

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD _____ November 19, 2019 _____ 20 _____

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on Nov. 19, 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
	Fire Chief:	Stefanko

Chief Joe Stefanko introduced Dan Ellenberger, Dr. Sheldon Rose Medical Director and Mary Beth Community Relations all of UH Parma. Dr. Rose presented the department with The Mission: Lifeline EMS recognition plaque for their work with cardio vascular patients. They achieved a Silver+ award for 2019.

Chief Stefanko thanked UH for their support of the department and first responders with education and supplemental supplies and equipment.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Read a letter of resignation from Ptl. Michael Stack effective Dec. 1, 2019
- Read a letter from Ohio DNR telling us we did not receive the grant for park improvements. We can re-submit by June 1, 2020
- Read a request from Mandi Apathy to use the community center for the Fifth Grade Graduation planning meetings. Would like Wed. January 22, 2020 at 7pm with the fee waived.

MOTION: Mrs. Presot moves to waive the fee for the Community Center on Wed. Jan. 22, 2020 for the CHS Fifth Grade Planning meeting. Second by Mr. Blados Motion carried 5-0

AUDIENCE

- Toni Rusnak of Hilltop Lane. She explained that she does not feel safe while walking her dog along the perimeter of the upper park. She is asking for better lighting in the area. She feels there is less patrol than in the past.
She would like to see money spent on upgrading surveillance.
She said that the Police Blotter in the Breeze is selective in what is being reported. She asked why all incidents are not in the Breeze.
She asked if you are allowed to park on the Fire Hydrant side of the street. Because Chief Algeri is not in attendance tonight Mayor Procuk said he would get the answers for her.
Mayor Procuk explained that there is lighting on the upper park and she is walking on a public sidewalk and he will check with the Service Director regarding the lighting.
She also questioned the visibility of garbage cans in the yards. She said that Parma has an ordinance stating that the cans cannot be visible from the street and asked if we have such an ordinance. Mayor Procuk said our ordinance reads that they must be stored behind the building line. Mr. Walsh said his neighbors cans sit next to their garage and you see them every day.
Mayor Procuk asked her to send him an email voicing her concerns so that he can address them.

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- Chelsea Kovar said that since we did not receive the ODNR grant she understands that there is a State Capital Bill Grant that we can apply for. Mayor Procuik said we are already looking into that. She would like to have council go out for bids on the cost of removing the skating rink. The proposed cost was \$27,000 for removal, grading and reseeding the area. She asked if that could then be worked into the budget.
- Mayor Procuik said there will be a new chairperson after January 1, 2020.

MAYOR REPORT

- Mayor Procuik told council that there was another movie being shot in BH/Seven Hills and he did get a certificate of insurance.
- The Master Plan data is being put in place and there will be a meeting after Jan. 1, 2020
- The R.I.T.A. prediction with the tax increase is running just over what was predicted when it was put on the ballot.
- \$119,292 has been put into the Capital Improvement Fund

Mr. Lasky said that the Wage & Salary Committee will meet on Nov. 21st to finish up the employee contract talks.

Mr. Lasky called a Finance Committee meeting for Dec. 3rd at 7pm to begin budget discussions. Mr. Frank said he would get council a baseline budget.

Mr. Walsh asked about bumping up the contribution into Capital Improvement and Mr. Frank suggested they might want to bump up the retiree fund due to the letters received.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 16-2019 – AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO ADVANCE TAXES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX LEVIES PURSUANT TO HIO REVISED CODE SECTION 321.34

Sponsor: Mr. Walsh

Second: Mr. Lasky

Discussion: This is requesting the county to pay the village the real estate taxes that are collected each year.

Yeas: Walsh, Lasky, Foote, Blados, Presot

Nays: None

Resolution 16-2019 is adopted 5-0

MOTION: Mr. Lasky moves to go into Executive Session to discuss employee contract negotiations. Second by Mrs. Presot

Yeas: Lasky, Presot, Foote Walsh, Blados

Nays: None

Motion carries 5-0

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

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer