

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD _____ October 6, 2020 _____ 20 _____

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on October 6, 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:	Meade
	Fire Chief:	Stefanko
	Asst. Chief	Lasky
	Service Director:	Hatgas
	Bldg. Commissioner:	
	Asst. Bldg. Comm.	Sonenstein
	Comm. Service Dir:	Guilfoyle
	Recreation Dir:	Krzynowek
	Soccer Dir:	Shadd
	GUESTS:	Kovar, Tommer

CORRESPONDENCE

- Email from Nate Podell, Den Master of the Boy Scouts Troop requesting the use of the park pavilion on three days in October and two days in November.
- Letter from Election Support notifying us that the election equipment will be delivered to the Community Center on October 29th. Set-up will be on Monday, November 2nd at 5:45 pm and Election Day will be on November 3rd beginning at 6:00 am.
- Read thank you notes from Robin Nobili thanking the village and Ed Hatgas for allowing her to purchase two trees to be planted in the park in memory of her parents / residents Herman & Roberta Rackow.

AUDIENCE

- None

POLICE CHIEF

- Chief Meade said the testing period ends on October 12th.
- One hundred and five will have taken our test.
- Background checks and polygraphs will be scheduled.
- Interviews with Mayor Procuk will be at the end of October with conditional employment offers made by November 1st.
- Psychological, pension physicals and drug testing will be done and his goal is to have them sworn in on December 1st 2020.

Mrs. Presot thanked Chief Meade for his perseverance in using this type of testing as we have not had this number of applicants in a long time.

Mr. Lasky asked Mayor Procuk to call for AUDIENCE participation a second time because he thought he heard someone trying to speak.

- Chelsea Kovar said that she and councilmen Blados and Walsh made a list of items for the Service Department to either be repaired or replaced and she wants to know what the status. Mayor Procuk said he has no list and neither does Mr. Hatgas.

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- Mr. Blados said he went over the list with Mr. Henry and he was to put something together. He said he went over that at the last meeting and he was going to call another committee meeting to discuss what Mr. Henry had come up with.
- Mr. Henry said he met with Councilwoman Presot and Councilman Blados and they put together some exhibits and will call another meeting.
- Ms. Kovar said she wants to have another meeting called so they can continue their progress.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Asst. Chief Lasky told council about the Rope Rescue on Monday, Sept. 28th where two girls and a dad were over the ravine in the park at W.8th and South Street. Thank you to the Rope Rescue Team, CV dispatch, our police department and Ptl. Joe Coyne who did a phenomenal job, Parma FD, Newburgh Heights FD and our guys. There were approximately 25-30 team players helping to rescue the three people. Two were transported to the hospital with minor injuries. The rescue took about 45 minutes but was very tiring. They did rescue one kid from the creek when they first arrived.
- Mrs. Presot asked how the call came in and Chief Stefanko said he listened to the dispatch tape. The call initially went to the police department who then contacted our fire department. Also, rescued off the cliff were one fireman and one police officer which took the total rescued to five.
- Chief Stefanko thanked council for allowing the purchase of equipment following the water rescue last year because it served us well with this rescue.
- Mrs. Presot gave kudos to all those involved because she realizes how dangerous this is.

SERVICE DIRECTOR

- **MOTION: Mr. Lahiff moved to pay Sirna Construction a total of \$2,948 for road repairs following the water main replacement at 71 & 78 E. Schaaf Road. To be reimbursed by the City of Cleveland Division of Water. Seconded by Mrs. Presot Motion carried 5-0**
- Mr. Hatgas thank Cargill Company for letting their workers volunteer in the community. Three workers spent one day walking and cleaning up the creek. One volunteer spent several days painting the benches and sign posts in the park.
- Mayor Procuik asked for an update on the International. Mr. Hatgas replied that it is currently at Rush Truck for a PM and having a 90 point inspection so we know what to watch for.
- The warranty is thru Navistar
- Mr. Hatgas has sent out for three quotes for salt spreaders. Once all the information is in he would like to call a Streets Committee meeting to present the findings.
- Mayor Procuik thanked Mr. Hatgas for contacting the City of Cleveland about some minor repairs needed on the Cleveland side of Van Epps Rd.
- Mr. Hatgas left the meeting at the end of his report.

RECREATION DIRECTOR

- The Basketball registration is open through October 31st. There are still some issues to be worked out as to allowing for spectators. Some venues are smaller than others and they would like it to be the same across the board.
- Mayor Procuik said he is all for letting the kids play with no spectators. "Kids first, spectators second".

SOCCER

- The season began on Sept. 26th with approximately 45 children playing.
- There are no Dynamite teams this season.
- Mayor Procuik thanked Mr. Shadd for the job he is doing.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Holding ZOOM sessions with the seniors in lieu of the Senior Socials.
- Senior Snow Removal sign-ups are underway
- Project Hope purchased winter coats for eighteen (18) kids.
- The Flu Shot clinic was held on October 2nd and had forty-four (44) vaccinated
- Brooklyn Heights has an 87.7% return rate with the Census. We are 9th in the state and 4th in the county for returns.
- Mrs. Presot inquired as to the Hope Tree and if any decision has been made as to how it will be run this year due to COVID-19. Mrs. Guilfoyle said she will be working on that this week and next week. She asked that anyone interested in the Hope Tree Project should call her direct and she will speak with them.

ENGINEER

- W. 5TH Street water main project has begun and should be completed by early November, weather permitting.
- The Paving program will be on the next council agenda for approval
- There will be some construction at Granger and E. Schaaf Road in Independence. Some traffic may overflow into Brooklyn Heights.
- The name of W. Resource Dr. was changed to Safeguard Plaza and some of the businesses are not receiving their mail due to the confusion. Mr. Henry will write a letter to the post office noting the official change back to W. Resource Drive and listing the addresses so everyone will receive their mail.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

- Both residential & commercial inspections continue
- Had two (2) point of sale inspections
- AmeriGas is putting on a new roof and they are up and running
- The National Weather Service is completing work on the roof and is very close to getting their Certificate of Occupancy.
- The second floor demo has begun for the ICE project.

LAW DIRECTOR

- No report

CLERK / TREASURER

- Closed the month today. Ended September with \$769,124 in general fund.
- Through the end of September, we are operating at 8.5% under budget.
- First R.I.T.A. drop for October was \$218,000 and a Net Profit income of \$3,500 giving us about \$222,000 in income.
- We are waiting for the finalization of the audit.
- The Mayor and President Pro Tem Lasky are asked to sign a No Fraudulent disclaimer. Mayor Procuk asked Mr. Lasky to sign and get it to Aaron.

Chief Stefanko and Asst. Chief Lasky have to leave the meeting due to a fatal accident on I-480.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- We have received \$36,000 from the Cares Act COVID Fund and the governor has signed HB614 so we will receive another \$53,946. Mr. Frank is completing the submission on expenditures.
- We are operating at 7.6% under budget and we have doubled our General Fund surplus.

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MAYOR'S COURT

- Income for September \$ 9,832.60
- State of Ohio (1,380.00)
- Indigent Driver & Alcohol (48.00)
- Reg. Enterprise Data Sharing System (165.00)
- BROOKLYN HEIGHTS \$ 8,239.60
- Planning Commission meeting by remote Zoom on Monday, September 28th at 7pm to discuss parcels 53101030 and 53101031
- A lot split was granted on 53101030 and consolidated onto parcel 53101031. These parcels are located at 4650 & 4700 Spring Road. The split and consolidation were necessary since there were two buildings and the owner sold one of the buildings. The meeting was recorded on ZOOM and the proceedings are made part of this council meeting. Submitted by Patricia Lesnick, Secretary of the Planning Commission.
- This was Leff Electric who owned two buildings on two lots and one was sold. The other is still for sale.
- We are holding elections at the Community Center on November 3rd. There will be wipes, finger cot stylus, hand sanitizer and social distancing. It will all be set up according to the regulations. Masks are mandatory and there will be a sanitation official there. Their job is to wipe down the touch surfaces between the voters. There will also be single use pens available and the voter can either take it home or dispose of it there. A decision has not yet been made as to if a voter wants to exercise their rights and not wear a mask. People are encouraged to cast their ballot in person from 6:30 am to 6:30 pm.
- Mayor Procuk and Mrs. Guilfoyle are working on an informational mailer to be sent to the residents.
- Halloween will be on October 31st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Will use the governor's guidelines.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Walsh said the Wage & Salary Committee met tonight to discuss vacations in the village and decided to maintain the status quo.
- Mr. Blados called an Ad Hoc Park meeting on October 20, 2020 at 7 pm to discuss the upper park.
- As per our Charter the first meeting in November will be on WEDNESDAY, Nov. 4th due to Election Day on Tuesday.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

2ND READING: ORDINANCE -55-2020- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CLERK/TREASURER TO PURCHASE STRYKER LIFEPAK 15 EQUIPMENT FOR THE BROOKLYN HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sponsor: Mrs. Presot

Second: Mr. Blados

Yeas: Presot, Blados, Lahiff, Lasky, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 55-2020 is adopted 5-0

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ORDINANCE 57-2020- 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: Mr. Lahiff

Second: Mrs. Presot

Discussion: This policy is an indemnity policy that covers our firefighters/paramedics with a disability check should they become injured and cannot work. The cost is based on the number of fire calls and ambulance runs for the previous year. The cost is \$8,870.44

Yeas: Lahiff, Presot, Blados, Lasky, Walsh

Nays: None

ORDINANCE 58-2020 – OCTOBER PAY ORDINANCE

Sponsor: Mr. Lasky

Second: Mr. Blados

Yeas: Lasky, Blados, Lahiff, Presot, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 58-2020 is adopted 5-0

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

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.


Mayor


Clerk/Treasurer