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COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD December 2, 2014 20

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on December 2, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Michael Procuk presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at this time.

Present at roll call:

Councilmen:	Black, Foote, Hatgas, Selig, Walsh
Mayor:	Procuk
Clerk/Treasurer:	Clymer
Law Director:	Dowling
Engineer:	Henry
Police Chief:	Algeri
Fire Chief:	Lasky
Service Director:	Hatgas
Bldg. Commissioner:	Socoloff
Comm. Service Dir:	Guilfoyle
Recreation Dir:	Presot
Economic Develop Dir:	Perry

There were no minutes to be approved.

Mayor Procuk read a letter signed by several residents of Marko Lane. The letter was in opposition to the decision of the Zoning Board to the building of a large shed at 85 Marko Lane. *Letter attached*

Diane of New Creation Builders said that they build the exact same building six years ago on the property directly across from 85 Marko Lane. If it was approved by the board at that time, why is it not being approved today?

Dave Iacona of 73 Marko Lane said that the shed she is speaking about is hidden by the homes around it so it isn't seen. This shed would be in the open.

Ordinance 83-2014 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REVERSING THE DECISION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS DENYING THE APPLICATION OF MELVIN GLENN PERTAINING TO THE BUILDING OF A 15'x20' SHED AT 85 MARKO LANE

Sponsor: none

This ordinance dies for lack of a sponsor.

Ordinance 84-2014 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE APPROVING THE DECISION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS DENYING THE APPLICATION OF MELVIN GLENN PERTAINING TO THE BUILDING OF A 15'x20' SHED AT 85 MARKO LANE

Sponsor: Mr. Foote

Second: Mr. Selig

Yeas: Foote, Selig, Walsh, Hatgas, Black

Nays: None

Ordinance 84-2014 is adopted 5-0

Mayor Procuk explained to Mr. Glenn that his application is denied.

Ordinance 85-2014 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE APPROVING THE DECISION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF MARILYN STOLZ PERTAINING TO YARD REGULATIONS AND THE BUILDING OF A GARAGE AT 5080 WEST 5TH STREET

Sponsor: Mr. Selig

Second: Mr. Foote

Yeas: Selig, Foote, Black, Hatgas, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 85-2014 is adopted 5-0

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Ordinance 88-2014 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING HIRING OF THREE FIREFIGHTERS, FRANK AIELLO, PATRICK GOLDSWORTH AND DAVID BRONZA

Sponsor: Mr. Selig

Second: Mr. Black

Yeas: Selig, Black, Hatgas, Foote, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 88-2014 is adopted 5-0

At this time Mayor Procuk swore in FF. Aiello, FF. Goldsworth and FF. Bronza.

FIRE CHIEF

Chief Lasky introduced the new firemen.

- FF. Bronza lives in Valley View and attended Cuyahoga Heights Schools.
- FF. Goldsworth lives in Newburgh Hts., but grew up in Brooklyn Heights and attended Cuyahoga Heights Schools.
- FF. Aiello is married with three small children, lives in Seven Hills and is a full time Independence Fire Fighter.

Chief Lasky told the audience that the department now has 29 fully trained members of which 24 are Paramedics and 23 are full time with other fire departments.

On November 8th there was a house fire on Shady Ridge Lane. Chief Lasky complimented our on duty crew of Captain Cannon, Captain Calvillo, Lt. Messich and FF Prebish (who happened to stop by the station and was called into duty). He also thanked Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department, Parma Fire and all others who sent Mutual Aid. He said that they saved 80% of the house.

Chief Lasky reported that our ISO (insurance rating) has gone from a six in 2002 (this means we have someone at the station) to a three in 2014. The rating is a very good rating and means that we have three men on duty twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week and can respond to any situation. Of the roughly 49,000 fire stations in the US, we are one of 2,700 stations with an ISO rating of three.

Mayor Procuk said that there were six fire companies and twenty-seven firefighters fighting the fire. It took our department less than two minutes to respond and less than one hour to put the fire out. He said we have an all-star department with the best of the best within a five mile radius. He said that because we are a part-time department our members work here because they love their job. Firefighters work twenty-four hours on and forty-eight hours off and the members on our department work those days off here in Brooklyn Heights.

As for the ISO rating, Mayor Procuk said that to the resident it doesn't make a difference but to a business it is huge because it can mean cheaper rates on their insurance. At a three rating, we are as low as you can go.

Mayor Procuk then welcomed the new firefighters to the "All Star Team".

AUDIENCE

Monica Bartosik asked Mayor Procuk about the confusion of her using the Community Center. Mayor Procuk asked Mr. Hatgas if he knew what the problem is and he said that the confusion is that she changed the date three times. She said she didn't use it on the original date and Mr. Hatgas said she has to call the police to let her in.

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Mr. Tom Burton, Director of Administrative Services at Cuyahoga Heights Schools, is here to give a presentation on the District Report Card. The BEST committee (Building Excellence and Success

Together) will report on Achievement, Progress, Gap Closing and Graduation Rate.

He introduced board members (Brooklyn Hts. residents) Vickie Bowden and Gary Suchocki, Tom Evans, High School and Middle School Principal, Joy Houchen, Elementary School Principal and Joe Bergant, Superintendent.

Mrs. Eileen Pech presented the Achievement portion of the report card and our schools received an "A" at 95.8% and met 23 out of 24 indicators. Our schools are placed 58th out of 881 public, academy and charter schools in the State of Ohio.

Jim Swifler then spoke about Gap Closing and Progress and a student on the committee named Charlie spoke about the graduation rate and the three and four year plans.

Mr. Burton left a twenty-three (23) page report at the Municipal Center for anyone who would like to read it.

Councilman Walsh complimented the school district on the fine job they do.

Mr. Burton said that they are pleased and happy with the results, but they are not satisfied. They want to do better.

Correspondence

Mayor Procuk read a thank you note from the Guilfoyle family.

Mayor Procuk read a letter of resignation from Sgt. Lou Baudo who will retire on January 10, 2015 after 29 years of service as a police officer.

Mayor Procuk told council that the 2015 After-Prom committee is asking for support of their Night at the Races. Prom will be May 16, 2015.

He also read a letter from Amy Johns, Property Manager for Ray Fogg regarding a tree that fell across the stream. Mr. Hatgas said it has been taken care of. *Letter attached*

Mayor Procuk read a letter from Det. Tulcewicz regarding the background checks of the new fire applicants. *Letter attached*

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Mr. Presot told council that in discussions with Mayor Procuk, he will be asking for appropriations to upgrade the equipment, scoreboard operators and to purchase additional uniforms for each team in case of late sign-ups.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mrs. Guilfoyle gave an update on the Senior Leaf Raking. There were forty Senior yards and sixty volunteers. A total of fifty-five community service hours were earned.

- There will be thirty attending the Remembrance Celebration on December 3rd.
- There are seventy-one signed up for Senior Snow removal and five are on HEAP.
- December 29th there will be an emergency Blood Drive at the Community Center.
- The department applied for and was awarded \$1,125 grant for Art in the Park. This is a matching grant from the Cuyahoga County Arts & Cultural Program.

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- **MOTION: Mr. Selig moved to grant the use of the bus with fees waived for the 2015 After-Prom trip to Kalahari on May 16, 2015. Second by Mr. Black Motion passed 5-0**
Mrs. Hatgas asked what the cost would be and Mrs. Guilfoyle said it is under \$200.
- **MOTION: Mr. Selig moved to provide the bus for the Shop with a Cop program on December 13th. Second by Mr. Walsh Motion passed 5-0**

Mr. Foote asked Mrs. Guilfoyle if the seventy-one seniors on snow plowing is the norm and Mrs. Guilfoyle said it is. He also said a senior citizen called him and was upset about the increase from \$75 to \$125 this year. He explained why the increase and wondered if council would like to revisit it. Mrs. Guilfoyle said she deals with the seniors a lot and not one has voiced a concern about the increase. They are happy to have the service available to them.

SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. Hatgas reported that First Energy tested all the poles in Brooklyn Heights in August and there are ten to fifteen that need to be replaced. They began replacing the poles and the old ones will remain in place until all entities have moved their wires.

MOTION: Mr. Walsh moved to pay Sirna Construction, Inc. \$3,540 for work done at 701 South St., to be reimbursed by the City of Cleveland Water Department. Second by Mr. Selig Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Hatgas is talking with Kimble regarding automation of the garbage collection.

Mr. Hatgas asked if the Remediation sign could be removed from the village property on Schaaf Road and Mayor Procuk told him to hold off until after his meeting with the EPA.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Mr. Socoloff said there are several new projects at different stages of construction:

- 153 Hayes – Mattress Solutions
- 211 Hayes – Daniels International
- 455 Granger – Myra Installations
- 900 Resource – Bearcom Wireless Worldwide
- 1000 Valley Belt – Mobile Air
- 1250 E. Schaaf – Corcoran Tile & Marble Inc.
- 1300 E. Granger – ??????
- 1414 E. Schaaf – U.S. Cable
- 4913 Van Epps – Beran's Automotive
- 4924 Schaaf – Trionetics is moving out
- 925 Keynote – talks are on going
- 850 Resource – talk of a kitchen showroom and warehouse
- 1415 Van Epps – Old Town Distributors

The Zoning Board and Architectural Review Board have had meetings and point of sale and rentals have slowed down.

Graftech International was Union Carbide and will be picking up considerable space.

ENGINEER

Mr. Henry said there will be a meeting on December 18th to announce the final ranking of Small Government Grants and we are in for Lancaster Rd.

He also requested an ordinance committee meeting to discuss the outdated ordinances.

LAW DIRECTOR

No report

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CLERK/TREASURER

Mr. Clymer said the November month end is not yet reconciled. There will be an ordinance tonight to confirm the appropriations for 2014 and the temporary appropriations for 2015. The dental plan is up at the end of this year and Mr. Biskind is trying to find the best deal.

MAYOR

Mayor Procuk told council that Graftech signed a ten-year lease.

Mrs. Hatgas attended the NOPEC meeting as Mayor Procuk's proxy. She said that it is a good organization and they have some good programs. For example, they have a loan program for businesses to retrofit buildings they purchase for energy efficiency and a number of residential programs.

Mayor Procuk explained that the vehicle he is currently driving is a 2002 Mercury Marquis with 127,495 miles on it and it is rear wheel drive. He test drove the Ford Edge and thought that he had to purchase a Ford because we are in the Ford Fleet government program. There is \$28,000 in the budget for a new vehicle and this vehicle is \$900 over that. The price on the Edge is below the municipal discount and below the state bidding.

Mrs. Hatgas asked if there is a requirement for getting another price and Mayor Procuk said no because it is under \$50,000.

Mr. Hatgas said he went to a GM dealership for pricing and is still waiting for a response.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Black called and Ordinance Committee meeting on January 6, 2015 at 7:15 pm to discuss changes to the current zoning ordinances.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Hatgas said they have met twice to discuss funding the Capital Improvement Funds and Economic Development. Also discussed was declining revenue and fund balances.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Walsh called an Economic Development Committee meeting at 6:00 pm on Dec. 15, 2014 to discuss the reorganization of the Economic Development Department for 2015.

There will be a Special meeting of Council on December 15, 2014 at 7:30 pm to consider legislation.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

MOTION: Mr. Black moved to purchase a new pump panel engine gauge for E-47 from Finley Fire at a cost not to exceed \$2,000. (*Current parts are obsolete*) Second by Mr. Selig Motion passed 5-0

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ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 86-2014 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GILLINGHAM FORD FOR AN F-350 FORD TRUCK FOR USE BY THE BROOKLYN HEIGHTS SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Sponsor: Mr. Foote

Second: Mr. Walsh

Discussion: Mayor Procuk asked Mr. Hatgas about the three quotes. All are state pricing

1. Gillingham Ford \$36,600
2. Auto Nation \$39,200
3. Valley Ford \$45,680

Yeas: Foote, Walsh, Black, Hatgas, Selig

Nays: None

Ordinance 86-2014 is adopted 5-0

Ordinance 87-2014 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GILLINGHAM FORD FOR A 2014 FORD EDGE FOR USE BY THE BROOKLYN HEIGHTS MAYOR

Mayor Procuk asked that this ordinance be tabled to the December 15th meeting so he can research a better price.

MOTION: Mr. Walsh moved to table Ordinance 87-2014 to December 15, 2014. Second by Mrs. Hatgas Motion passed 5-0

Ordinance 89-2014 - December Pay Ordinance

Sponsor: Mrs. Hatgas

Second: Mr. Foote

Yeas: Hatgas, Foote, Black, Selig, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 89-2014 is adopted 5-0

MOTION: Mr. Selig moves to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Second by Mrs. Hatgas Motion passed 5-0

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

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer