

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD April 20, 2021 20

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on **April 20, 2021 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:	Meade
Fire Chief:	Stefanko
Asst. Chief:	Lasky
Service Director:	Hatgas
Bldg. Commissioner:	
Asst. Bldg. Comm.	
Comm. Service Dir:	
Recreation Dir:	
Soccer Dir:	Shadd to answer a question
GUESTS:	

MOTION: Mrs. Presot moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2021 and April 6, 2021 regular meetings of council. Seconded by Mr. Lahiff Motion carried 5-0

CORRESPONDENCE

- The NOPEC 2020 annual report is in council chambers.
- Thank You note from Jenn Lasky, Director of Edna House – Thanked the mayor and council for the NOPEC donation of \$250 to Edna House.
- Mayor Procuk read a letter of thanks from Jenn Lasky, Director of Edna House to NOPEC for their donation (above).
- Read a letter from Mayor Bacci / Cuyahoga Heights –**2021 Budgetary COVID restrictions**
 - The Cuyahoga Heights pool will open on June 5th at noon.
 - No swim team (as of now)
 - No swim lessons (as of now)
 - Hours are Monday through Sunday from noon – 7 pm. There will be no dinner break and no lap swim
 - Special events like Christmas in July will be announced throughout the season if permitted.
 - Valley View summer camp and Brooklyn Heights Art in the Park are welcome as they have been in the past years.
 - For additional information, please contact the pool manager, Sandy Sturgill
 - Prices for Cuyahoga Heights School District residents remain the same as in 2019
 - Pre-sale passes for non-residents but residents of the Cuyahoga Heights School District will be \$50 per person (all ages) and \$125 family passes
 - Brooklyn Hts. numbers will be number 201 – 500. Pre-sale passes will be sold at the Village of Brooklyn Heights until Thursday, May 27, 2021. After that, passes will be sold at the pool during regular working hours beginning Saturday, June 5th at a cost of \$60 per person and \$135 per family.
 - A copy of the pool rules and regulations will be distributed with each pass that is sold.
 - All monies must be turned into Cuyahoga Heights no later than 3pm on Friday, May 28th.

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Mayor Procuik is arranging to have the passes sold from behind the window in the police station to keep everyone safe. He is working on bringing Tracy Harris back into the building for this.

MOTION: Mrs. Presot moves to keep the pool pass pricing the same as 2019 with the village subsidizing the balance. Seconded by Mr. Walsh Motion carried 5-0

SERVICE DIRECTOR

- **MOTION:** Mrs. Presot moved to pay Affordable Mulch \$2800 for the ball diamond clay for 2021. Seconded by Mr. Walsh Motion carried 5-0
- **MOTION:** Mr. Lahiff moved to pay C & K \$4,020 for street sweeping. To be reimbursed by NEORS through cost sharing. Seconded by Mr. Lasky Motion carried 5-0

ORDINANCE 27-2021- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CUYAHOGA LANDMARK FOR THE PURCHASE OF GASOLINE AND RELATED PRODUCTS

Sponsor: Mr. Walsh

Second: Mr. Blados

Yeas: Walsh, Blados, Lahiff, Presot, Lahiff

Nays: None

Ordinance 27-2021 is adopted 5-0

ENGINEER

ORDINANCE 28-2021- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE ATTACHED PERMANENT STORMWATER EASEMENT ALLOWING THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT TO INSTALL A NEW TRASH RACK AND ACCESS FOR MAINTENANCE WITH REGARD TO PART PPN 531-27-071

Sponsor: Mr. Lahiff

Second: Mr. Lasky

Yeas: Lahiff, Lasky, Blados, Presot & Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 28-2021 is adopted 5-0

LAW DIRECTOR

- Rosby & Kurtz have gone together with an application to expand their landfill. Tony Coyne will handle this and he is checking the application. He will report on our options in relation to this expansion.
- Mr. Coyne will let Mr. Dowling know when the public meetings will be held.

CLERK / TREASURER

- On behalf of Mr. Shadd: **MOTION:** Mr. Blados moved to pay Adler's Sporting Goods \$1,006.25 for soccer uniforms. Seconded by Mr. Lahiff Motion carried 5-0
 - Mr. Lasky asked why we are purchasing uniforms in the spring when the soccer season runs fall through spring. Mr. Blados said it might be because there was no fall session due to COVID so we didn't purchase them in the fall. Mr. Shadd will be asked the question at the next meeting.
- We are operating at 21.32% of the budget through the first quarter of 2021.
- R.I.T.A. drop was \$508,068 for April. It is slightly below the 2020 figure.
- The appraisal of the property for auction (no address specified) was \$20,000. It must be advertised five (5) times. Mr. Lahiff suggested they set the minimum bid at \$15,000.

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- Mayor Procuk asked the reason for setting the minimum at below the appraisal amount and Mr. Lasky said that figure would be the silent reserve.....they won't take less than that.....but that is not advertised.
- Mr. Dowling said you do have to advertise the minimum bid.
- Council decided to advertise the minimum bid at \$20,000.
- Mayor Procuk suggested Mr. Frank get a firm advertising cost and put it out in an email to council, Mayor Procuk, and Mr. Dowling.
- Mayor Procuk told Mr. Frank that if the cost of the advertisement is more than \$1,000 then they have to have a motion.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- NEORSD made two residential awards in the amount of \$1,344
- City of Cleveland, Div. of Water made ten residential awards at approximately \$505 each.
- Mayor Procuk has the high school band on stand-by in case he decides to hold a Memorial Day Parade
- Mayor Procuk is not yet opening up the Community Center or the Park for reservations but he is allowing the MSC to use a pavilion on April 27th and J & L Body will hold a memorial for Mike Litteria on Sunday, July 25th at pavilion 1 and diamond 2.
- The legislators have introduced a Sub-Bill 157 to change the withholding for people working remotely. We are supporting the Ohio Municipal League and R.I.T.A. with an objection to make any changes. Our lobbyists in Columbus don't feel there are enough votes to get that passed.
- There was a Master Plan meeting to discuss the results of the survey. He will advertise the public meeting.
- Mayor Procuk and Mike Henry are working with a potential suitor who is interested in making a donation for the renovation of the park. He will call a committee meeting when needed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Working with four (4) new employers
- The last building on Schaaf Road (Mango Bay) is under contract to an apprenticeship program for insulation.
- ABC Piping submitted preliminary plans to develop half of the vacant property next to the VFW. They will put up a building and they are working with Nino.
- Although AmeriGas thought they would occupy the entire Safeguard building and the balance of the building at 600 W. Resource, AmeriGas are instituting their right of first refusal so there is a pending deal with a company that works with and offers education to autistic adults.

Mayor Procuk then verified the council appointment nominations to the Charter Review Commission:

- Councilman Lahiff is nominating Maria Tritsarolis
- Councilwoman Presot is nominating Traci Ellacott
- Councilman Lasky is nominating Chelsea Kovar
- Clerk/Treasurer is nominating Val Snyder
- Councilman Walsh, Councilman Blados and Mayor Procuk are awaiting answers from their nominees.

Mayor Procuk will have legislation prepared for the May 4th meeting to seat and empower the Charter Review Commission.

We are in good shape as far as the timetable is concerned. The Commission met seven (7) times five (5) years ago so he hopes that when they are seated on May 4th they can conclude their business by the end of May and they can put it before council in June.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

WAGE & SALARY

- Councilman Blados said the committee met tonight with Ted Biskind (American Benefits) to discuss four (4) options to maintain the current employee health coverage and save both the employees and the village money. We are waiting for the employee applications to be completed and then we will meet with the other agents. He will call another Wage & Salary meeting at that time.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

- Councilwoman Presot said the committee met tonight to discuss two (2) Fire Department issues.
 - Cardiac Monitors:
 - The monitors we have are eleven (11) years old and are no longer being serviced and parts are no longer available.
 - We have the opportunity to purchase new monitors at a buy one get one free and trading in the old monitors.
 - Ambulance:
 - We can possibly purchase a demo unit and we will look at financing the unit and we will come back to the table to make a decision.

SOCCER

- Mr. Shadd tried to explain why he is purchasing shirts in the spring. He said that the shirts he ordered for spring 2020 were not used until the fall season.
- He purchased shirts this spring 2021 and will purchase shirts again in the fall of 2021.
- Councilman Lasky said he was under the impression that the shirts were purchased in the fall and carried over for the spring season.
- Mr. Shadd said that he purchases shirts each season because he can't always get the same colors or number sequence and the kids like wearing the shirts outside of soccer.

ORDINANCE 29-2021- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS TO PROVIDE SOFTWARE SUPPORT FOR THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

Sponsor: Mr. Walsh

Second: Mr. Blados

Yeas: Walsh, Blados, Lahiff, Presot and Lasky

Nays: None

Ordinance 29-2021 in adopted 5-0

Mr. Dowling asked Mr. Henry if the resolutions are being voted on and Mr. Frank said there are no resolutions on the agenda tonight.

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

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk/Treasurer