

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD October 20, 2020 20

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on October 20, 2020 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Michael Procuk presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at this time.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Received and email from Donna Tesar regarding the BWC:
 - The BWC 2019 dividend checks will be sent out by the end of October. We should receive it by the middle of November.
 - Additional masks will be sent to all employers in November
 - Expect to receive the 20-21 estimated premium notice by October 31st.
- Berman will deliver the voting equipment on Thursday, Oct. 29th and pick it up on Wed. Nov. 4th.
- The Community Services Department will have a sponsored Drive-Thru on October 28th, November 18th and December 11th for the Senior Citizens. They will drive thru the Community Center parking lot and they will be given ...through the car window... a small package appropriate for Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- John Black has contacted the Mayor about having Santa do a verbal visit from a safe distance....Gazebo was a suggestion....we'll be working with the Service Clubs on this.

SERVICE DIRECTOR

- **MOTION:** Mr. Lahiff moved to pay PJ Ellis Electric \$3,142.00 to change to LED lights in the Lancaster marquee. The funds to be covered by the NOPEC Energy Efficiency Grant. Seconded by Mr. Walsh Motion carried 5-0
- **MOTION:** Mr. Walsh moved to pay EAB Truck \$1,548.39 for repairs to the F-650. Repair / replace the driver side and passenger side rear springs, hardware and U-bolts. Seconded by Mr. Blados Motion carried 5-0
- Mr. Lasky asked Mr. Hatgas how the 2004 truck is working since we had all the repairs done and Mr. Hatgas said it is in service and doing fine.

CLERK / TREASURER

- The second R.I.T.A. drop for October brought the total income for the month to \$470,560 which puts us at \$151k over this time in 2019.

Committee Reports

- Ad Hoc Park met to discuss the upper park. Mr. Henry gave them some pictures and talked about completely renovating the upper park. Asked Mr. Henry to give them an estimate to remove the splash pad and drinking fountain. Looking for big plans for next year.
- Mrs. Presot said she will call a Safety Meeting if Chief Meade feels he needs one. Mayor Procuk said there were 106 applicants nationwide that took the test. They have gone through them and done 15 background checks. They will schedule the interviews and decide which ones to invest the money in for psychological testing. Mayor Procuk hopes to have five (5) ready to offer conditional jobs to by

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December 1st and then in January possibly hiring 1-2 additional officers off this list. If we hire five (5) we will still be short three (3) from what the ordinance tells us we are to be operating with.

- Mr. Lahiff asked when council agreed to hire five (5) and Mayor Procuk said they haven't agreed to hire any yet. We operate under an approved budget and when we get to that point we will come to council and that's when they'll make a decision. Mayor Procuk said his goal is to have five (5) of them ready for council's consideration. Mayor Procuk asked if that answers his question and Mr. Lahiff replied "yes, we'll deal with it then".
- Mr. Walsh asked how many Mr. Lahiff would like to hire and Mr. Lahiff responded that they discussed this and he thought it was two (2) to three (3).
- . When it comes to hiring and the budget the final decision will be made by council.
- The Chief and Mayor are very confident that this village needs to get five (5) full-time officers on the books as soon as possible. Mayor Procuk said we lost four (4) this year and we are down seven (7) bodies with an expected loss of two to three additional next year. Mr. Lahiff said to Mayor Procuk that neither he nor Chief Meade can make that decision and Mayor Procuk responded that he can't hire anyone without council's approval. Mayor Procuk said he can't do anything more than \$1000 without council approval, but his job is to get them ready to present to council what we need to operate this village safely and then the roll is called.

Chelsea Kovar asked if they can call the next Parks Ad Hoc Committee meeting to get it on the schedule. Mr. Blados said he will call it at the next meeting.

ORDINANCE 59-2020- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SPECIALIZED CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE 2020 BROOKLYN HEIGHTS ASPHALT PROGRAM

Sponsor: Mrs. Presot

Second: Mr. Blados

Yeas: Presot, Blados, Lahiff, Lasky, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 59-2020 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 60-2020- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TC CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR THE 2020 BROOKLYN HEIGHTS CONCRETE PROGRAM

Sponsor: Mr. Lasky

Second: Mrs. Presot

Yeas: Lasky, Presot, Blados, Lahiff, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 60-2020 is adopted 5-0

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

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.


Mayor


Clerk/Treasurer