chief Jim Lipuma stated a motion means we go forward, correct? Fire Chief Jim Lipuma stated then why since October till now, and at the last meeting Solicitor Dennison says we are not going to do anything. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he does not think he said that. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he provided Council with a written opinion on the parking and the fire lane which you were not a party to. Fire Chief Jim Lipuma stated it would be pretty important to give that opinion to me too since I am the one that requested it. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated you are not a Council Member Jim. Fire Chief Jim Lipuma asked Solicitor Dennison if his opinion over runs the Council's vote? Solicitor Jim Dennison stated I think I have kept them apprised of where we are. Fire Chief Jim Lipuma stated in Robert's Rules a motion is in motion and it goes forward, and the opinion of the solicitor does not stop a motion, am I correct? Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he thinks he has worked

with this Council throughout this. Fire Chief Jim Lipuma introduced Attorney Kim Howser, the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company's attorney, and stated that Attorney Howser was here to support the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company on some questions that everybody has about hiring people. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated regarding the fire lanes that it is not something you turn over in an hour, and it is not something this Borough wants to get into. President John Blazosky stated he believes it is a work in progress, and asked Steve Hoak what he thought. Public Safety Committee Chairman Steve Hoak stated as of the last meeting, he understood that we were throwing it back to PennDOT regulations and that we were not going to do a parking ordinance. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated that is not what he said. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he said that no parking can be enforced today under state regulations, and the school needs to comply with PennDOT regulations in regard to signage. Fire Chief Jim Lipuma stated PennDOT does not have anything to say about fire lanes because they deal with roadways not fire lanes, and there are no fire lanes on roadways. After more discussion, President John Blazosky stated let's be civil or end this discussion. Fire Chief Jim Lipuma stated he has been a fireman for 25 years. Fire Chief Jim Lipuma stated this might be the last time he wears a Brookville Volunteer Fire Company uniform. Fire Chief Jim Lipuma stated this experience with this Council has been nothing but stressful. Fire Chief Jim Lipuma stated he leaves the fire company in capable hands, with smart and dedicated members and leaders who will carry this wonderful group forward. Fire Chief Jim Lipuma thanked everyone who supported him and wished everyone well in the future.

**Director of Public Works** – Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated his crew has been re-shingling pavilions at Long View Park. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated repairs and improvements to all the playground equipment have been completed, and the playgrounds are ready to be inspected. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated Double R Roofing is finishing the roof on the Maintenance Building today. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio reported Bison Construction started digging today for the combination Sanitary and Storm Sewer Replacement Project on Pickering Street.

**Zoning/Code/Health Officer** – Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Emerson Turnbull reported in the month of May he prepared for a Planning Commission meeting and attended the meeting, wrote three letters to clean up property and made multiple site visits, handled four building permits, handled multiple calls about permits and zoning issues, handled multiple calls, made site visits, and wrote a letter about an unsafe property, had three properties cut, made two door taggings, five site visits, and wrote one letter about grass, began counting gaming devices, and had a meeting with Mr. Pearsall on East Main Street. Member Clarinda R. Darr asked if there was any advancement regarding the meeting with Mr. Pearsall on East Main Street. Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Emerson Turnbull stated they talked about his building permit, and they plan to start building there again. Member Clarinda R. Darr asked if the roofs will be repaired on those buildings. Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Emerson Turnbull stated yes, there are two new roofs on and one roof to go. Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Emerson Turnbull reported they tore two side buildings down so they could seal

up the building. Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Emerson Turnbull stated the two side buildings will be disposed of and replaced. Member Clarinda R. Darr asked if there is a timeline for this. Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Emerson Turnbull stated there was no timeline since the Borough is working with Mr. Pearsall on sewage right of ways and other things.

## **Committee Reports**

### **A. Public Works Committee**

- 1. Additional Paving – Bid Opening** – Public Works Committee Chairman Bill Kutz stated the Street Committee is now opening the bids for the streets, and asked Public Works Director Dave Vallosio to help him. Public Works Committee Chairman Bill Kutz stated the first bid is from Hager Paving with option one being \$40,956.00 and option two being \$48,773.00. Member Karen Allgeier asked if they need a bid bond with these bids, and Manager Dana D. Shick stated yes. Member Karen Allgeier asked what the difference is between option one and option two. Manager Dana D. Shick stated option one does not include Sylvania Street, and option two does. Public Works Committee Chairman Bill Kutz stated the second bid is from New Enterprise Stone and Lime with an option one of \$50,380.18 and an option two of \$60,405.98. Public Works Committee Chairman Bill Kutz stated the third bid is from HRI with option one being \$49,810.00 and option two being \$60,535.00. Public Works Committee Chairman Bill Kutz stated the last bid is from Glenn Hawbaker with option one being \$50,178.00 and option two being \$59,731.00. Member Clarinda R. Darr asked if the other two companies on the list Council was given chose not to bid. Public Works Committee Chairman Bill Kutz stated he does not have anything from them. Manager Dana D. Shick stated the list Council has includes everyone that picked up a bid packet. Member Karen Allgeier asked if all the bids had bid bonds. President John Blazosky stated Manager Dana D. Shick said they did. Member Dave Ferringer asked Public Works Director Dave Vallosio if all of these companies are comparable. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated yes, and that the top three were the main line guys. Member Dave Ferringer asked Public Works Director Dave Vallosio if he would be happy with any one of the bidders, and Public Works Director Dave Vallosio said yes. Member Karen Allgeier asked what was left in the paving budget. Manager Dana D. Shick stated she thinks there is \$50,000.00 but she will check that. Manager Dana D. Shick stated all the bids have ten percent bid bonds. Vice-President Phil Hynes moved to accept option two from Hager Paving in the amount of \$48,773.00; seconded by Member Karen Allgeier with the option that Manager Dana D. Shick finds there is \$48,773.00 in the paving line item for that. Member Steve Hoak asked Public Works Director Dave Vallosio what streets those are. Public Works Committee Chairman Bill Kutz stated one of them is Evans. Public Works Director Dave Vallosio stated Taylor Street, Sylvania Street, Weinker Way will get patched, Porter Street, and

Northview Drive. President John Blazosky stated Manager Dana D. Shick is going to go double check on the amount that is left in the paving line item, and while she does that we will move on to the solicitor's report.

**Solicitor**

- A. Hearing for a Preschool and Daycare Facility Conditional Use Permit** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated a couple of meetings ago, a resident inquired about opening a preschool and daycare facility in the Borough, and she has since filed a formal application for a Conditional Use Permit for the daycare facility which is required in an LDR, low density residential zone. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated at some point in June, Council will need to schedule a hearing regarding this. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated this is heard by Brookville Borough Council, not the Zoning Hearing Board. Member Karen Allgeier asked why this goes before Council instead of the Zoning Hearing Board. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated the Zoning Ordinance says that Council hears Conditional Use Permit Applications, and the Zoning Hearing Board hears special exception requests and variance requests. Member Steve Hoak asked if this hearing needs to be advertised. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated this hearing needs to be advertised twice, with the second time being at least one week prior to the meeting. After some discussion, Solicitor Jim Dennison suggested having the hearing at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Member Steve Hoak moved to advertise as required a special hearing for the Conditional Use Permit on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 P.M. in this building; seconded by Member Karen Allgeier. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. Brookville Volunteer Fire Company/Part-time Employees** – Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he is sorry Fire Chief Jim Lipuma left, but as solicitor, he is charged by the Borough Code to manage legal affairs of the Borough and he tries to do that as best he can. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he has been representing this Borough since 1982, and he probably has more time on this board representing this Borough in years than all the current members do if you add them all together, so he has been around for a while and has done a lot of Municipal law. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated there is no way in this world he would think that any Council Member who went to an informational meeting or heard about this most likely from the firemen or even Chief Lipuma would understand the potential ramifications this change might make with the Borough. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated maybe Mr. Howser has a good idea since he works with volunteer fire companies. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated it does impact potentially what happens within the Borough and potentially affects financial and operational matters. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he is not worried about what is going to happen in the near future, but is more worried about the potential effects this decision today will have five, ten, and fifteen years from now. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he does not think you can change from a totally volunteer fire company to one with a couple of paid firemen very easily. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated his purpose in addressing Council two meetings ago is that he thought it was important to look at this very closely. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated whether

the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company is required to have the okay from Council he is not so sure, but he would think the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company would need Council's blessing before changing from an all-volunteer to paid because once you change to paid he thinks it will be very difficult to change it back to an all-volunteer fire company. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated his purpose was merely to slow the situation down. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he does not think this is in the best interest of this Borough. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he thinks the Council Members in order to make a decision about this need to be fully informed. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he is sorry Fire Chief Jim Lipuma is upset, but not sorry for doing what he believes is necessary to protect the best interests of this Borough as a whole. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he was trying to slow the situation down so we could take a better look at it to make a more informed decision. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he catches a lot of flack for some of the things he does, but he does not apologize for doing what he believes is his job as solicitor. Member Steve Hoak asked President John Blazosky if he could change hats for a second. Member Steve Hoak stated he understands Solicitor Jim Dennison catches flack as our paid solicitor. Member Steve Hoak stated he thinks it is horrible our volunteer fire company continues to receive flack. Member Steve Hoak stated it is funny he is being questioned again how many months later about the audit that we did not complete for the Borough. Member Steve Hoak stated the rumors never end, and every day it is something new. Member Steve Hoak stated the Borough lost a major asset tonight. Member Steve Hoak stated he understands everyone's concerns and welcomes the opportunity to work with the Borough. Member Steve Hoak stated as an officer of the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company that is something we have been trying to do for quite some time now, but there has been some hesitation from this Council. Member Steve Hoak stated the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company has tried many times to invite Council to participate in different events. Member Steve Hoak stated we were excited about this. Member Steve Hoak stated we worked on this for over a year, and looked into legal advice regarding this. Member Steve Hoak stated the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company had a community meeting to announce it because the fire company is there for the community. Member Steve Hoak apologized that he could not be at the last meeting, but he was sick. Member Steve Hoak stated we modeled this over what is going on across the state. Member Steve Hoak stated a lot of other communities are doing this. Member Steve Hoak asked President John Blazosky how we move forward with this. President John Blazosky stated he thinks Solicitor Jim Dennison should sit down with the Public Safety Committee. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he thinks this needs better discussion, and that the Public Safety Committee should sit down with the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he does not want an undue burden to be put on the Borough. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated he just wants the Borough to make an informed decision. President John Blazosky stated the informational meeting was strictly from the firemen's perspective. President John Blazosky stated if this

could potentially cost us more taxpayer dollars, he wants to know about that and he is sure everybody on Council wants to know about that. President John Blazosky stated we need to talk. President John Blazosky stated Solicitor Jim Dennison and the Public Safety Committee should meet, and if Attorney Kim Howser wants to sit in on it. Member Clarinda R. Darr stated in going to conferences, she has noticed in the agendas of the state-wide conferences that there is more about the volunteer fire companies and their plight. Member Clarinda R. Darr stated it is a difficult time for fire companies in Pennsylvania. Member Clarinda R. Darr stated maybe we need to have something come from the state level about what the trends are. Member Steve Hoak stated this is about the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company moving forward and not being compared to the other township departments. Member Steve Hoak stated the Public Safety Committee will have a meeting soon about the fire company issue and the parking fines issue. President John Blazosky stated he would like Public Safety Committee Chairman Steve Hoak to coordinate those.

## **Committee Reports**

### **A. Public Works Committee**

2. **Additional Paving – Bid Opening – Continued** – President John Blazosky stated we are going to back up to the Street Committee issue on the bids. Manager Dana D. Shick stated the remaining budget for street paving for this year is \$49,836.50. Member Karen Allgeier stated we have a motion and a second. President John Blazosky asked that all Council Members in favor of the motion as presented to approve option number two of the Hager Paving bid say ‘aye’. This motion was approved unanimously. Motion carried 7-0.

## **Borough Manager**

- A. **Special Event Permit – Art in the Park** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated at the last meeting we postponed the Special Event Permit for Art in the Park scheduled for June 11, 2016. Manager Dana D. Shick stated we spoke with them, about that being the same day as Scripture Rocks, but they said they are going to hold this event every year on that same weekend. Manager Dana D. Shick stated Council needs to approve a Special Event Permit for Art in the Park on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Member Karen Allgeier asked if everything has been signed off on, and Manager Dana D. Shick stated yes. Member Karen Allgeier moved approval of Art in the Park’s Special Event Permit; seconded by Member Steve Hoak. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. **Executive Sessions** – Manager Dana D. Shick stated she is requesting two Executive Sessions. Manager Dana D. Shick stated the first Executive Session is for personnel issues with no action expected, and the second Executive Session is for real estate with no action expected.



## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Depot Street Grant Agreement** – Vice-President Phil Hynes stated Council previously agreed to accept the lease agreement between the property owner adjacent to Depot Street and the Borough. Vice-President Phil Hynes stated that contract was signed and sent to Northcentral Planning DCNR through their Greenways Grant Project to get approval of the grant we applied for. Vice-President Phil Hynes stated DCNR has accepted that lease agreement, and they are in the process of awarding the \$25,000.00 grant to go along with our matching funding from a private donor. Vice-President Phil Hynes stated a contract was emailed to Council Members between the Borough and DCNR to accept that grant. Vice-President Phil Hynes moved that Council accept the contract that was presented to you and in a sense accept a grant from the Greenways Project; seconded by Member Dave Ferringer. Member Karen Allgeier asked Manager Dana D. Shick if the \$25,000.00 from the private donor was received. Manager Dana D. Shick stated it was. President John Blazosky asked that all Council Members in favor of this motion as presented say ‘aye’. This motion was approved unanimously. Motion carried 7-0.
- B. Depot Street Bid Package** – Vice-President Phil Hynes stated they sent out bids for the paving portion of the Depot Street Trailhead near Brookville Lumber and received three bids which we will now open and hopefully vote on today. Vice-President Phil Hynes stated the first bid is from Terra Works Paving for \$47,470.00, and everything else looks in order. Member Karen Allgeier asked if they had a bond, and Manager Dana D. Shick stated no bond is needed for this bid. Vice-President Phil Hynes stated the second bid is from Hager Paving of Strattanville for \$35,860.00, and everything looks in order. Vice-President Phil Hynes stated the third and final bid is from Jefferson Paving for \$29,998.00. Vice-President Phil Hynes stated the total grant and match for this project is \$50,000.00, so the remaining money would be used for kiosks, picnic tables, and engineering fees. Member Steve Hoak moved to award this to the lowest bidder Jefferson Paving at \$29,998.00; seconded by Member Karen Allgeier. President John Blazosky asked all Council Members in favor of this motion as presented to say ‘aye’. This motion was approved unanimously. Motion carried 7-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Depot Street Spur Tax Parcel** – Vice-President Phil Hynes stated a small piece of land down on the Brookville spur where it joins the Redbank Valley Trail which is probably under half an acre recently went up for a tax sale with a minimum bid of five hundred dollars, and no one bid that amount. Vice-President Phil Hynes stated the Redbank Valley Trail Association would like to bid fifty dollars to obtain this very small portion of land. Vice-President Phil Hynes stated they need to get permission to do this from this taxing authority and the school district to do that and then bid it to the county. Vice-President Phil Hynes moved that we accept a bid of fifty dollars for this small piece of land down by Depot Street. Member Clarinda R. Darr asked if we own it now. Vice-President Phil Hynes said we do not own it, the previous

tax owner does. Member Karen Allgeier stated it is up for tax sale. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated it was up for tax sale and it did not sell, then it went up for judicial sale and it did not sell, then it sits in the tax claim bureau where you can offer to buy it from them. Solicitor Jim Dennison stated the tax claim bureau put a minimum price on it of \$500.00, but they will sell it for less with the approval of all the taxing authorities that are involved. Member Karen Allgeier seconded Vice-President Phil Hyne's motion. President John Blazosky asked that all Council Members in favor of this motion as presented say 'aye'. This motion was approved unanimously. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS:**

- A. Alternate Junior Council Member Levi Roseman** – Alternate Junior Council Member Levi Roseman stated it is good to be back. Alternate Junior Council Member Levi Roseman stated the school year is drawing to a close, the baseball and softball seasons each ended successfully within the last week, and the girls and boys track and field season ended on Saturday at Shippensburg University at the track and field state championship meet. Alternate Junior Council Member Levi Roseman stated the school sent eighteen kids to that state championship meet and the highlight of that was on Saturday with Ryan Thrush winning the state championship and the four hundred meter dash for the boys. Alternate Junior Council Member Levi Roseman stated the last day of school is tomorrow. Alternate Junior Council Member Levi Roseman stated Junior Council Member Danielle VanSteenberg could not be at tonight's meeting because she is at the baccalaureate ceremonies being held tonight. Alternate Junior Council Member Levi Roseman stated graduation is tomorrow. Alternate Junior Council Member Levi Roseman stated he has another year of school until he graduates, and he looks forward to working with Council again. Alternate Junior Council Member Levi Roseman stated if the Junior Council Members can do anything to help, please contact them.
- B. Mayor Richard Beck** – Mayor Richard Beck stated it is good to see Alternate Junior Council Member Levi Roseman and welcomed him back.
- C. Member Clarinda R. Darr** – Member Clarinda R. Darr welcomed back Alternate Junior Council Member Levi Roseman, stated we will be officially inaugurating him in September as part of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs contract with him, and stated she hopes he has a good summer. Member Clarinda R. Darr congratulated the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company who had their Monster Truck show at the fairgrounds. Member Clarinda R. Darr stated Junior Council Member Danielle VanSteenberg will be given her award of excellence this coming Thursday at 7:30 P.M. at the Borough Complex. Member Clarinda R. Darr stated the Brookville Area High School Art Department was selected by the Sawmill Center for the Arts in Cooksburg to be the chosen artists to exhibit their artwork on the walls of the Theater Building, and Junior Council Member Danielle VanSteenberg is one of those three. Member Clarinda R. Darr thanked CORE for their presentation, and stated they will have a table in front of Demans during the

Laurel Festival. Member Clarinda R. Darr stated she is deeply saddened by Fire Chief Jim Lipuma leaving, but she is happy that the one hundred and seven year tradition of the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company will continue.

- D. **Member Dave Ferringer** – Member Dave Ferringer stated he thinks we all need to know more about CORE. Member Dave Ferringer stated CORE touches a lot of lives, and thanked them for coming to the meeting.
- E. **Member Steve Hoak** – Member Steve Hoak thanked CORE and Nicole Cable for coming to tonight's meeting and for volunteering. Member Steve Hoak stated volunteers are the heart of the community, and we should treat our volunteers like gold. Member Steve Hoak apologized for some of his comments not being in order, and stated this was an emotional meeting for him. Member Steve Hoak stated it is sad everything that has transpired today. Member Steve Hoak stated he wants to clear up a few rumors that are going around. Member Steve Hoak stated they are not going to be existing members of the fire company if there will be members hired. Member Steve Hoak stated you cannot do it due to labor laws. Member Steve Hoak stated the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company is not paying its own members, and we are not trying to get our members money to be volunteer firemen. Member Steve Hoak stated you have to be hired outside of the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company. Member Steve Hoak stated he looks forward to this conversation happening. Member Steve Hoak asked if the audit is over. Member Dave Ferringer stated no. Member Steve Hoak asked why not. Vice-President Phil Hynes stated he thinks we still want to have a meeting which we should schedule. President John Blazosky asked Vice-President Phil Hynes to coordinate this meeting.
- F. **Member Karen Allgeier** – Member Karen Allgeier stated there will be a Stormwater Committee meeting at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Borough Complex. Member Karen Allgeier stated on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a Community Connections meeting, and she chairs that committee now. Member Karen Allgeier stated Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> is the opening of Scripture Rocks. Member Karen Allgeier stated hopefully we will find somewhere for the Farmer's Market because it brings a lot of people to downtown Brookville. Member Karen Allgeier stated, with Council's permission, she will speak with the Brookville Chamber of Commerce to find them a place. Member Karen Allgeier thanked Police Chief Jason Brown and Fire Chief Jim Lipuma for all they do. Member Karen Allgeier stated the accident they were involved in was horrific, and she cannot even imagine what they saw and what they did.
- G. **Vice-President Phil Hynes** – Vice-President Phil Hynes stated he would like to recognize the state champion Mr. Thrush. Vice-President Phil Hynes stated that is quite an honor. Vice-President Phil Hynes thanked all of the volunteers. Vice-President Phil Hynes stated he hopes our discourse on Council gets a little better. Vice-President Phil Hynes stated he for one has an open mind on this whole issue we have been discussing tonight. Vice-President Phil Hynes stated he has some legitimate questions, and he just does

not think we have had a chance to address this properly. Vice-President Phil Hynes stated he hopes moving forward things improve.

- H. **President John Blazosky** – President John Blazosky stated he echoes that as well. President John Blazosky stated he believes when we get our meeting together with the fire company and our Public Safety Committee, maybe we can get some issues resolved. President John Blazosky stated he certainly hopes that does happen. President John Blazosky asked if there were any community questions.

#### **COMMUNITY QUESTIONS:**

- A. **Rick Cook** – Brookville resident Rick Cook stated in regards to the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company trying to hire some employees, he was under the impression Council had already approved it. Rick Cook stated he thinks there are a lot of questions that need to be answered, and he thinks it is a big mistake to have a couple paid firemen. Rick Cook stated you cannot expect volunteers to come when you have a few paid guys. Rick Cook stated Penn Grampian had an issue with their fire company a few years back, and they went to a neighboring borough and tried to subcontract them to take care of the borough, so that is an option.
- B. **Sandra Snyder** – Brookville Resident Sandra Snyder stated the Monster Truck Pull was not a project of the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company, it was a co-op with the Jefferson County Fair Authority and the Brookville Volunteer Fire Company.
- C. **Mary Bowen** – Brookville Resident Mary Bowen thanked Public Works Director Dave Vallosio and his crew for coming to her house on Euclid Avenue and understanding the water issue they had. Mary Bowen stated Public Works Director Dave Vallosio's crew put a brand new drain in front of her house, and it works wonderfully.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:14 P.M. Brookville Borough Council entered two consecutive Executive Sessions; the first for personnel issues with no action expected, and the second for real estate with no action expected. These Executive Sessions ended at 8:55 P.M. with no action taken.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Member Karen Allgeier moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Dave Ferringier. Motion carried 7-0 at 8:55 P.M.

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Borough Manager

