

# COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

## MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD February 2, 2021 20

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on February 2, 2021 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:	
	Asst. Chief	Lasky
	Service Director:	Hatgas
	Bldg. Commissioner:	
	Asst. Bldg. Comm.	Sonenstein
	Comm. Service Dir:	Guilfoyle
	Recreation Dir:	
	Soccer Dir:	Shadd
	GUESTS:	

**MOTION: Mr. Walsh moved to accept the minutes of the January 19, 2021 regular council meeting as distributed. Seconded by Mr. Blados Motion carried 5-0**

### CORRESPONDENCE

- Mayor Procuk read an email from Jessica Chiano, Loan & Grant Associate with NOPEC grants stating that the information given at the January 5<sup>th</sup> council meeting was incorrect.
- Mayor Procuk received a 30 page pavement report for Brooklyn Heights from NOACA. He will leave it in council chambers if anyone would like to read it.

### AUDIENCE

- None

### SERVICE DIRECTOR - Mr. Hatgas is on sick-leave but will give his report

- The 2021 Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District grant application has been submitted. (\$2,600)
- Jason Knowles, Arborist, will work on the New County Tree Canopy Grant application. Clerk/Treasurer Frank asked if the 2020 monies can carryover and Mr. Hatgas said he believes so.
- We have ordered 250 tons of road salt so far this season. We are obligated to take 80% of our 650 ton allotment.
- Mr. Hatgas will work on the information for the Selective Insurance Monitoring System for the vehicles.
- Mr. Hatgas asked if there are any questions and if not he will be signing off.

### POLICE CHIEF

- Chief Meade is asking for four motions:
  - **MOTION: Mrs. Presot moved to pay UH Occupational Health \$4,169 for the physicals and drug testing for the new hires. Seconded by Mr. Lahiff Motion carried 5-0**

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- **MOTION: Mr. Blados moved to pay Shuttler's Uniform \$1,808.70 for equipment for the new hires. Seconded by Mrs. Presot Motion carried 5-0** *NOTE: The guns and Tasers were purchased last year so the cost is down.*
- **MOTION: Mrs. Presot moved to pay PROTEC \$1,555 for two bullet proof vests. The Attorney General grant will reimburse the village 75% of the cost. Our final cost will be \$407.50. Seconded by Mr. Walsh Motion carried 5-0**
- **MOTION: Mr. Walsh moved to sign a new agreement with Strongsville Jail due to a rate increase. Seconded by Mr. Blados Motion carried 5-0** *NOTE: Law Director Dowling will look over the contract prior to signing it.*
- Chief Meade commended Officers Angelone and Coyne for their diligence in traffic stops that got six (6) guns off the streets.
- There was a homicide about two hundred yards from our border on I-480 WB last night (in Independence). Still looking for information on the other car / shooter.
- New officers are doing a good job. Officer DiFranco was on the Cleveland force for seven years so he needed to learn our paperwork and procedures and he is now on the road and on the schedule Officers Sampson, Blair and Watson are in field training and Meder is completing the academy and will go right into the FTO program.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Asst. Chief Lasky told council that our department was first on scene for the homicide and pronounced the victim DOA.
- COVID-19 has slowed down and our department is back doing inspections with the Building Department
- We have applied for the annual EMS grant
- We will apply for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

- The AARP Tax Preparation sites have all been cancelled due to COVID and lack of volunteers.
- The resurrected monthly newsletter has been well received
- The county has received 140 on-line Master Survey responses, 8 paper responses and Mrs. Guilfoyle has 29 paper responses that have been dropped off to her office.

### SOCCER

- Spring registration ends Feb. 14, 2021. Late fee registration is from Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> thru Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>.
- There are 62 children signed up
- The season will begin the week after Easter and run thru mid-May.

### ENGINEER

- There is an ordinance on the books tonight to allow us to use the NEORSD funds to remove the water pad at the top park and do some improvements
- We should hear about the CSG Grant by the end of February

### BUILDING INSPECTOR

- Issued a temporary Occupancy Permit to 1230 E. Schaaf Rd. (old J.V. Janitorial bldg.) where they will be customizing Porsches. There are a few improvement needed to be made to get the permanent Occupancy Permit.
- Issued a temporary Occupancy Permit at 4800 Van Epps Rd. This will be a mattress warehouse and there are a few improvements to be made to get the permanent Occupancy permit.
- Worked with the Fire Department to coordinate the issuing of Occupancy permits to commercial buildings.

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### LAW DIRECTOR

- No Report
- Would like to go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss negotiations with a new business

### CLERK / TREASURER

- Working on closing the month of January, 2021
- Transferred \$45,000 to the 204 (Revenue Sharing) account
- Transferred \$21,605 to the Capital account
- Zero transferred to the 203 (Retirement) account. We have enough of a buffer in this account for any retirees this year. Zero will be transferred to this account until further notice.
- Mr. Frank asked Mr. Dowling if we can redirect the \$10,000 that would go into the Retiree account to the Revenue Sharing account and Mr. Dowling said we can do that. This means that from now until further notice we will transfer \$55,000 to the 204 account.
- The first R.I.T.A drop for February was \$362,000 which is about \$7,000 less than this time last year.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Mayor Procuk will have a complete Economic Development report at the next meeting.

### MAYOR'S COURT

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| • Income for January                  | \$ 10,833.60 |
| • State of Ohio                       | ( 1,096.00)  |
| • Indigent Driver & Alcohol           | ( 33.00)     |
| • Reg. Enterprise Data Sharing System | ( 145.00)    |
| • BROOKLYN HEIGHTS                    | \$ 9,559.60  |

### MAYOR'S REPORT

- **MOTION: Mr. Walsh moved to pay the annual renewal for West Creek Conservancy in the amount of \$5,000. Seconded by Mr. Blados Motion carried 5-0**
- Mayor Procuk gave an update on Gov. DeWine's daily TV reports.
- Would like to get the village owned property on Van Epps Rd. advertised for bids.
- Mr. Henry and Mayor Procuk met with a developer regarding the village property on Schaaf Road.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Met tonight to discuss the Capital needs and wishes of the Fire Department, Police Department and Service Department
- Mr. Walsh thanked Mr. Frank for his work compiling the numbers
- Next Finance Committee meeting will be on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>.

### WAGE & SALARY COMMITTEE

- Next Wage & Salary Committee meeting will be on March 2, 2021 at 6 pm to revisit the health plan and agents
- Mr. Frank will meet with another prospective agent tomorrow and will let Mr. Blados know if they will be meeting with him on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.



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### ORDINANCE & RESOLUTION

**ORDINANCE 06-2021-** AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH **BLUE TECHNOLOGIES** FOR THE PURCHASE OF A KONICA MINOLTA BIZHUB C6591 PRINTER

Sponsor: Mr. Lahiff

Second: Mr. Lasky

Yeas: Lahiff, Lasky, Blados, Presot & Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 06-2021 is adopted 5-0

**ORDINANCE 07-2021-** AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (**NOPEC**) 2021 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S) FUNDS

Sponsor: Mr. Walsh

Second: Mr. Lasky

Yeas: Walsh, Lasky, Lahiff, Blados & Presot

Nays: None

Ordinance 07-2021 is adopted 5-0

**ORDINANCE 08-2021-** AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH **NEORS**D TO UTILIZE COST SHARE FUNDS TO UPGRADE THE UPPER PARK WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

Sponsor: Mrs. Presot

Second: Mr. Blados

Yeas: Presot, Blados, Lahiff, Lasky & Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 08-2021 is adopted 5-0

**ORDINANCE 09-2021-** FEBRUARY PAY ORDINANCE

Sponsor: Mr. Lasky

Second: Mr. Walsh

Yeas: Lasky, Walsh, Lahiff, Blados & Presot

Nays: None

Ordinance 09-2021 is adopted 5-0

Mrs. Presot moved that they go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations on a contract.

Seconded by Mr. Lahiff.

Yeas: Presot, Lahiff, Blados, Lasky & Walsh

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0

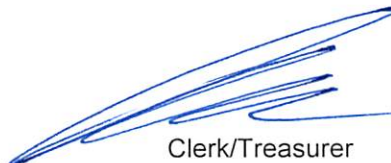
There being no further business to come before the council, it was moved by Mrs. Presot and seconded by Mr. Walsh that the meeting be adjourned.

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk/Treasurer