

# COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

## MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD \_\_\_\_\_ July 2, 2019 \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on July 2, 2019 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:	Henry
	Police Chief:	Algeri
	Fire Chief:	Stefanko
	Service Director:	
	Bldg. Commissioner:	
	Asst. Bldg. Comm.:	Sonenstein
	Comm. Service Dir:	
	Recreation Dir:	
	Soccer Dir:	

**MOTION: Mr. Foote moved to accept the minutes of the June 18, 2019 regular council meeting as distributed. Second by Mrs. Presot. Motion carried 5-0**

### CORRESPONDENCE

- Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District has filed their annual report.
- Letter from the village arborist, Jason Knowles regarding the state of the village public trees and recommendations for funding and planting additional trees in the empty spaces.
- Acknowledged a press release regarding the NIDEC ground breaking ceremony.
- Note from Mike Kepchar informing council that he has had a coyote in his back yard, probably due to their den being disturbed by the construction.
- Note from Holly Zak concerning the condition of the steps in the park that lead from the parking lot up to the pavilion.

### AUDIENCE

- Extensive arguments regarding the basketball hoop and signage on the upper park.
- FYI – our park is not a private park due to numerous extenuating circumstances but the Park Board originally funded the purchase of equipment for the park.
- Mr. Dowling explained that the signs noting " residents only" or "by permit" would mean to reserve the area for certain times, whether it be basketball or baseball,
- Mayor ProcuK said if someone is breaking the law, call the police.
- Ciera Clemons of W. 5<sup>th</sup> St. said she bought her home here for three reasons; taxes, safety and the school district. She just wants everyone to respect each other.
- If no laws are being broken there will be no arrests.
- Becky Stepka of W. 5<sup>th</sup> St. asked if the police have to hear the swearing in order to site them. Chief Algeri said they must hear it to issue a ticket but most of their calls were warnings. In 72 shifts they received 6 calls. If someone is being disorderly the officer may choose to pursue it further. There are ordinances concerning noise and nuisance.
- Chief Algeri asked that if you are lodging a complaint, please call the dispatch number, (216) 741-2700 so that the calls can be logged. Calling a friend in the concession stand or the park cannot be queried.
- Brian Loebick said they have been discussing the basketball court for 10+ years.

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- Unidentified speaker asked about the plans to renovate the park. She asked about having a committee to discuss the changes that need to be implemented. She referenced the Park Board and that they only meet a few times a year and run their events. She said she wants to know what will happen rather fixing a 25-year old piece of equipment. She wants to know what the evolution ideas are.
- Mayor Procuik explained that there are two different issues here:
  1. The Park Board is run by volunteers who used to raise money through Home Days for different events. Today they raise money by selling the banners on the fences and they have very limited funds. They used to purchase all of the park equipment, sports equipment and uniforms. As the funds dwindled down the village took over. You can join the Park Board through the Men's and Women's Service Clubs. She said she doesn't want to join.
  2. The Park, Playground and Community Services Committee is part of the village administration subsidized by village tax dollars. Three council members are on the committee but all council members attend the meetings.
  3. The plan for the park is minute. We are applying for grants funding to replace the stairwells, the sprinkler area and the tennis courts.
  4. You can either attend a Park, Playground and Community Services Committee meeting or you can get involved in the Park Board.
- She asked if the Park Board could evolve and become an arm of the committee and work with the village
- Lindy Schuckert said she "was in the WSC and had to quit because she was going nuts. The issue with the MSC and the WSC is "we've already tried that", "we don't want to change". There is a revelation of parents who want to get involved and are tired of paying an arm and a leg to put their kids in outside sports because they are not happy with our rec program. There is a pocket of parents who are passionate and want to do well for the city but we are slapped in the face every time we are told you have to be part of the WSC, you have to be part of the MSC or this is the way we've done it. Every year it's the same people doing the same thing and it's not working, status quo is why the park looks the way it does. Let's get some fresh brains...doesn't mean they will make any decisions because you still need your city leaders making the decisions."
- Unnamed woman said we are a tiny village with a huge park and we are willing to do the leg work of looking for funds, ideas, pricing things and there are professional people in the village who are willing to help. Unnamed man said there are individuals who are willing to donate money to purchase park equipment and that they were ready to mulch the park themselves. He said that Robert Crocker was willing to donate \$500 to spruce up the park.
- Patty Tommer suggested selling bricks to raise money. Use the money towards the park.
- Mayor Procuik said he could form an ad hoc committee that will consist of three council members and residents.
- Matt Walsh agrees that there should be an ad hoc committee.
- Shane Casey touted the Park Board 5K on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

### FIRE CHIEF

- Received the State of Ohio EMS grant for equipment in the amount of \$2,841
- Hydrant testing is completed
- Switched to Chagrin Valley Dispatch on June 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Thanked Mayor Procuik and council for the Arbor Day celebration in memory of Chief Cook.
- Asked for a Safety Committee meeting to discuss the purchase of a chase vehicle. July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm
- Patti Tommer questioned where a 911 call from you cell phone goes. Chief Stefanko said it goes to CCOM first and then to dispatch.

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### POLICE CHIEF

- **MOTION:** Mrs. Presot moved to pay Pradco \$1,550 for the psychological testing of the two new police officers. Second by Mr. Walsh Motion carried 5-0
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- **MOTION:** Mr. Blados moved to pay Firehawk Automotive \$1,633.06 for repairs to the 2013 Ford Explorer. Second by Mr. Foote Motion carried 5-0
- **MOTION:** Mrs. Presot moved to pay \$1,008.35 to Techtronic's for a new computer for the police secretary. Funding from the Court fund. Second by Mr. Lasky Motion carried 5-0
- Chief Algeri told council that two (2) video recorders (in the police cars) died and is obsolete. With council permission he will look into purchasing new ones but the cost may be in the \$10,000 range. Councilman Foote suggested this go to committee for discussion. He was also asked what benefit the cameras have for the department and Chief Algeri said that they are evidentiary for an OVI and complaints against a police officer.

### ENGINEER

- NIDEC is moving along
- North Street is completed. Seal cote will be done after July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- AT & T project will be completed by the end of July
- Mrs. Presot asked what will be done with the broken up concrete on the NIDEC property and Mr. Henry said it will be used on the property as back-fill.

### BUILDING INSPECTOR

- Residential and Commercial Inspections
- Point of Sale inspections – will discuss some issues at the Ordinance Committee meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- Received the new residential code book.

### LAW DIRECTOR

- Working with Geis regarding the property next to NIDEC that will be donated.

### CLERK / TREASURER

- **MOTION:** Mr. Lasky moved to submit the 2020 pre-budget to the county. Second by Mr. Walsh Motion carried 5-0
- Attended a seminar in Sandusky and one course was on technology. It was strongly suggested that our finance back-up be stored off-site. The cost for TOPPS to store off site is \$700.
- Set up two new accounts. FUND 203 RETIRED ACCRUED BENEFITS FUND and FUND 204 THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND
- \$23,500 has been transferred to the Capital Fund
- There is a Records Retention meeting tomorrow at 10am
- The F-700 was sold today for \$3,200

### SERVICE DIRECTOR

- Mr. Hatgas is not in attendance due to illness
- **MOTION:** Mrs. Presot moved to pay Silco \$1,736.50 for the annual inspections. Second by Mr. Blados Motion carried 5-0

### SOCCER

- Fall soccer sign-up runs through July 21<sup>st</sup> with no fee.

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### RECREATION DIRECTOR

- Playoffs have begun

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Mrs. Guilfoyle is on vacation
- Art in the Park has 52 children and 12 helpers
- Safety Town transportation was 17 children and 7 children transported for Summer School
- The Star Spangled Banner Spectacular will be downtown on August 7<sup>th</sup> and transportation is available.
- The new grant vehicle should be here mid-August.
- **MOTION: Mrs. Presot moved to waive the fee for the Community Center for Lifeline Screening on November 22, 2019. Second by Mr. Blados Motion carried 5-0**

### MAYOR'S COURT

• Income for June	\$ 8,176.00
• State of Ohio	( 902.00)
• Indigent Driver & Alcohol	( 27.00)
• Reg. Enterprise Data Sharing System	( 60.00)
• BROOKLYN HEIGHTS	\$ 7,157.00

### MAYOR'S REPORT

- Attended the Safety Town Graduation. Thanked Det. Tulcewicz for his dedication to the program over the years.
- Will go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Wage & Salary:** Mr. Walsh reported for Mr. Lasky – met to discuss the Personnel Policy Manual "Leave of Absence for Military Service" policy. An ordinance will be forth coming
- **Streets :** Mr. Blados reported that the committee met to discuss the road conditions

The Safety Committee will meet on July 16, 2019 at 6:30 pm to discuss a new Fire Chase Vehicle and Police video systems.

The Ordinance Committee will meet on July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm to discuss Point of Sale Inspections and Vehicle replacement for the Building Department.

Mayor Procuik will form an Ad Hoc Recreation Committee and the first meeting will be July 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

### ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

**ORDINANCE 49-2019-** AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT TO VALLEY FORD TRUCK, INC. FOR THE REPAIR OF THE 2004 F650 TRUCK

Sponsor: Mr. Lasky

Second: Mr. Blados

Yeas: Lasky, Blados, Foote, Presot and Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 49-2019 is adopted 5-0

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**ORDINANCE 50-2019**- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF ELEVATORS

Sponsor: Mrs. Presot

Second: Mr. Foote

*Discussion: We are mandated by the state to maintain our elevators.*

Yeas: Presot, Foote, Blados, Lasky and Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 50-2019 is adopted 5-0

**ORDINANCE 51-2019**- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO CREATE FUND 203 RETIRED ACCRUED BENEFITS FUND

Sponsor: Mr. Blados

Second: Mr. Foote

Yeas: Blados, Foote, Presot, Lasky, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 51-2019 is adopted 5-0

**ORDINANCE 52-2019**- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO CREATE FUND 204 THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

Sponsor: Mr. Walsh

Second: Mr. Lasky

Yeas: Walsh, Lasky, Foote, Blados, Presot

Nays: None

Ordinance 52-2019 is adopted 5-0

**ORDINANCE 53-2019** - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO REIMBURSE THE BLUE WAVE SWIM TEAM FOR THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE 13 RESIDENTS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAM DURING THE 2019 SEASON

Sponsor: Mrs. Presot

Second: Mr. Walsh

Yeas: Presot, Walsh, Foote, Blados, Lasky

Nays: None

Ordinance 53-2019 is adopted 5-0

**ORDINANCE 54-2019**- JULY PAY ORDINANCE

Sponsor: Mr. Walsh

Second: Mr. Foote

Yeas: Walsh, Foote, Blados, Presot, Lasky

Nays: None

Ordinance 54-2019 is adopted 5-0

**MOTION: Mr. Foote moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter.**

**Second by Mr. Walsh**

**Yeas: Foote, Walsh, Blados, Lasky, Presot**

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried 5-0**

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

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.

  
Mayor  
PRESIDENT PRO TEM

  
Clerk/Treasurer