

# COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

## MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD April 18, 2023 20 \_\_\_\_\_

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on April 18, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Michael Procuk presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at this time.

Present at roll call:	Council Members	Berzins, Lasky, Presot, Tommer, Walsh
	Mayor	Procuk
	Clerk/Treasurer	
	Law Director	Dowling
	Assistant Law Director	
	Engineer	Zoldak
	Police Chief	
	Fire Chief	
	Asst. Fire Chief	
	Service Director	Blados
	Bldg. Commissioner	
	Asst. Bldg. Comm.	
	Comm. Service Director	
	Recreation Director	
	Soccer Commissioner	

GUESTS: Dawn Ellis, Jason Burger, Corey Gwynn

**MOTION:** Mrs. Presot moved to excuse the absence of Mr. Frank. Seconded by Mr. Tommer. Motion carried 5-0.

**MOTION:** Mr. Walsh moved to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Tommer. Motion carried 5-0.

### **CORRESPONDENCE / MAYOR PROCUK**

- A note was received from Jack Toronski, and all of Diane Toronski's family, showing appreciation for the kind expressions of sympathy and for the beautiful funeral arrangement.
- A reminder to Council that Chris Triscari emailed him his intent to retire as of April 30<sup>th</sup> and also that he brought before Council on March 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss Mr. Triscari's request for hospitalization. Mayor Procuk stated that a letter was sent to Mr. Triscari on April 5<sup>th</sup> requesting that he produce a letter showing that he attempted to get on his spouse's hospitalization because it is our professional opinion that he should not have to wait until open enrollment. As of today, no response has been received.
- They started the work on Spring Road and all of the businesses were notified. The Service Director received a call from a Cleveland resident asking if the northbound only sign could be placed further because it was directing traffic to drive in front of her house. They disagree with her assessment.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

- Dawn Ellis spoke on behalf of the Blue Wave Swim Team outlining the need for funding assistance from the three villages. They do fundraising but lost their main source from hosting

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the championship meet due to a change in conferences. She laid out the individual costs and it comes to approximately \$75-\$85 per swimmer plus coaching fees.

- Mr. Tommer shared that he spoke with both other villages. Valley View will be discussing it at their board meeting and again at their Council meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is believed that Cuyahoga Heights does not contribute due to them allowing the swim team use of their facility at no cost.
- It was recommended that Ms. Ellis gather what Valley View intends to do and come back to our Council and present it. Mr. Tommer shared that asking for \$5,000 total this year is just to get them caught up financially and that future financial requests would be less.

### **ENGINEER / JENNY ZOLDAK**

**MOTION:** Mr. Berzins moved to have the Engineer go out for bids for pavement striping and seal coating the Upper Park parking lot. Seconded by Mrs. Presot. Motion carried 5-0.

### **SERVICES DEPARTMENT / JOE BLADOS**

**MOTION:** Mr. Tommer moved to go pay UH Hospital Emergency Room charges for Robert Wysocki who was injured on duty in the amount of \$1,722.44. Seconded by Mrs. Presot. Motion carried 5-0.

- Mr. Blados outlined two quotes received for tree removal from the park. The first is from New Heights in the amount of \$18,000 and the second is from Townsend for \$16,575. Both are to remove 19 dead or compromised trees from the park. It was decided that he will have an ordinance drawn up for Townsend. They will be attempting, weather permitting, to have the work complete prior to the Upper Park Grand Opening.
- The Service Department has been preparing for the Upper Park Grand Opening by aerating, over seeding and putting down nitrogen so that it looks its best.
- The bathrooms have been opened ahead of schedule and are only open, for now, on the weekends.
- He picked up 100 plants and will begin planting them throughout the Village.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES / READ BY MAYOR PROCUK**

**MOTION:** Mrs. Presot moved to pay Mobility Works \$1,394.64 for repair of the wheelchair ramp on the 2017 MiniVan. Seconded by Mr. Lasky. Motion carried 5-0.

**MOTION:** Mr. Walsh moved to pay Lori's Custom Catering \$1,757 for Meals on Wheels for the month of March. Seconded by Mr. Berzins. Motion carried 5-0.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT / MAYOR PROCUK**

- He received an email from Ted Biskind advising that EyeMed Vision Care Plan will renew effective June 1, 2023 with the current rates and no increase. In addition, the rates will be guaranteed to remain the same for the next 48 months assuming there are no changes in benefits and any fees, taxes or assessments imposed by the federal or state government.

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**MOTION:** Mr. Walsh moved to renew the contract with EyeMed Vision Care for the next four years at the same prices. It is \$7.03 for single employee and \$17.93 per family, per month. Seconded by Mr. Berzins. Motion carried 5-0.

- The second drop in April was \$71,288 which is a little under the plan of \$99,000 but we are still ahead of the prediction for April by \$52,705. We are \$108,000 ahead of where we were last April.
- Year to date, we're running at \$380,000 ahead of the plan or about 18.5% compared to last year. We're about \$34,000 ahead of last year's pace.
- March had three pay periods in it, which we budget for, and as shown in the printout, we also paid a lot of our annual bills. We're still actually under budget by 24.86% through the year.

### **BUILDING COMMITTEE / RAY BERZINS**

- Today they held a meeting to discuss elevator repair with quotes from Otis and Schindler. Otis has the better quote. At the next meeting they will have an additional quote for the community center elevator. They will attempt to get additional ARPA funds for this project but the works needs to be done regardless. The third vendor in the process did not provide a quote for what was requested and was therefore not considered.

### **STREETS COMMITTEE / MR. LASKY**

- At tonight's Streets meeting they discussed resident's mailboxes that are damaged through the winter season. There were 7 reported. They are looking into a Step Two mailbox at approximately \$100 each. They are considering a one-time replacement, per resident, if damaged.
- A list for concrete and asphalt repair, prepared by Mrs. Zoldak, was reviewed in addition to work on the Upper Park parking lot.

### **MAYOR PROCUK / UPPER PARK GRAND OPENING UPDATE**

- Ryan Saunders, relative to Flip Saunders, is an assistant coach for the Denver Nuggets so let's cheer them on. Due to his schedule, we are probably looking at mid-June when the NBA playoffs are over. Ryan is going to try and fly in to meet with him and Mark Tomini. They love how the park is turning out.
- If the courts are ready to be played on, they will be allowed to prior to the Grand Opening.
- Mark is talking with the basketball coach of Cuyahoga Heights, possibly some food trucks, maybe a little 3-on-3 tournament, etc.

### **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE 36-2023** AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION TO CLEMANS, NELSON & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR HUMAN RESOURCE CONSULTING SERVICES

Sponsor: Tommer

Second: Walsh

Yeas: 5 / Nays: 0

Ordinance 36-2023 is adopted 5-0

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**ORDINANCE 37-2023 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JENNIFER BLADOS AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IN THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Sponsor: All of Council

Second: Presot

Yeas: 5 / Nays: 0

Ordinance 37-2023 is adopted 5-0

**ORDINANCE 38-2023 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1444.15(d)(s) AND 1448.02(a) (FEE SCHEDULES) FROM THE BROOKLYN HEIGHTS CODE OF ORDINANCES**

Sponsor: Walsh

Second: Tommer

Yeas: 5 / Nays: 0

Ordinance 38-2023 is adopted 5-0

Discussion: Mr. Berzins inquired if there was a change in the sign fees and it was included.

Mrs. Presot reported that in connection with Arbor Day, this year's tree will be planted in memory of Diane Toronski who was a long-time resident, President of Women's Service Club and served on the CHS School Board. The Women's Service Club will be purchasing the tree.

**MOTION: Mr. Lasky moved to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations. Seconded by Mrs. Presot. Motion carried 5-0.**

Returned from Executive Session.

With there being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Mayor

  
Clerk/Treasurer