

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD _____ December 4, 2012 _____ 20 _____

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on December 4, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Michael Procuk presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at this time.

Present at roll call:	Councilmen:	Black, Cichocki, Selig, Foote, Lahiff, Presot, Walsh
	Mayor:	Procuk
	Clerk/Treasurer:	Clymer
	Law Director:	Dowling
	Engineer:	Henry
	Police Chief:	Algeri
	Fire Chief:	Lasky
	Service Director:	Hatgas
	Bldg. Commissioner:	
	Comm. Service Dir:	
	Recreation Director	Presot
	Economic Develop:	Perry

There were no minutes to approve.

AUDIENCE

Mayor Procuk stated that there was no one in the audience tonight.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Procuk read a Thank You note from Lois Henley and family (Howard Selig's mother) for the kind words and planter in memory of her husband.

Mayor Procuk read a short note from Dennis Kucinich thanking the mayor for his support and friendship during his tenure in office.

The Olmsted Falls Police Department sent an invitation to the Southwest Council of Governments and SERB meeting on December 12th which the mayor and two chiefs will attend.

Councilman Cichocki sent an email to the Cuyahoga Heights School Board and Superintendent and copied the village. It read that "only Holly Thacker seemed interested in hiring outside counsel for the school investigation. " He stated that they would need two more votes to proceed.

Mayor Procuk told council that Donna Tesar was to submit the Transitional Workplace program to the BWC by November 15th to help keep our costs down.

Mayor Procuk received a note from County Executive Ed FitzGerald regarding the appointments to the NOACA board. Mayor Procuk let the other mayors know that if none of them want to be appointed he would be happy to stay on the board for another year.

FF Jamie Meklemburg has put out flyers for **Operation Play It Forward** requesting new toys for Christmas gifts for military families.

The Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party in on December 6th. If you want to attend it is on you.

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FIRE CHIEF

Chief Lasky requested two motions for department clothing (pants and shirts) which the men have not had in several years.

MOTION: Mr. Cichocki moves to pay Shuttler's \$3,468 for fire department clothing. Second by Mr. Black Motion passed 7-0

MOTION: Mr. Cichocki moves to pay Final Score \$1,900 for fire department clothing. Second by Mr. Black Motion passed 7-0

Mr. Cichocki asked if the chief was working on anymore grants.

Chief Lasky said he has applied for an equipment grant of \$65,000 but we had not heard yet whether we would receive it.

Mr. Walsh called a Finance Committee meeting for 6:15 on December 18th to discuss the budgets of the Service Department, Fire Department and Police Department.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Algeri told council that Patrolman Christopher Leahy has completed his Field Officer Training and is now a full time officer.

He commended and thanked Ptl. Meade, Ptl. Dzik and Ptl. Zakrajsek for getting the two new officers ready in record time and they are now working with the new part-time officer.

Ptl. Ewelt will be running the **Shop with a Cop** program again this year and has requested the use of the bus on December 15th from 9 am to 1:30 pm.

MOTION: Mrs. Presot moves that the "Shop with a Cop" program be allowed to use the bus from 9 am to 1:30 pm on December 15, 2012. Second by Mr. Black Motion passed 7-0

Tickets are available in the police department at \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.

Chief Algeri said that the newer SUV (2313) is having the transmission rebuild at a cost of approximately \$3,000. He said we take our vehicles to FIREHAWK but he does not do transmission work so he took it to State Road Transmission.

Chief Algeri told council that since the part-timers started in June they have filled 50 of 100 open slots for a savings of over \$10,000 for the department.

Mayor Procuik and Councilman Selig both said that the part-timers have said how nice it is to work in Brooklyn Heights and that the residents are so very friendly.

SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. Hatgas told council that the gas pump project is completed and he passed out pictures so they could see the finished product.

Mr. Hatgas told council that the drains that run down the inside of the walls of the Municipal Center are split and water is getting in the walls. Westside Roofing will replace the inside drains with outside drains at a cost of \$1,590.

MOTION: Mrs. Presot moved to have Westside Roofing make the necessary repairs to the drains in the Municipal Center at a cost of \$1,590. Second by Mr. Black Motion passed 7-0

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RECREATION DIRECTOR

No Report

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Perry told council that there is progress being made on our application for the property on Schaaf Road.

He nominated Virginia Tile, Kaiser, Unifirst and Koinonia Homes for the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce Impact Awards.

Mr. Perry is working with a company to take over the WACO Scaffolding building on Spring Road and to bring in sixty-five employees.

Mayor Procuik said they would meet later in Executive Session to discuss updates on the Rosby situation, correspondence from our attorney to be sent to the Board of Health and a possible ordinance to limit those types of operations in our village.

CLERK/TREASURER

No report

LAW DIRECTOR

Mr. Dowling reported that the official letter from the Board of Elections gives the candidate filing deadline as August 7, 2013. We have two council seats, the clerk-treasurer and mayor position up for election.

We received the final bill from Baker-Hostetler for the Safeguard issue. The cost was \$21,000 and he spoke with them and they are giving us a 10% discount bringing the cost to \$18,900.

The VFW Post was sent a letter from the Department of Commerce asking them to cancel their D-6 permit application because the area is dry for Sunday sales. He has gotten nowhere with the Department of Commerce so he will speak directly to their lawyer who is Fred P. Ramos.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mayor Procuik said that Mrs. Guilfoyle has been excused tonight because her son Daniel received orders to be deployed to Afghanistan tomorrow and she is home with him.

Blood Drive on January 2, 2013 from 1:30 – 6:30 Please donate blood

The 6th anniversary of the Remembrance Celebration held on December 27th was smaller this year but appreciated by those who attended.

The work on the website continues and Mrs. Guilfoyle needs the information by December 14th.

The Hope Tree is set up in the Municipal Center office. Please take tags and make Christmas bright for a needy family.

MAYOR'S COURT

Income	\$6,088.00
State of Ohio	(1,278.00)
Indigent Driver & Alcohol	(45.50)
Cuyahoga Reg Info Sys	(115.00)
To Brooklyn Heights	\$4,651.50

Mayor Procuik attended the VFW groundbreaking today at 11 am.

Mayor Procuik said if anyone is considering a nomination for the Parma Elks recognition award the deadline is fast approaching.

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He attended the NOPEC general assembly meeting and told them that they did a poor job of advertising the lock-in fees for our electric bills. There are too many unanswered questions. He said that the letter will to half a million customers and they received responses from only 17,000.

Mayor Procuik said he will not be changing the committee appointments for next year but there are three whose terms expire on December 31, 2012.

Steve Peine	Planning Commission
Rose Presot	Planning Commission
Allen Pfenninger	Zoning Board of Appeals

Mayor Procuik will contact each of them to see if they would like to be reappointed or step down.

Mr. Clymer sent out a good communication regarding HB 601 – collection of Municipal Income Taxes. His opinion is that it won't cause Brooklyn Heights to suffer at all.

Mayor Procuik reminded council that they have until December 31st to get their contributions in (for what the employees lost). He stated that Mr. Stankiewicz still owes \$766.99 and Mr. Cichocki reiterated that it IS a contribution.

Mayor Procuik and the secretaries are working together to get a grant from COSE for \$1500 as a Wellness Incentive Plan.

RESOLUTION 17-2012

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION URGING THE CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER TO REMAIN A DAILY PAPER.

Sponsor: Mrs. Presot Second: Mr. Foote

Yeas: Presot, Foote, Cichocki, Black, Selig, Walsh

Nays: none

Abstain: Lahiff

Resolution 17-2012 passes 6 yeas with 1 abstention

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building Committee

Mr. Black reported that his committee met and they will pursue having the generator that we own connected to the Municipal Building via a switch for emergency power.

Mr. Selig said he had a request from a resident about renting Diamond @ with the lights for a couple of Friday night games for a non- Brooklyn Heights team. He asked what the cost would be and if we would consider it.

Discussion: Mr. Presot said that council has never gone along with this before. Mr. Presot said that he could juggle the games to make it work but Mrs. Presot was concerned about rainouts and the use of drying agent to get a field ready for our own use. The members of council are not in favor of this.

Mr. Cichocki will put together a flyer regarding the school situation and he will have it distributed to each household. He said that anyone who would like to sign it will be allowed to do so. This will be paid for and distributed by Mr. Cichocki as political literature to prevent going against any of our ordinances.

MOTION BY MR. BLACK TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION WITH THE ROSBY SITUATION. Second by Mr. Selig

Yeas: Black, Selig, Foote, Cichocki, Lahiff, Walsh, Presot

Nays: none

Motion passed 7-0

There being no further business to come before the council, it was moved by Lahiff, seconded by Foote that the meeting be adjourned.

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer