



COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD November 6, 2019 20

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on Nov. 6, 2019 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, Foote, Lasky, Presot & Walsh
	Mayor:	Procuk
	Clerk/Treasurer:	Frank
	Law Director:	Dowling
	Engineer:	Henry
	Police Chief:	Algeri
	Fire Chief:	Lasky (Asst. Chief)
	Service Director:	Hatgas
	Bldg. Commissioner:	Monaco
	Asst. Bldg. Comm.	Sonenstein
	Comm. Service Dir:	Guilfoyle
	Recreation Dir:	Kryznowek
	Soccer:	Shadd

Mayor Procuk offered congratulations to incumbents Mark Lasky and Joe Blados and to newly elected Tom Lahiff. He also congratulated Shane Tommer on his campaign.

CLERK/TREASURER

- The Economic Development Fund, Employees Retirement Fund and the Capital Improvement Fund are all growing.
- Ted Biskind sent an email suggesting council increase the deductible to save on premium increases.
- There will be a savings of about 10% if we switch the life insurance from Hartford to Lincoln Financial.
- **MOTION: Mr. Foote moved to make the change from Hartford Insurance to Lincoln Financial for the life insurance. Second by Mrs. Presot Motion carried 5-0**

Mr. Frank has been excused for the duration of this meeting due to a prior commitment.

B.E.S.T COMMITTEE

- An update on the Facilities Plan and the work of the BEST Committee and the schools was presented.
- He gave an overview of the results of the state Report Card.
- They recognize the "want" of a field house.
- The district is committed to maintaining the existing structures.
- He said that they appreciate the involvement of the villages by having representatives involved.
- Currently there are 865 students enrolled in Pre-K thru grade 12 with 220 of those students on the tuition plan.
- There will be a meeting this week where Mr. Muccio will present the 5-year forecast.
- Community Open House date is January 26, 2020. Only Sunday between now and Superbowl Sunday with no NFL games scheduled.

Mayor Procuk told council that Jeff Zorc has married and moved out of the village and there is a need to appoint a resident to the Architectural Review Board. He is recommending Cheri DeLuca-Belko of Marko Lane. **MOTION: Mrs. Presot moved to appoint Cheri Belko to the ARB. Second by Mr. Blados. Motion carried 5-0**

Mrs. Belko thanked council and Mayor Procuk for this opportunity.



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CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Greif Recycling stating they no longer accept recycling and referred us to "Keep It Green" or Pete & Pete Recycling.
- Read a letter from Gary Bru announcing his retirement from the BH Police Department effective March 18, 2020. He will have served the village for 34 years. He is asking council to consider continuing his hospitalization through the end of March, 2020 at which time he will then pick up his own health insurance.
- Read a letter from Chief Dan Algeri announcing his retirement from the BH Police Department effective January 3, 2020. He will have served 33 years. He is asking council to consider continuing his health insurance through the end of January 2020. *Side note: Mayor Procuk has instructed Chief Algeri to begin taking the steps to get the testing started for the eligible members of our police department. He hopes to have the position filled by December 31, 2019.*

AUDIENCE

- Steve Peine commented about the traffic (outsiders) on Halloween and his concern for the safety of the children due to double parking, parking to close to the stop signs and moving their vehicles along as the kids were walking.
- Chief Algeri said there were four cars out and if they come across traffic or parking issues they would deal with it.

SERVICE DIRECTOR

- The asphalt program began on Tuesday and will continue, weather permitting, through the end of the week.
- The Tuxedo patch will be finished on Friday.
- The relining of the streets will be included in this program
- The Tree Grant was resubmitted to the county and we are awaiting their approval.
- **MOTION: Mrs. Presot moved to pay Custom Clutch \$1,952 to replace the clutch assembly on the leaf vac. Second by Mr. Foote Motion carried 5-0**
- The water in the park will be turned off next week.
- The Service Department was out at 7:00 am this morning to clear the leaves on the numbered streets to help the contractor.

POLICE CHIEF

- **MOTION: Mr. Blados moved to pay Firehawk Automotive \$1,703.20 for repairs to the 2013 Dodge Charger with 131,000 miles. The repairs were: cam shafts, rocker, lifters, motor mount and starter. Second by Mrs. Presot Motion carried 5-0**
- The department is participating in "No shave November" for A Special Wish Foundation. So far this month, between all the participating departments, they have raised over \$6,000.
- The department is participating in "Shop with a Cop" and tickets are available at the Police Dept.
- We are not participating in "Mocktail" this year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Thank you to our residents who generously made donations for the Food Drive last month.
- We had a Blind Audit by the Food Bank and we had a perfect score.
- Leaf Raking will be on Saturday, Nov. 9th and we have sufficient number of volunteers
- The Cuyahoga County Arts & Culture Grant for Art-in-the-Park has been approved for recommendation of funding. The final award notification will be Nov. 13th.
- The Remembrance Celebration will be on Dec. 4th at the Community Center. The deadline to order ornaments for a loved one will be Nov. 27th.
- Senior Snow Removal program sign-up is well under way. The markers are up for those already registered. Forty-three (43) are registered to date.



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- Project Hope Tree is up. We are serving eleven (11) families with 23 kids.

SOCCER

- Season went well – looking forward to the spring season.
- Paid \$416 in referee fees for sixteen (16) games.
- Spring sign-ups will begin in late January, early February

FIRE CHIEF

- **MOTION: Mr. Walsh moved to pay Emergency Reporting Systems \$1,420 for the department run tracking reports. Second by Mr. Foote Motion carried 5-0**
- **MOTION: Mr. Walsh moved to pay Ferno \$1,650 for accessories to upgrade our cots. (bariatric wings for heavier persons) Second by Mrs. Presot Motion carried 5-0**
- **MOTION: Mr. Blados moved to pay Penn Care \$2,700 for two (2) new AED's and cases. Second by Mr. Lasky Motion carried 5-0 This will be reimbursed by the State EMS grant.**
- Asst. Chief Lasky told council that our department has received two grants in conjunction with the City of Parma which totals approximately \$570,000. Our share would be about \$15,000 which the county is picking up so there is no cost to the village.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

- Mr. Sonenstein reported that the NIDEC building project is moving along.
- The department continues with both commercial and residential inspections and point of sale inspections.
- He reminded all that contractors must be registered in the village. If there is a problem after the fact and the contractor did not register then the village cannot help the homeowner. The registration fee protects the homeowner by making sure the contractor is bonded. If something goes wrong, we can help get it fixed. If they aren't registered and there is a problem, we can't help them.
- We will be going to court on 613 Tuxedo Ave. There is a water shut-off notice on the house.

LAW DIRECTOR

- No Report

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Coats for Kids is located on Valley Belt Rd. FOGG donates the space to them and we have a container in the lobby. Ptl. Cody Alfien and his fiancé managed to fill two police cars in 24 hours with donations.
- John Kurtz made an appointment with Mayor Procuk to discuss their operation and Mayor Procuk rode to his site with him while he explained the operations.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

- Mr. Krzynowek has a conflict with his job so he gave his report through Mayor Procuk. Basketball sign-ups are complete and there are 37 players.
- They need a coach for the 3rd & 4th grade boys' team.

ENGINEER

- Mr. Henry is excused due to conflicts.
- 2019 asphalt program will be completed by the end of the week and the concrete program will be complete by the end of the year.
- NIDEC- the paving and grading is almost complete.

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- Spring Road agreement with the county to pay \$250,000 for the reconstruction of Spring Road to be done in 2020 if we can secure the remainder of the funding. Nov. 22nd deadline for submission
- DNR grant for park improvements – we have not heard anything yet.
- Jerry Dowling, Mike Henry and Mayor Procuk will meet to draw up a Memo of Understanding with the county to upgrade our master plan which would be fully funded by the county.

MAYOR'S COURT

• Income for October	\$ 12,796.40
• State of Ohio	(2009.50)
• Indigent Driver & Alcohol	(73.50)
• Reg. Enterprise Data Sharing System	(<u>250.00</u>)
• BROOKLYN HEIGHTS	10,463.40

Mayor Procuk said that he gets at least two (2) "passing a school bus" offenders a month and he charges them the maximum of \$500. He asked council if they would like to increase that fine to \$750 as other communities are doing.

MAYOR

- The fee increase from all the trash/recycling companies was discussed at the Cuyahoga County Mayors and Managers meeting. It was determined that all the communities represented would force their contractor to abide by the rates of the contract for the duration of their contract.
- The George V. Voinovich award was given to Richard Poge
- Rocky Schuckert led a crew to dismantle the steps in the park from the 1st pavilion to the road. Mayor Procuk will ask him to submit the list of volunteers which is needed to apply for an "in-kind" grant.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 74-2019: SEPTEMBER PAY ORDINANCE

Sponsor: Mrs. Presot

Second: Mr. Blados

Yea: Presot, Blados, Lasky, Foote, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 74-2019 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 75-2019: OCTOBER PAY ORDINANCE

Sponsor: Mr. Lasky

Second: Mr. Foote

Yea: Lasky, Foote, Presot, Blados, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 75-2019 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 76-2019: NOVEMBER PAY ORDINANCE

Sponsor: Mr. Foote

Second: Mr. Lasky

Yea: Foote, Lasky, Presot, Walsh, Blados

Nays: None

Ordinance 76-2019 is adopted 5-0

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ORDINANCE 77-2019- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5.08 MILITARY LEAVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURAL MANUAL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

Sponsor: Mrs. Presot

Second: Mr. Foote

Yeas: Presot, Foote, Blados, Walsh, Lasky

Nays: None

Ordinance 77-2019 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 78-2019 – AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH K&K INSURANCE GROUP FOR AMBULANCE AND RESCUE RUNS COVERAGE FOR FIREFIGHTERS OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

Sponsor: Mrs. Presot

Second: Mr. Blados

Yeas: Presot, Blados, Walsh, Foote, Lasky

Nays: None

Ordinance 78-2019 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 79-2019 – AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION WITH THE COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA FOR THE RESURFACING OF SPRING ROAD FROM VAN EPPS ROAD TO THE CORPORATION LINE

Sponsor: Mr. Walsh

Second: Mr. Lasky

Yeas: Walsh, Lasky, Blados, Foote, Presot

Nays: None

Ordinance 79-2019 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 80-2019-AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO PURCHASE TWO THERMAL IMAGING DEVICES FROM MES WARREN FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR USE BY THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sponsor: Mr. Blados

Second: Mr. Walsh

Yeas: Blados, Walsh, Foote, Presot, Lasky

Nays: None

Ordinance 80-2019 is adopted 5-0

MOTION: Mr. Lasky moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and negotiations. Second by Mr. Foote.

Yeas: Lasky, Foote, Blados, Walsh, Presot


Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0

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

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk/Treasurer