

# COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

## MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD \_\_\_\_\_ July 6, 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on **July 6, 2021 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:        | Lasky - remote                        |
|                       | Service Director:   | Hatgas - remote                       |
|                       | Bldg. Commissioner: |                                       |
|                       | Asst. Bldg. Comm.   | Sonenstein - remote                   |
|                       | Comm. Service Dir:  | Guilfoyle                             |
|                       | Recreation Dir:     | Krzynowek                             |
|                       | Soccer Dir:         | Shadd remote                          |
|                       | GUESTS:             | FOP – Leahy remote                    |
|                       |                     | Tommer                                |
|                       |                     | Biskind                               |
|                       |                     | Sheets                                |
|                       |                     | Berger (joined remote)                |

**MOTION:** Mrs. Presot moved to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2021 special council meeting as distributed. Seconded by Mr. Walsh Motion carried 5-0

### CORRESPONDENCE

- Mayor Procuk read ten (10) pieces of correspondence regarding the landfill application.  
*ATTACHED*
- Letter from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections informing us that there will be a Special Primary Election on August 3, 2021 and they will utilize our Community Center as our polling place.

### ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

**ORDINANCE 46-2021-** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MEDICAL MUTUAL FOR A HEALTH CARE PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS (EXHIBIT A: AMBENEFITS financial fact sheet only)

Sponsor: Mr. Blados

Second: Mrs. Presot

*This ordinance has been sponsored and seconded and will be voted on at the next regular council meeting on July 6, 2021*

#### **2<sup>ND</sup> READING:**

Sponsor: Mr. Blados

Second: Mrs. Presot

Yeas: Blados, Presot, Walsh

Nays: Lasky, Lahiff

**ORDINANCE 46-2021 is adopted 3-2**

*This ordinance will go into law in thirty (30) days.*

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Sponsor: Mr. Walsh

Second: Mr. Lahiff

*This ordinance has been sponsored and seconded and will be voted on at the next regular council meeting on July 6, 2021*

**2<sup>nd</sup> reading: This ordinance is withdrawn due to adoption of Ordinance 46-2021.**

Mayor Procuik said we paid the invoice sent to us to extend our coverage for the month of July with a 7% increase. Mr. Biskind will check with Medical Mutual regarding the coverage date.

### **POLICE CHIEF**

- Asked for approval of the ordinance on the agenda tonight to enter into an agreement with UH Parma for a grant to pay overtime to our police officers for working specialized details.
- Two (2) of the new Tahoe's are in and parked by the fence in the back lot. The equipment is ordered for all three (3) and they should be on the road in early August.
- The background checks and interviews are complete. There were a lot of great candidates and we're ready to offer three (3) conditional employments this week.
- The State budget has been approved and the body camera grant is part of the budget. Mandatory training is also in the budget. Chief Meade will inform council when we can apply for the grant.
- E-tickets is still on hold.

A Safety Committee meeting is called for 7 pm on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 to discuss hiring three (3) new police officers and to discuss speed signs.

- Mr. Lasky asked "with three (3) new hires, how many officers will that give us" and Chief Meade said seventeen (17).

Mayor Procuik thanked everyone involved in working through the water main break over the weekend. (Chief Meade, Engineer Henry, Service Director Hatgas, employee R. Algeri, Community Services Director Guilfoyle, employee D. Algeri and anyone else)

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- Assistant Chief Lasky told council that the department tested the water at the water main break to make sure it was safe for the residents on Schaaf Road.
- We have responded to calls on I-480 sixteen (16) times in twenty-one (21) days.
- FF Chris Novak has resigned from the department effective July 31, 2021 following a four (4) month leave of absence due to the unexpected death of his father.
- The department is down to thirty (30) members and are anticipating the loss of another member late in the year due to moving outside of the radius.
- We received an EMS grant in the amount of \$2,500 for equipment for the squads.
- The new squad should be in around the second week of August. They will put the old squad on govdeals.com to sell it.

Mayor Procuik thanked FF Sidor and Mechanic Florjancic for their quick response and help with the water main break also.



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### SERVICE DIRECTOR

- Recycling to date is at 32.2% which is down from 36.17%
- The ordinance on tonight's agenda is to PAY not to enter into a contract with Otis Elevator. Our current contract expires in 2024. The invoice is \$9,051.48 which is up from \$8,788.08. Mr. Dowling said we can amend the ordinance language tonight.
- The drainage work at the Municipal Center is complete and the landscaping was finished today.
- The F-250 is wired with new lights and operating as expected
- Law Director Dowling asked if the Otis invoice is based on a contract and Mr. Hatgas said it is their normal rate increase. It is the invoice for the renewal.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Held the first Senior Social since COVID and it was nice to have them back. Lunch was sponsored by two (2) vendors and the Service Department loaned them the grill.
- Fifty-three (53) kids in the Art in the Park program with thirty (30) student volunteers.  
**MOTION: Mrs. Presot moved to pay Y Design Graphics \$1,997.24 for T-shirts for the Art in the Park program. Seconded by Mr. Walsh Motion carried 5-0**
- Senior Grass Cutting has sixty-five (65) very happy customers. The guys are doing a great job.
- We will be applying for a NOACCA 5310 grant for a new 24-passenger bus. NOACCA is allowing us to go outside the realm to apply for this.
- Mrs. Presot asked how the food pantry is doing and Mrs. Guilfoyle responded that it was slow during the worst part of COVID but it is picking up now. She said her department would pack the food for curbside pick-up and they still do that for those who are uncomfortable coming in to shop.

### RECREATION DIRECTOR

- The baseball, softball, T-ball season is coming to an end. The playoff games begin today. The Boys Majors have the best record in their age group so they will have home field advantage throughout the playoffs.
- With all the late afternoon rain, he has told the coaches that if they want to play extra games to let him know so he can schedule them.
- The thanked the Service Department for their work preparing the fields making our park one of the premier fields to play on. With the concession stand right there we are top notch.
- Mayor Procuk asked if COVID played a part in the umpire no shows and Dale said that the kids pick their schedule at the beginning of the season and then something comes up preventing them from working that night. Dale said that he was aware of only one incident where the adult umpire did not show up. Mayor Procuk said that he was at the game that Dale umped and Dale said he put himself out there because there were rumblings about the coach and he wanted to squash any problems that may come up.

### SOCCKER DIRECTOR

- Fall Soccer registration will begin now thru August 1<sup>st</sup>. Late registration will be August 2<sup>nd</sup> thru August 8<sup>th</sup> and the late fee will be \$25.
- Mayor Procuk said he will follow-up with the coach from Cuyahoga Heights about using the field.

### ENGINEER

- The Master Plan is in the final stages. We should have the first draft at the end of August.
- The Granger Road pavement repair, which was originally a Cleveland Water repair, will be fixed by ODOT at no charge to the village.
- The Tuxedo water main break is being worked on. The road was partially reopened today. The contractor will come in and backfill the area. Probes will be put in to make sure there are no voids and then the road will be both concrete and asphalt.

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There will be some road closure northbound going in and the detour will take you around off Hinckley Parkway. The road will be open to the two businesses on Old Brookpark Road and the truck traffic will be routed down Hinckley Parkway to Jennings to try to keep it off Schaaf. Mr. Henry hopes they can do the work over a weekend to reduce the inconvenience to our residents.

- W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street total cost is \$213,000. Cost to the village is about \$30,000 to fix the pavement. With all the rain we've had there is some standing water and Mr. Henry would like to have the gutter line ground and repaved. The cost for this would be an additional \$15,000. Mayor Procuik asked if they would need a change order and was told yes. Mr. Lasky asked each council member if they were ok with making the change order and not having a committee meeting to discuss it. All were in agreement and Mr. Henry said he would have the change order prepared by the next council meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup>.
- A Streets Committee meeting was called for August 17, 2021 at 6:30 pm to discuss the OPWC Grant and the 2021 Pavement Program.

### LAW DIRECTOR

- Mr. Dowling thanked Tony Coyne & Katie Webber for fighting the landfill permit. They did an excellent job both before and during the hearing. He feels we are in an excellent position to be hopeful at the outcome.
- The Charter Review Commission has worked diligently and the fruits of their labor will come before council in the form of ordinances at the next council meeting.

### BUILDING DEPARTMENT

- Doing Point of Sale inspections for both residential and commercial building. There has been very little resistance from both the buyers and the sellers as to repairs needed.
- 4566 Van Epps will have a re-inspection as they complete the repairs
- 1414 E. Schaaf Rd. sold and will become a classroom for HVAC Union Training. There will be a request for a sign permit forthcoming.
- Property across from ABC Piping on E. Schaaf Rd (lot next to the VFW) was to be a lot split but they will be building on the entire lot.
- 600 W. Resource will be Highland Learning Center. Plans are being submitted
- Mr. Walsh questioned the garbage on the tree lawn at 503 Tuxedo. Mr. Sonenstein said that they originally said that he gave them permission to put it out and then it was said that Ed's secretary, Donna, told them they could put it out. They also spoke to someone in the police department and it is being worked out by Mr. Hatgas and the Police Department.

### CLERK / TREASURER

- **MOTION: Mr. Lahiff moves to accept the 2022 Alternative Tax Budget in compliance with Cuyahoga County. Seconded by Mr. Walsh Motion carried 5-0**
- First July R.I.T.A. income was \$587,670.55

### MAYOR'S COURT

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|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| • Income for June                     | \$17,576.80 |
| • State of Ohio                       | ( 2,726.50) |
| • Indigent Driver & Alcohol           | ( 94.50)    |
| • Reg. Enterprise Data Sharing System | ( 355.00)   |
| • BROOKLYN HEIGHTS                    | \$14,400.80 |

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### MAYOR'S REPORT

- The R.I.T.A. income is up over the last two years by 17%
- Ryan Saunders is flying in to see Mayor Procuk on July 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the \$75,000 donation for park improvements.
- A Park, Playground and Community Services Committee meeting is called for July 13, 2021 at 6 pm to discuss the upper park improvements.
- Mayor Procuk met, for the second time, with a developer regarding our property on Schaaf Road. He is interested in putting up about 48 smaller ranch homes. He will come back with three (3) additional renditions.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- July 13, 2021 at 6 pm a Parks, Playground and Community Services Committee meeting will be held to discuss the upper park improvements.
- At 7 pm a Safety Committee meeting will held to discuss hiring additional police and safety signs.
- August 17, 2021 a Streets Committee meeting will be held to discuss the OPWC Grant and the 2021 Pavement Program.

### ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 48- 2021 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MAKE PAYMENT PURSUANT TO A RENEWAL CLAUSE OF THE CONTRACT WITH OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF ELEVATORS

*MOTION: Mrs. Presot moves to amend the ordinance as written above. Seconded by Mr. Lahiff*

Yeas: Presot, Lahiff, Blados, Lasky & Walsh

Nays: None

*Motion to amend is approved 5-0*

Sponsor: Mr. Blados

Second: Mrs. Presot

Yeas: Blados, Presot, Lahiff, Lasky & Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 48-2021 is adopted as amended

ORDINANCE 49-2021- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL TO PROVIDE TARGETED ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

*This is a grant to pay overtime to police officers for specialized details.*

Sponsor: Mr. Lasky

Second: Mr. Lahiff

Yeas: Lasky, Lahiff, Blados, Presot & Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 49-2021 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 50-2021 - JULY PAY ORDINANCE

Sponsor: Mr. Walsh

Second: Mr. Blados

Yeas: Walsh, Blados, Lahiff, Presot, Lasky

Nays: None

Ordinance 50-2021 is adopted 5-0



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**RESOLUTION 07**-AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE RECEIPT OF FUNDING FOR THE ENHANCED MOBILITY FOR SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM

Sponsor: Mrs. Presot

Second: Mr. Walsh

Yeas: Presot, Walsh, Lahiff, Blados & Lasky

Nays: None

Resolution 07-2021 is adopted 5-0

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

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk/Treasurer