

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD _____ November 5, 2014 _____ 20 _____

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on November 5, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Michael Procuk presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at this time.

Present at roll call:	Councilmen:	Foote, Hatgas, Selig, Walsh
	Mayor:	Procuk
	Clerk/Treasurer:	Clymer
	Law Director:	Dowling
	Engineer:	
	Police Chief:	Algeri
	Fire Chief:	Lasky
	Service Director:	Hatgas
	Bldg. Commissioner:	
	Comm. Service Dir:	
	Recreation Dir:	Presot
	Economic Develop Dir:	Perry

MOTION: Mrs. Hatgas moved to excuse Councilman Black as he is teaching tonight at Indiana Wesleyan College. Second by Mr. Foote Motion passed 4-0

Thea Guilfoyle's mother is in hospice so Mayor Procuk will read her report into the minutes.

Mr. Mike Henry is absent due to other obligations..... since our meeting is changed from Tuesday to Wednesday this month.

Sheldon Socoloff is absent due to his wife being admitted into the hospital.

MOTION: Mr. Foote moved to accept the August 5, 2014 and October 7, 2014 regular minutes. Second by Mr. Selig Motion passed 4-0

Mayor Procuk said that Councilman Walsh is not feeling well tonight so they will take the legislation out of order.

ORDINANCE 77-2014 – NOVEMBER PAY ORDINANCE

Sponsor: Mrs. Hatgas

Second: Mr. Foote

Yeas: Hatgas, Foote, Selig, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 78-2014 is adopted 4-0

ORDINANCE 78-2014 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1064.02(a) (INCREASE RATE SENIORS PAY FOR SNOW REMOVAL) OF THE BROOKLYN HEIGHTS CODE OF ORDINANCES

Sponsor: Mr. Foote

Second: Mr. Selig

Yeas: Foote, Selig, Walsh, Hatgas

Nays: None

Ordinance 78-2014 is adopted 4-0

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ORDINANCE 79-2014 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE APPROVING THE DECISION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS DENYING THE APPLICATION OF MELVIN GLENN PERTAINING TO THE BUILDING OF A 480 SQUARE FOOT SHED AT 85 MARKO LANE

Sponsor: Mr. Foote

Second: Mr. Walsh

Yeas: Foote, Walsh, Selig, Hatgas

Nays: None

Ordinance 79-2014 is adopted 4-0

ORDINANCE 80-2014 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH A & S ANIMAL CONTROL

Discussion: Chief Algeri said that there will be no increase in fees and the pricing will be locked in thru 2016

Sponsor: Mrs. Hatgas

Second: Mr. Walsh

Yeas: Hatgas, Walsh, Foote, Selig

Nays: None

Ordinance 80-2014 is adopted 4-0

ORDINANCE 81-2014- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SHELDON SOCOLOFF FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AS CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL

Discussion: This is 2015 contract

Sponsor: Mr. Walsh

Second: Mr. Foote

Yeas: Walsh, Foote, Hatgas, Selig

Nays: None

Ordinance 81-2014 is adopted 4-0

ORDINANCE 82-2014- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CLERK-TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GBJ LANDSCAPING AND SNOW REMOVAL FOR SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES FOR THE WINTER SEASON OF 2014-2015 (NOVEMBER 1, 2014 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2015)

Sponsor: Mr. Selig

Second: Mr. Foote

Yeas: Selig, Foote, Hatgas, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 82-2014 is adopted 4-0

AUDIENCE

Mr. Bob Bauer thanked council and Mr. Hatgas for the new marquee at Tuxedo and Schaaf Rd. He also wanted to thank our police department for a job well done in the matter of a break-in of his barn and the return of his stolen items.

MOTION: Mr. Foote moved to excuse Mr. Walsh who is feeling ill. Second by Mr. Selig Motion passed 3-0

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Prochuk read a thank you note from Will & Nancy Hawkins of Hawkins Sales. They thanked him for the proclamation celebrating 30 years as a business in Brooklyn Heights.

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Monica Bartosik asked that her soccer team be allowed to use the downstairs of the Community Center on either Nov. 11th or 12th for a team party and awards and that the fee be waived.

MOTION: Mr. Selig moved that the fee for the Community Center be waived for the soccer team party and awards on Nov. 11th or 12th, 2014. Second by Mr. Foote Motion passed 3-0

The US Department of the Interior sent a thank you note commending our fire department on their assistance in searching for a missing person in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

The State of the Cuyahoga Valley Region Chamber of Commerce luncheon will be on Nov. 19th. Please RSVP to Kari if you plan to attend.

There will be a Zoning Board meeting on Nov. 17th for Melvin Glenn. He wants to build a 15' x 20' (300 sq. ft.) shed on his property at 85 Marko Lane. This is down from 480 sq. ft.

There will be an Autism Society Fundraiser on Nov. 8th at Murphy's Ale House in Valley View for two hours prior to the Ohio State - Michigan game.

SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. Hatgas told council that Mr. Perozek gave the village a check for \$303 for the purchase of a bench and plaque to honor his parents.

MOTION: Mr. Foote moved to purchase twenty (20) Sterling Silver 2" Linden trees for Marko Lane at a cost of \$2,508. Second by Mr. Selig Motion passed 3-0

The water in the park will be shut off this week to prevent freezing damage.

Mr. Hatgas said he is getting very good pricing on new trucks for the department and asked if it could be discussed at the Finance meeting next week.

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Mr. Presot said soccer season ended with two 1st place teams.

Basketball will begin on Dec. 6th. There are 29 BH kids and 9 Cuyahoga Hts. kids on 5 teams.

MOTION: Mr. Foote moved to pay Crown Sports \$1,136 for soccer uniforms. Second by Mr. Selig Motion passed 3-0

Mayor Procuk asked where the numbers for basketball are and he replied that last year there were fifty-one kids. Mr. Selig said we lost a number of kids that aged out and some girls are playing on a CYO team.

Mayor Procuk met with Mr. Presot to go over the surveys. He would like to see the scoreboard put into use at all games and some equipment needs to be replaced so council is now aware that there may need to be some funding in the rec department budget.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Algeri reported that the County Crime Lab found additional funding so their services will be free for a savings of \$1500 per year.

Chief Algeri said that Mayor Procuk swore in Ted Mackiewicz as a new part-time patrolman. He said that the part-timers have saved the department about \$9,000 in overtime pay.

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He commended the animal control company on jobs well done this last year.

Mr. Clymer asked Chief Algeri about a purchase order for \$1,650 for 10 polygraph tests.

MOTION: Mrs. Hatgas moved to pay Integrity Verifications \$1,650 for polygraph tests for the top ten police applicants. Second by Mr. Foote Motion passed 3-0

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Perry reported that the Economic Development meeting held earlier this evening gave council a lot of valuable information.

Mr. Perry announced that as of December 31, 2014 he will be retiring from this job. He said he served Brooklyn Heights for nineteen (19) years as a councilman and the last ten (10) in the Economic Development role. He wished council well.

Mr. Procuk expounded on the ideas that were shared in the committee meeting. (Minutes will be available on the web.)

MAYOR'S COURT

October income	\$5,067.00
State of Ohio	(879.50)
Indigent Driver & Alcohol Fnd	(22.50)
Regional Enterprise Data Sys	(75.00)
Brooklyn Heights	\$4090.00

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Procuk reported that the revenue for the village is down about \$200,000 and the spending is up about \$231,000 compared to this time last year. We are 83.3% thru 2014 and we are spending under budget at 78.95%.

The mayor attended the Cuyahoga County Mayors and City Managers Association annual fundraiser and banquet. They honored both Steven LaTourette and Sam Miller.

The association is sending a letter to ODNR regarding the deer population and requesting they meet with local governments to discuss options.

Mrs. Hatgas will attend the NOPEC meeting as the mayor's proxy.

Residents Ashley Rassi and Gerald Wilson were elected to 3 year terms on the Cuyahoga County Farm Bureau board and the (Joy/Clayton) Foote farm was recognized as an historical farm.

Mr. Hatgas and Kari Baciak filed the application for Tree City USA.

Mayor Procuk mentioned that Independence defeated a charter change to eliminate term limits and Mr. Hatgas asked if Valley View reduced the size of their council.

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CLERK/TREASURER

- General Fund \$1,467,180 which is down \$305,415 from Jan. 2014 but up \$179,411 from September 2014
 - New expenses over the last year totaling \$260,000 include:
 1. Employee raises \$80,000
 2. Payment to the School \$70,000
 3. Health Insurance \$30,000
 4. Transfer to Capital Imp \$80,000
 - New revenue for 2014 include:
 1. Reimbursement from Worker's Comp \$46,000
 2. R.I.T.A. collections \$28,000
 3. State Tax paid to Brooklyn instead of Brooklyn Hts \$16,942
- November 5, 2014

Mr. Clymer told council that they may need an amendment to the appropriations at the end of the year.

LAW DIRECTOR

No Report

COMMUNITY SERVICE

(Mrs. Guilfoyle is with her sick mother.)

- Leaf raking is Nov. 8th – 26 senior houses with 55 volunteers. Jane Hlatky will be in charge
- Remembrance Celebration is Dec. 3rd at 5 pm in the Community Center. Deadline for ornaments is Nov. 26th.
- Senior Snow Removal – there are seven signed up and one is on HEAP. This has not yet been in the Breeze so we can expect the number to grow.
- Art-in-the-Park- Mindy Armbrust would like to volunteer her time over the Christmas break to do two – 2 hour days. The Women's Service Club has donated funds for crafts and snacks. The days are Monday, Dec. 22nd and Tuesday, Dec. 30th from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. **MOTION: Mr. Foote moved to waive the Community Center fee for the Art-in-the-Park Christmas break activity. Second by Mr. Selig Motion passed 3-0**
- The department applied for and received a matching grant for Art-in-the-Park from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture. The grant is for \$1,500 and the awards ceremony is on Nov. 24th at 4 pm at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Mrs. Guilfoyle reported that the summer program costs for 2014 were \$1,843.03. The Park Board gave \$300 and the village gave \$1,200.
- The Hope Tree will go up on Nov. 17th and the deadline for gifts is Dec. 5th. There are nine families with twenty-two children being helped this year.
- The Heritage Home Cleveland Restoration Society made three site visits. One project for \$12,500 was accepted and another for \$6,500 was denied. The village paid \$400 for one year to belong and Mrs. Guilfoyle asks council to consider joining for 2015. This is for homes over 50 years old.

FIRE CHIEF

Chief Lasky said that the Regional Cuyahoga Valley Fire Departments are applying for a grant for a radio system that would consolidate both the police and fire departments. This grant will take about a year.

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The department has begun interviewing and Det. Tulcewicz has begun the background checks. We currently have twenty-seven members and would like to hire two or three new members. We are short for shifts.

There being no further business to come before the council, it was moved by Mrs. Hatgas and seconded by Mr. Selig at 8:23 pm that the meeting be adjourned.

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor & Council,

The following is a recap of the ED activity for the month of September:

- **Omni Property Companies**-Tom Finley, Principal, contacted Sheldon to inform him (regarding the proposed Governmental ICE lease) that they basically were not going to attempt to add an additional building (to be used to temporarily house the detainees) and will be submitting some more detailed plans within a month or 6 weeks. These drawings will ostensibly outline the parking and fencing plans according to Tom Finley. Regarding this, if they intend upon housing the detainees within the existing property, they will definitely have to obtain a variance from the ZBA and, more importantly, receive approval from Council to do this. They are talking about bringing 100 jobs into the Village and you already know about the issue regarding tax collection of Governmental Employees.
- **Blue Jay Communications**- after exhausting every possible suitable property in BH and not finding a suitable fit, they decided to re-locate to Brooklyn, Ohio. I have been informed that they have not asked for or received any type of "incentive" from the City of Brooklyn. The President, John Houlihan, made every possible effort to remain in BH, but simply couldn't not find a suitable property. He at one point spent \$50,000.00 of his own money attempting to utilize the former Waco Property and couldn't make it work, without investing more money.
- **Parts Pro**-working with the owner, Mike McFee, to see if his company can remain in our Village. Weston has doubled his lease rate which he won't accept and I have him looking at three of our remaining properties that might fit his needs, if the property owners and him can come to terms. Mike, like John Houlihan, really likes our location and doesn't want to leave.
- **Health Span**-as you already know, they are planning on expanding their "footprint" in our Village next year, by transferring some of their 1100 Downtown Cleveland employees to BH. To that end, since, Geis has not been able to find any real/legitimate prospects to date for a number of reasons, I suggested to Rico Pietro, 1/3 owner of the 16 acres & Realtor, that he approach the President of Health Span, Ken Page, to see if they would be willing to expand their "footprint" even further, by utilizing our location. This may especially timely and relevant since, his major competitors, are expanding their respective footprints in the area.
- **Greater Cleveland Partnership**-I received an e-mail announcing the fact that one of the local Realtors/Site Selectors, is looking for a centrally located 8/10 acres within 1 mile of a hospital, in Cuyahoga County, for a Skilled Nursing/Rehab Facility and so I contacted the Realtor and suggested the Geis Site. Since, we are within minutes of three hospitals (Metro, Cleveland Clinic/Marymount, & Parma), with outstanding an outstanding transportation system, this might even be a better answer to their needs. The Realtor indicated that he would run it by his client.
- **Brooklyn Heights Property/Schaaf Road**-the latest test results are being evaluated and we should be receiving an update from Bob Davis/Solar Testing soon.

Respectfully,

Ken Perry

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