

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD August 6, 2013 20

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on August 6, 2013 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Michael Procuk presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at this time.

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| Present at roll call: | Councilmen: | Black, Lahiff, Cichocki, Presot, Selig, |
| | 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 |
| | Economic Develop Dir: | Perry |

MOTION: Mr. Lahiff moved to excuse Mr. Walsh (business meeting) and Mr. Foote (vacation) from the meeting tonight. Second by Mr. Selig Motion passed 5-0

Mayor Procuk will go out of order tonight and hold discussion on Ordinance 65-2013 up for consideration tonight.

ORDINANCE 65-2013- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE APPROVING THE DECISION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF CHELM PROPERTIES CONCERNING A 24 HOUR HOSPITAL (HAVEN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE, INC.) AT 600 RESOURCE DRIVE

Sponsor: Mr. Lahiff

Second: Mr. Cichocki

Discussion: Representatives of Haven Medical and their real estate agent attended the meeting. The CEO of Haven Behavioral Health Care, Inc. spoke regarding what the institution is all about. Questions were asked by members of the audience such as the age of the patients and where the building is located. They were told that the age would be geriatrics and the building is the old Asset Acceptance Building on West Resource.

Yeas: Lahiff, Cichocki, Black, Presot, Selig

Nays: None

Ordinance 65-2013 passed 5-0

AUDIENCE

Paul Baracz of Schaaf Road asked council to address the parking of trucks on his property at 900 Granger Road. He stated that he received a letter from the Building Inspector stating that it does not conform with the zoning of retail property. Mr. Baracz feels that he should be allowed to continue the parking of the trucks as the rental of the space helps him pay the taxes on the property. He said that he has been doing this since the 70's and the zoning ordinance went into effect in 1994 so why are they now questioning it. He feels a reasonable solution to this would be for council to enact a resolution stating that the trucks can continue to be parked at 900 Granger Road until such time as the property is either

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developed or sold unless they change the zoning from retail. He stated that there is no retail anywhere in Brooklyn Hts. He said that in front of the Fogg Building the trucks are parked all day and all night.

It was explained to Mr. Baracz that the other violators have received the same letters. All he wants is to be grandfathered in. He said he has tried to get his taxes changed from residential to commercial but with no luck.

Mr. Cichocki told Mr. Baracz that council will hold a committee meeting to discuss possible solutions. A woman in the audience asked what the complaint is. Is it the sight of the trucks or the traffic? Mayor Procuk answered it is the sight of the trucks. He also said that others have had to move their trucks off of their property and she asked what the complaints were for them. Mayor Procuk said they were not in compliance of our ordinances.

Mayor Procuk said that he deals with this type of problem on a daily basis.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. Hatgas said that the drainage work on Diamond 2 will begin tomorrow (Aug. 7th).

There was \$600 worth of damage to the soccer goals. Thanks to two businesses in the village who picked up the goals and then delivered it back to the park after another village business repaired them very economically for us.

Mr. Cichocki asked if we caught the vandals and was told no.

MOTION: Mr. Black moved to pay \$3,217.02 for the repairs to the Community Service Department. Second by Mrs. Presot Motion passed 5-0

FIRE CHIEF

Chief Lasky told council that we received a FEMA grant in the amount of \$35,000 to purchase new equipment. The cost to the village will be \$1,700. In speaking with Safety Chairman Cichocki it was decided to discuss the ordinance at this evenings meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Black moved to pay \$1,404 to Underwriters Laboratory for the annual ladder testing. Second by Mrs. Presot Motion passed 5-0

Chief Lasky told council that on October 12th there will be a 5K/1 mile walk held in the village with the proceeds to benefit the Park Board. Parma Hospital and University Hospital are the two big sponsors at this time.

There will be a meeting of the Safety Committee on Tuesday, August 13th at 7 pm to discuss the purchase of a new gator for the fire department

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Algeri told council that we received a check for \$318.67 a restitution from a SWAT incident that happened in 2011.

MOTION: Mr. Black moved to pay \$2,197.05 to Bedford Hts. jail for the month of June. Second by Mr. Cichocki Motion passed 5-0

The copier in the police department no longer works. Chief Algeri said he had money in his budget to

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purchase a new machine. He had quotes from Blue Technologies and Meritech.

MOTION: Mrs. Presot moved to pay \$3,850 to Meritech for a new copier for the police department. Second by Mr. Black Motion passed 5-0

Chief Algeri attended a School Safety meeting on July 23rd. He commended Mr. Evans on the work that he has put into this effort. They will meet at least three times a year. There will be a safety drill utilizing the safety forces and the surrounding communities on NEOEA day in October. Chief Algeri said that the new superintendent is Joe Bergant and he comes from Chardon Schools so safety is of utmost importance to him. Mr. Evans has applied for a grant to put a School Resource Officer in the schools.

Ford Interceptor Utility is in service. The old Crown Vics and three obsolete Toughbook's will be put on E-bay.

The new Mobil Data Terminals are in service.

Our officers will get training with Cuyahoga Heights Police next week. They will be utilizing the Mobile Police Academy from the Ohio Attorney General's office. There are two trailers: a Driving Simulator and Firearms training.

Chief Algeri told council that there have been several auto (4 older GM models in the last few weeks) and bicycle thefts in the area. He said that one suspect was arrested but while he was in jail, another bike was stolen so it looks to be more than one thief. He admitted to taking two bikes from Brooklyn Hts. but would not admit to any from Seven Hills.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mrs. Guilfoyle stated that the blood drive will be held on August 29th in the Community Center.

On September 19th Cuyahoga Hts. Schools will host the senior citizens for dinner and the department will transport our seniors.

Our department will also be transporting the Pre K children during the middle of the day.

Mrs. Guilfoyle said that the website is moving along.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Perry said that the progress on the village property on Schaaf Road is moving along.

The Asset Acceptance building on W. Resource will be occupied by Haven Behavioral HealthCare.

He has been working with Omni to get the Honeywell Building filled.

The Economic Development portion of the website is just about complete and they hope it will launch soon.

ENGINEER

Mr. Henry stated that the back parking lot of the municipal building will be delayed to next week.

He attended the Pre-construction meeting with ODOT for the Granger Road resurfacing from Valley View to Tuxedo. The project is scheduled to begin on August 12th and should be completed by the end of October. At this point they don't know if they will begin at Tuxedo or in Valley View.

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The drains on diamond #2 should be completed within two days (by the end of business Thursday).

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Mr. Socoloff stated that there are a lot of residential permits being pulled. Also several companies are making capital improvements.

The number of complaints being filed is high and he will prioritize them and get to them as he can.

Mrs. Presot asked if there was anything new on the Church on Brookpark Road. Mr. Socoloff said he has not had any contact from them in some time. Their variance will be expiring soon so he will give them a heads up.

Mayor Procuk said that they will not be pursuing the Schuckerts to go before the ARB because the tree house is already build and is a moot point.

LAW DIRECTOR

Mr. Dowling will attend the Community Reinvestment Committee review at the County Auditor's Office on Monday.

CLERK-TREASURER

Mr. Clymer reported that the General fund is up \$99,526.

He said that the secretary (Ruth Blogna) from Mr. Dowling's office lost her husband recently and he and Valerie Snyder went to the wake. He read a thank you note from her.

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Mr. Presot was unable to attend but he gave his report to Mayor Procuk.

- The men's softball games began on Sunday August 4th. We have two teams
- The women's softball games begin tonight, August 6th. We have four teams
- The T-ball pool party at Cuyahoga Hts. Pool is August 10th from 6-8 pm and the other teams pool party will be on August 11th from 6 – 8 pm.
- Soccer sign-ups are complete and there are 75 kids signed up. With the addition of the Cuyahoga Heights kids they will be at about 80.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Procuk read a thank you note from Nancy, Greg and Mike Muffler expressing their gratitude for the planting of the Rose of Sharon tree in memory of Dave Muffler (former Service Director). The tree is planted in front of the Service Directors office.

Mayor Procuk received an email from Donna Baudo requesting street closing signs for their block party on August 10th from 5 till 10 pm. Chief Algeri said they would take care of it, but asked council to look at some rules governing street closures. Mayor Procuk suggested it be put in the Safety Committee meeting to be held Tuesday, August 13th.

Mayor Procuk received an invoice for \$40 for the annual dues for the Mayor's Association.

Lisa Barno of the Cuyahoga County Mayor's and Manager's Association asked if they could use our community center for a meeting in the future.

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MAYOR'S COURT

This report reflects the last three months because of Kari's absence from work due to her daughter's illness.

- MAY
 - Collected \$9,837.00
 - State of Ohio Treasurer - 2,244.50
 - Indigent Driver & Alcohol Fund - 76.50

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Regional Information System - 240.00
Brooklyn Heights \$7,276.00

- JUNE
 - Collected \$14,835.60
 - State of Ohio Treasurer - 3,213.50
 - Indigent Driver & Alcohol Fund - 88.50
 - Regional Information System - 290.00
 - Brooklyn Heights \$11,243.60

- JULY
 - Collected \$9,155.50
 - State of Ohio Treasurer -2,344.00
 - Indigent Driver & Alcohol Fund - 69.00
 - Regional Information System - 185.00
 - Brooklyn Heights \$6,557.50

The Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce picnic will be held on August 29th at the Kiwanis Pavilion in Independence Park. Please RSVP to Kari. The cost is \$20.

Mayor Procuk and Tim attended the Cuyahoga county Shared Services Project meeting. This is a group trying to find ways to share services or purchasing power of paper & office supplies, cleaning, maintenance and elevator service, janitorial supplies or services and general purchases.

The members are: Broadview Heights, North Royalton, Seven Hills, Parma, Parma Heights, Brooklyn Heights, Parma School District, North Royalton School District, Cuyahoga County Library, Cuyahoga Community College and Parma Community General Hospital.

Mayor Procuk said the financial status of the village remains strong.

He will attend the general meeting of the Greater Cleveland Safety Council on Aug. 14th as he is a board member and he and Mrs. Guilfoyle will attend the Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland meeting on Aug. 15th. The Annual Cleveland Foodbank Conference will be on September 27th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Chairman Black reported that the committee agreed to authorize the repairs and carpet for the Community Service office. They will also get quotes for the cleaning and maintenance of the gun range and the approved the final piece for the installation of the generator for the Municipal Center.

STREETS COMMITTEE

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Chairman Lahiff reported that the committee agreed to go out for bids for sidewalk repairs throughout the village and they will get state pricing for a new truck for the Service Department.

He also said that there was a meeting with the firefighters attorneys and Chief Lasky last week and there is another meeting scheduled for August 13th.

Mayor Procuik said that Sept. 6th will be Senior Zoo Day at the Cleveland Metropark Zoo. Anyone 55 and over will be admitted free to the zoo and the Rainforest between 10 am and 5 pm.

Mayor Procuik also thanked the citizens in tonight's audience.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 68-2013- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CLERK TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HOWELL RESCUE SYSTEMS FOR THE PURCHASE OF EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sponsor: Mr. Cichocki

Second: Mr. Selig

Yeas: Cichocki, Selig, Presot, Lahiff, Black

Nays: None

Ordinance 68-2013 passes 5-0

ORDINANCE 72-2013 – AUGUST PAY ORDINANCE

Sponsor: Mrs. Presot

Second: Mr. Cichocki

Yeas: Presot, Cichocki, Lahiff, Selig, Black

Nays: None

Ordinance 72,2013 passes 5-0

ORDINANCE 73-2013 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE INCREASE OF MONIES DUE TO INFINITY PAVING COMPANY. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PERMEABLE CONCRETE AND ASSOCIATED STORM/PAVEMENT WORK AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Sponsor: Mrs. Presot

Second: Mr. Lahiff

Yeas: Presot, Lahiff, Selig, Black, Cichocki

Nays: None

Ordinance 73-2013 passes 5-0

RESOLUTION 14-2013 - A RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE VILLAGE AUDITOR, OR THE BOARD OR OFFICER HAVING SUPERVISION OR MANAGEMENT OF THE PROPERTY, TO UTILIZE THE INTERNET AUCTION FOR SURPLUS ITEMS IN THE 2013 CALENDAR YEAR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsor: Mr. Selig

Second: Mr. Lahiff

Yeas: Selig, Lahiff, Black, Cichocki, Presot

Nays: None

Resolution 14-2013 passes 5-0

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RESOLUTION 15-2013 - AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BROOKLYN HEIGHTS PARK

Sponsor: Mrs. Presot

Second: Mr. Black

Yeas: Presot, Black, Lahiff, Cichocki, Selig

Nays: None

Resolution 15-2013 passes 5-0

RESOLUTION 16-2013 - AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION HONORING J & L BODY, INC. FOR ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS, DEDICATION, CONTRIBUTIONS AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE FOR OVER 50 YEARS

Sponsor: All of Council

Second: Mrs. Presot

Yeas: Cichocki, Presot, Black, Lahiff, Selig

Nays: None

Resolution 16-2013 passes 5-0


Chief Algeri added to his report that the promotional testing for the Lieutenant's position will be on August 21st and the assessments will be on Sept. 3rd & 4th.

Anne Graham asked for a synopsis of the Rosby situation. Mayor Procuik stated that it is in the hands of the Ohio EPA. He asked that you please keep calling the Odor Hot line numbers.

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

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk/Treasurer