

# COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

## MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD \_\_\_\_\_ December 7, 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on, December 7, 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 (ZOOM)
	Mayor:	Procuk
	Clerk/Treasurer:	Frank
	Law Director:	Dowling
	Engineer:	Henry
	Police Chief:	Meade
	Fire Chief:	
	Asst. Chief	Lasky (ZOOM)
<i>Interim</i>	Service Director:	Florjancic
	Bldg. Commissioner:	
	Asst. Bldg. Comm.	Sonenstein (ZOOM)
	Comm. Service Dir:	Guilfoyle
	Recreation Dir:	Kryznovek (ZOOM)
	Soccer Dir:	Shadd
	GUESTS:	Berzins, Tommer, Stepka

**MOTION: Mr. Lasky moved to approve the November 16, 2021 minutes as distributed. Seconded by Mrs. Presot. Motion carried 5-0**

### CORRESPONDENCE

- E-mail from Joe Presot that all fall decorations have been removed and one planter disappeared from the DiFranco Blvd. Island.
- Letter from the Board of Elections that the November 2, 2021 General Election results has been certified.
- Letter from Dominion Energy that the PUCO has approved a rate increase. The lengthy letter is available in the Municipal Office to read if so desired.

### AUDIENCE

NONE

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

- **MOTION: Mr. Blados moves to pay Emergency Reporting \$1,420 for the annual renewal. Seconded by Mrs. Presot Motion carried 5-0**
- Asst. Chief Lasky let council know that the annual fire hydrant maintenance agreement with the City of Cleveland will be due in January. The cost is about \$4,100.
- The 2006 ambulance that was put on govdeals.com was sold to Port Clinton Fire for \$25,000. We were offered a trade-in of \$13,000 and hoped to get \$18,000.
- The department hired two firefighters / Paramedics last month. Anthony Hyatt is full time in Parma and Steven Grzybowski will graduate Tri-C Fire Academy next week.
- COVID cases are on the rise and Parma UH is at capacity for COVID patients. All the hospitals are experiencing a rise in COVID patients.
- Mayor Procuk asked if the hospitals are fully staffed and Asst. Chief Lasky said that some of the staff have elected to go from full-time to part-time, so while they have staff they are asking them to work more hours. The hospitals are asking paramedics to help fill the positions.
- Mayor Procuk asked how many COVID patients are not vaccinated and Asst. Chief Lasky said that of the sixty-three (63) patients at Parma UH, forty-eight (48) are unvaccinated.

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### COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Senior snow removal is at eighty-one (81) and the contractor said if it goes over the tier of seventy-one (71) to eighty (80) by a few, he will not increase the fee of \$14,000.
- Project Hope Tree is serving ten (10) families with twenty-one (21) kids and our local businesses and residents have been very generous.
- The Remembrance Celebration will be held tomorrow, December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Winter Art-in-the-Park will be on Dec. 20 & 22. They have volunteers and kids signing up.
- The Little Library has been installed at Tuxedo and Schaaf and is being used by many.
- Many letters to Santa have been put in the Santa mailbox and Santa has been answering them.
- Mrs. Presot asked what to do with book donations from residents and Mrs. Guilfoyle said to bring them to her office and they will take care of them.

### RECREATION DEPARTMENT

- Basketball began last weekend. We have teams practicing at Cuyahoga Heights School and the Valley View Recreation Center.

### ENGINEER

- The Tuxedo water main replacement is complete.
- ODOT has completed the Granger Road fix.
- The concrete work at the Municipal Center north side and the Fire Department apron is completed.
- There will be an ordinance for the playground equipment at the December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting and one authorizing him to start the Spring Road process.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Street project will be closed out.
- Mayor Procuk asked about the Phase 2 Storm Water Support Service and was told that we contract with the Board of Health and will need an ordinance to pay them. We will be reimbursed by NEORS.
- The Storm Water District, we have an MOU to continue the service.

### POLICE CHIEF

- Shop with a Cop will be in conjunction with Cuyahoga Heights this year. The children will be given donuts and orange juice before receiving a gift card to spend. They will be taken by village bus and escorted by the Cuyahoga Heights and Brooklyn Heights police cars to the store and shop with an officer. There will be a pizza party following the shopping.
- December 19-24 there will be a multi-jurisdictional Speed Detail on I-480. The Ohio State Patrol and multiple police departments will be handing out tickets so please drive the speed limit.
- We had a distraction burglary in our village posing as Water Department workers. The plates were phony but thanks to the Flock cameras in our village the vehicle was found in Westlake. A search warrant was issued and, though the suspects fled the scene, several items stolen from various people were found. The three people involved have been identified. They are out of Chicago, Illinois and are believed to have returned to that state. We are working with the county and are about to issue a felony warrant for their arrest and the county will send them back here to face the charges. Chief Meade thanked council for the cameras.
- The four (4) vehicles being scrapped were sold for a total of \$13,310. The 2005 Camry sold for \$1,270, the 2013 Dodge Charger sold for \$1,365, the 2014 Charger sold for \$4,475 and the 2015 Ford Explorer sold for \$6,200.
- The MOU with the FOP to allow the transition to twelve (12) hour shifts will be signed after the ordinance is voted on at the December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. This will go into effect on January 2, 2022
- There is an ordinance up tonight to repair the Ford Interceptor at a cost of \$6,000.
- Chevy will not be making police cars in 2022.

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Mayor Procuk asked council if they need a Wage & Salary meeting prior to voting on the MOU and council agreed that no meeting was necessary.

Mrs. Presot asked if there is still a firearm shortage and Chief Meade said there is.

### INTERIM SERVICE DIRECTOR

- The repairs to the International (Rush Truck) total \$8,069.73. They will split the bill (2 separate repairs) but Mr. Dowling would rather an ordinance be made. The truck will be ready tomorrow and we will have to put the repairs on a credit card because we don't have an open account with them.
- MOTION: Mrs. Presot moves to pay LISCO \$1,220 for maintenance on the boilers in the Community Center. Seconded by Mr. Blados Motion carried 5-0
- MOTION: Mr. Lahiff moved to pay Signal Service \$4,849 for the repair of two (2) light poles. The bases needed to be replaced. Second by Mr. Lasky Motion carried 5-0
- There is damage to the guard rail at Granger Rd and Lancaster (going east). Mr. Florjancic will get quotes for repairs. Mayor Procuk asked Mr. Henry to take a look at it.
- Mr. Florjancic asked if they can clean out the storage building in the upper park. The Home Day tents are mice infested and the old stage is still in there. Mayor Procuk said to scrap it out and save what is usable.
- Mr. Florjancic will meet with Schindler Elevator to get a quote from them for the elevator repairs that are needed. Nino met with Cable Elevators so there will be three (3) quotes.
- Mayor Procuk commented on the Christmas Lights and Mr. Florjancic said that the Service Department did an outstanding job decorating the village. Mayor Procuk said he would like to ask council to purchase additional lights for next year. He said he can begin looking at additional lighting.
- Mayor Procuk said that the fence extension by pavilion 3 will be rolled over into to 2022.

### BUILDING DEPARTMENT

- The project at 600 W. Resource is moving along.
- The Walking trail from Seven Hills to Belmont will be crushed gravel and will come right up to the sidewalk. If we would like concrete we would have to do that ourselves.

### CLERK / TREASURER

- Read a letter from Ted Biskind regarding the Unum dental renewal. His suggestion is to keep Unum for another year as they have the best prices.
- Municipal income for November was \$479,427. Transferred \$47,942 into Capital Fund along with the \$500,000 agreed upon by council.
- Transferred \$30,000 into the Economic Development Fund
- Transferred \$41,563 from Retiree fund into General Fund to pay out the retirees at the end of the year.
- Began working with Am Legal who handles codification of our ordinances and the hard copies kept in the office. They will also update our charter to reflect the changes approved in the November General Election.
- Mr. Frank will be working on the budget for the county requirements.

### MAYOR'S COURT

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| • Income for November                 | \$ 14,249.60 |
| • State of Ohio                       | ( 2521..00)  |
| • Indigent Driver & Alcohol           | ( 93..00)    |
| • Reg. Enterprise Data Sharing System | ( 310.00)    |
| • BROOKLYN HEIGHTS                    | \$11,325.60  |

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#### MAYOR'S REPORT

- Attended the Cuyahoga County Mayors and City Managers awards banquet where the George V. Voinovich award was given to Frank Jackson, Mayor City of Cleveland and Terry M. Allan, Director of the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. Both men are retiring.
- "Deny the Permit" – there will be a lot of legal maneuvering between both sides. There will be no public movement until late February or March.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 1215 Valley Belt sold.
- There are three (3) empty buildings, all others are either partially or substantially rented out.
- The HIDTA office space is vacant. The FedEx building was recently vacated by the roofing company and 1050 Valley Belt is empty but is now ready to be leased.
- The ½% tax increase has increased our income steadily over the last 5 years and we have been able to put money into the Capital Improvement Fund.

To clear up some misnomers about Home Day equipment. When the Park Board purchases any equipment, it is then donated to the village. It is NOT purchased with village funds, therefore the Park Board must make decisions as to what to do with the equipment. Some can be trashed and the balance can be inventoried and stored.

Other questions have arisen about the Breeze. Mayor Procuk suspended the delivery of the Breeze due to safety concerns of the people who handle it following orders from the government. Council / Mayor have nothing to do with the Breeze, it is all Park Board. Mayor Procuk and Mrs. Guilfoyle have been putting out a newsletter and Mrs. Guilfoyle puts out the Senior Outlook to keep the residents informed. The Park Board has their budget meeting in February and if they decide to get the Breeze going again, great, but if they don't want to, the village will take it over the same as they've done everything else that the Park Board could no longer do. The government will assist the volunteer groups but is not responsible for the above.

Mr. Lasky said the Park Board will look at solutions.

Mayor Procuk said that with Facebook, social media and our web page, there is no need to begin delivering the agenda again. Mayor Procuk said he loves tradition but there comes a time when you have to move forward. Mr. Lasky said he would reach out to those who have said they would help with the Breeze and make a decision from there.

#### ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

##### ORDINANCE 87-2021 – DECEMBER PAY ORDINANCE

Sponsor: Mrs. Presot

Second: Mr. Lasky

Yeas: Presot, Lasky, Lahiff, Blados & Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 87-2021 is adopted 5-0

##### ORDINANCE 88-2021-AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LISCO HEATING AND COOLING, INC FOR HVAC MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR ALL BROOKLYN HEIGHTS BUILDINGS

Sponsor: Mr. Blados

Second: Mrs. Presot

Yeas: Blados, Presot, Lahiff, Lasky & Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 88-2021 is adopted 5-0



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**ORDINANCE 89-2021-AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FIREHAWK AUTOMOTIVE TO REPAIR THE FORD TRUCK INTERCEPTOR AWD**

Sponsor: Mr. Lasky

Second: Mr. Blados

Yeas: Lasky, Blados, Lahiff, Presot & Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 89-2021 is adopted 5-0

Mayor Procuk told council that he interviewed an HR Consulting Firm today and her hourly cost is \$80 per hour. She will submit a proposal after the first of the year. He will be interviewing at least two other firms also.

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

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.

Dawn Derbin asked what is happening with Belmont Dr. Mayor Procuk said that Seven Hills owns property in Brooklyn Heights and Nino met with them and told them that permits are required. The home owners will be informed prior to the project progressing. There will be nothing done prior to the residents being involved in the discussions.



Mayor



Clerk/Treasurer