

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD August 21, 2018 20

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on August 21, 2018 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:	
Police Chief:	
Fire Chief:	Stefanko
Service Director:	
Bldg. Commissioner:	
Comm. Service Dir:	
Recreation Dir:	

MOTION: Mr. Foote moved to accept the minutes of the August 7, 2018 regular meeting of council as distributed. Second by Mrs. Presot Motion carried 5-0

AUDIENCE

None

CORRESPONDENCE

- Request from Vickie Bowden – Music Boosters- to use the Community Center for their Pasta Dinner Fundraiser on October 20, 2018 and the fee to be waived. **MOTION: Mrs. Presot moved to waive the fee for the Community Center for the Music Boosters Pasta Dinner Fundraiser on October 20, 2018. Second by Mr. Walsh Motion carried 5-0**
- Thank you note and certificate from the Greater Cleveland Safety Council. They are in their 99th year of existence.
- Letter from CEO Boutros of MetroHealth announcing the state permission to operate outside of Cuyahoga County. *See attached*
- The police department is now on Facebook and Twitter. If you see something that doesn't look right, please call 216.741.2700 or 911 if it is an emergency.
- Mayor Procuk voted "in favor" of the county extending the time frame allowing you to dispute your property tax assessment at the Mayor's Association meeting.
- A gentleman from Kent State is doing a study on storm water and West creek Conservancy will be putting monitoring devices in our culvert under I-480.
- We have five U13 girls (soccer) who have no coach and none of the parents are interested in coaching so we do not have a team. They could play on a Seven Hills team at a cost of \$70 per girl.
- The Rain Barrel workshop will be on Aug. 29th in the Community Center.

CLERK / TREASURER

- The departmental credit card system is up and running. Mr. Frank will be speaking with Patrice (Chase Bank) about signing up for online banking to pay our bills. This will alleviate the pressure on Dana to have to process checks.
- Will be meeting with Kevin from SSI (a meet and greet)

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COMMENTS

- Mr. Lasky asked if anyone had heard any complaints about the vandalism in the park by pavilion 1. He said had had one complaint. No others have heard anything.
- Mr. Blados said that an officer told him that he had banned a group (non-residents) from the basketball courts for the remainder of the season for urinating on the fence.
- Mayor Procuk said that less than 10% of those utilizing the courts are residents. He asked council if they thought that we should go back to one hoop now that school is back in session and they told him to keep them up until the weather changes.
- Mr. Walsh said that he checks the park weekly and a few weeks ago the group that was in one of the pavilions left all the trash everywhere.
- Our Specials are doing their job as best they can, and the Service Department takes care of the trash daily.
- Mayor Procuk said that the only calls he received were about the late garbage pickup last week. He said that with the new ordinance the garbage cans are now able to be out 45 hours.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 63-2018- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018

Sponsor: Mr. Foote

Second: Mr. Blados

Yeas: Foote, Blados, Presot, Lasky, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 63-2018 is adopted 5-0

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

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.


Mayor


Clerk/Treasurer

Mike ProcuK

From: Latisha James <ljames2@metrohealth.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 6:42 PM
Subject: A letter from Dr. Akram Boutros, CEO, The MetroHealth System
Attachments: A letter from A. Boutros .pdf

Good evening,

A recent change in state law now allows MetroHealth to provide healthcare services in communities outside of Cuyahoga County. Please see the attached copy of a letter Dr. Boutros sent to MetroHealth employees today. Please feel free to let our office know if you have any questions about this change in law. Tracy Carter, Vice President of Government Relations and I would be happy to accommodate your questions.

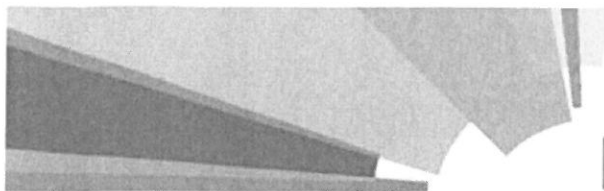
Sincerely,

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Dear Colleagues,

Our mission compels us to help those in need whenever we can, wherever they are. And we've lived by that principle ever since our founding, caring for those with cholera, tuberculosis, polio and HIV. It's why we volunteered to serve as the Ebola Center for the entire state of Ohio.

As respect for MetroHealth has grown, leaders in outlying counties have come to us asking that MetroHealth fill health care gaps created by hospital closings and mergers in their communities. Until recently though, Ohio law did not permit us to easily respond to these requests and prevented establishment of certain facilities outside of Cuyahoga County. With a recent change in that law, MetroHealth can now offer these services in nine counties: Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit and Wayne.

We are currently evaluating several requests. We will do so with great care, making sure to help those in need when we can but always ensuring our financial strength and devotion to Cuyahoga County.

Since 1837, MetroHealth has been fulfilling a critical role in this community. For our first 120 years, we were city of Cleveland focused. In 1957, we became a county hospital and have been delivering essential services and closing gaps in care for our entire community.

Nationally, health care is experiencing rapid-fire integration that is reshaping the business of managing health care. Public hospitals (state, county and city) are closing at a rate 11 times that of other nonprofit hospitals. In Ohio, only seven of 23 county hospitals remain. Of those seven, MetroHealth is the oldest, largest and most complex and expansive provider of health services. Some of the others are the only hospital in the county in rural communities. Since 1995, at least nine county hospitals in Ohio have closed or converted to nonprofit status as part of consolidation into another health system.

We are grateful for the support we receive from Cuyahoga County taxpayers. And that money will never leave our borders. To ensure that, our Board of Trustees resolved in May that all levy dollars will remain for the exclusive support of the citizens of Cuyahoga County.

And we do more than most. In 2017, MetroHealth used 15.7 percent of its annual revenues to provide free care and cover the shortfall from Medicaid. In contrast, the average hospital in Northeast Ohio uses between 3 percent and 5 percent of its annual revenues to provide free care and cover the Medicaid shortfall. You can read more about the change in the law and the opportunities that it presents in an article posted today on cleveland.com and printed in today's Plain Dealer.

Thank you for your contributions to MetroHealth and to its ongoing success.

Warm regards,

Akram

Akram Boutros, MD
President and CEO