

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD _____ August 18, 2020 _____ 20 _____

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on August 18, 2020 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Michael Procuk presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at this time.

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| Present at roll call: | Councilmen: | Blados, Lahiff, Lasky, Presot & Walsh |
| | Mayor: | Procuk |
| | Clerk/Treasurer: | Frank |
| | Law Director: | Dowling |
| | Engineer: | Henry |
| | Police Chief: | Meade |
| | Fire Chief: | |
| | Asst. Chief: | |
| | Service Director: | |
| | Bldg. Commissioner: | |
| | Asst. Bldg. Comm.: | |
| | Comm. Service Dir.: | |
| | Recreation Dir.: | |
| | Soccer Dir.: | |
| | GUESTS: | Kovar |

MOTION: Mrs. Presot moved to accept the minutes of the July 21, 2020 and August 4, 2020 regular meetings of council as distributed. Seconded by Mr. Walsh Motion carried 5-0

CORRESPONDENCE

- Read a letter of appreciation from Valley View Mayor Jerry Piasecki thanking our safety forces for their assistance in July 2020 at a volatile situation at the Shell Station in their village.
- Read an email from Supt. Tom Evans announcing a soon-to-be ZOOM meeting to discuss the set-up of a learning center in our community center. This would include the use of buildings in Valley View and Cuyahoga Hts. also.
- Read a letter from Lisa Barno, CC Mayors and Managers Assn. that they have reappointed Mayor Mike Procuk to the Cuyahoga County National Resources Assistance Council (NRAC) for the term Oct. 15, 2020 thru Oct. 15 2023.
- Read a letter from Colin at Global Cleveland regarding a "Welcoming Week" to celebrate all newcomers in NE Ohio. He asked for a proclamation in support and celebration of our city's newcomers. This was sent to all council members and no response was received. He will forward the entire package to council and if they decide they want to act on it they can have legislation drawn up or call an Ordinance Committee meeting prior to the September 1st council meeting.

AUDIENCE

- NONE

CLERK / TREASURER

- Our state auditing fees increased from \$8,979 to \$10,209. Mr. Frank said that the budgeted amount is \$10,000. Mr. Dowling said that a motion to pay was not needed.

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- Mr. Frank asked for a motion on behalf of Service Director Hatgas: **MOTION: Mr. Lahiff moved to pay Silco Fire and Safety Protection \$1,678 for the inspection and service of seventy-eight (78) fire extinguishers. Seconded by Mrs. Presot Motion carried 5-0**
- The first payment to the state for the audit is due and a motion is needed to pay. **MOTION: Mr. Lasky moved to pay The State of Ohio \$3,669.50 for the first installment on the 2020 audit. Seconded by Mrs. Presot Motion carried 5-0**
- Recreation Director submitted a request to pay the head umpire, Sam Roe, for the baseball season. **MOTION: Mr. Lasky moved to pay Sam Roe \$1,169 total for the season. Seconded by Mr. Blados Motion carried 5-0**
- There was good news from R.I.T.A as far as the projected income losses due to COVID-19 in that we are coming out of this practically unscathed.
- We are 58% thru the year and operating at 52% of our budget.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- We have collected \$4,220,981 in 2020 which is 3% higher than 2019.
- Mayor Procuik has been reelected to the position of First Vice President of the Greater Cleveland Safety Council for the term of August, 2020 thru August 2022.
- We had an anonymous complaint about the lack of compliance at the baseball games and we have had a second anonymous complaint that the park surfaces are not being cleaned and sanitized. Also, that there are no signs informing you to bring your own sanitizers. The board of health visited our park and said the signage is there and that people get mad and tear the signs down so the Service Department and Community Services Department have been instructed to keep a supply of signs available so the signs can be replaced as soon as they are taken down. We are complying and doing nothing wrong.
- Schools will begin the year soon. Some are holding in person classes, some are on-line (our district) and some will be both on-line and in person.
- There is a lawsuit regarding the collection of municipal income tax. In March, HB197 was passed that the municipality continue to collect withholding taxes in the community where the company is located. There is a state senator who is introducing SB352 to repeal the tax language of HB197 which would be devastating to all communities. Her thought process is that if you are working from home you are utilizing the police, fire, and service departments of the area in which you live and not where your company is located. Mayor Procuik urged council to let our representatives know that this is devastating to Brooklyn Heights.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **PARK AND RECREATION AD HOC:** Met tonight to discuss the upper park. They will investigate repairing or removing the playground equipment and the sprinkler. They will meet with one council member and Ms. Kovar tomorrow night to look over the area.
- Mr. Lasky asked if the Service Department could look at a rather large bee hive near one of the baseball diamonds. He doesn't know exactly where it is.
- Ms. Kovar asked the status of the Teddy Bear Daycare on Lancaster and Mayor Procuik said no purchase has been made yet.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 49-2020- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1068.16 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

Sponsor: Mrs. Presot

Second: Mr. Blados

Yeas: Presot, Blados, Lahiff, Lasky, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 49-2020 is adopted 5-0

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COVID-19 is in Brooklyn Heights. We have some school children who have tested positive and some employees who have been exposed. Please continue to wear masks and social distance. Set a good example.

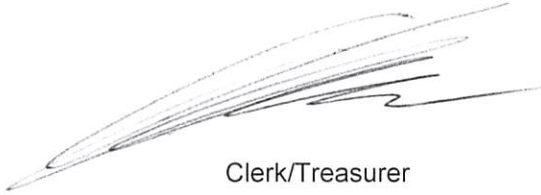
There being no further business to come before the council, it was moved by Mr. Lahiff seconded by Mrs. Presot that the meeting be adjourned.

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk/Treasurer