

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD February 7, 2017 20

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on February 7, 2017 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, Lahiff, Lasky, and Walsh
	Mayor:	Procuk
	Clerk/Treasurer:	Clymer
	Law Director:	Dowling
	Engineer:	Henry
	Police Chief:	Algeri
	Fire Chief:	Asst. Chief Lasky
	Service Director:	Hatgas
	Bldg. Commissioner:	Monaco
	Comm. Service Dir:	Guilfoyle
	Recreation Dir:	Frank

- **MOTION: Mr. Lasky moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2017 regular council meeting. Second by Mr. Black Motion passed 5-0**

CORRESPONDENCE

- Note from NOPEC regarding the Do Not Knock Program. Brooklyn Hts. has a No Soliciting ordinance.
- Note from Mayor Frank Jackson thanking the administration for their support of the City of Cleveland.
- University Hospitals new president and CEO will be Peter U. Bergmann, effective March 6, 2017
- Ohio Municipal League released their Strategic framework for Stronger OHIO.
- Representative Anielski will host her Military Appreciation Day on April 3, 2017 in Independence. Info will be on the web.
- The Efficient Grant Finder program accepted the village to participate.
- Mayor Procuk read a letter from Dave and Dana Bundus regarding the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a concrete pad at 5632 Lancaster Dr. (*letter attached*)

AUDIENCE

None

Mayor Procuk told the audience that due to the tragic death of Michaela Foote and the subsequent burial in the Foote Family Cemetery on Schaaf Road he met with the funeral director to make plans for parking along Schaaf Road.

He thanked the employees, residents, fire department and service clubs for their support of the family during this time.

- The Community Services department, Kari, Val, Dana and the Fire Department donated cash to help defray the cost of the luncheon. Dana handled the donations, the WSC opened their cupboards with paper products, and the Service Department cleaned the hall from a prior event and set up the tables and chairs. Pam Petrick, Kim McNeilly Linda Neyman and Thea coordinated the food, setup and cleanup. Terri Safranek, Cindy Woznicki and Denise Kirsch helped with packing up leftover food, bakery etc. and cleanup. Because Lorissa Foote's best friend lives outside the village and wanted to use the hall for the luncheon, Mayor Procuk paid the hall rental fee.
- Les Foote expressed his thanks, on behalf of the family, to all who were involved. The family was overwhelmed by the community support and involvement. He thanked Councilman Black for his kind words and also Mayor Procuk for arranging the parking on Schaaf Road.

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- ~~Mayor Procuk said that first and foremost he has a responsibility of safety of the village to consider so to that end he employed extra police for traffic control and drivers to shuttle people down to the cemetery but everything else was done by volunteers and donations. He said that South Hills also opened their parking lot for overflow parking.~~

SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. Hatgas told council that a Tulip tree will be planted in the park in honor of Sylvia Christian's daughter for the Arbor Day Celebration. He has not had a response on the Tree City application as of yet. Jason Knowles told him that probably means we are good.

Mr. Hatgas requested a motion to renew the lease of the John Deere tractor from Polen Implements.

- **MOTION: Mr. Black moved to renew the lease of the John Deere tractor from Polen Implements at a cost of \$3,500. Second by Mr. Lasky Motion carried 5-0**

Mr. Hatgas said that the wiring for the new phone system will begin this week.

He will attend a First Energy seminar with Mr. Clymer on Thursday, Feb. 9th regarding their lighting incentive program.

Mr. Hatgas told council that we have completed our procurement of the 2016 salt commitment and we are about 100 tons into the 2017 agreement with about 314 tons to purchase for 2017 at \$53.00 a ton (a decrease of \$3.00 per ton from 2016). They will begin the consortium bargaining for 2018 soon and both Mr. Clymer and Mayor Procuk would like to attend with Mr. Hatgas.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Algeri said that as soon as the word got out he received calls from the chiefs of Cuyahoga Heights, Valley View, Independence and Brecksville offering assistance. The assisted in the funeral detail from the funeral home to the cemetery on Schaaf Road and he wants to publicly thank them.

He received the 2-year contract from Steve Suder, A & S Animal Control with no increase in price. He gave it to Mr. Dowling for an ordinance at the next meeting.

The department assisted the FBI SWAT team in serving an arrest warrant at a house on Schaaf Road. After performing a search warrant on the house our department found contraband so we will be adding charges also.

Chief Algeri would like a motion to send Sgt. Zakrajsek to the Police Executive Leadership College. This is a 3-week class over three months and is the start to getting our supervisors ready for when he retires somewhere down the road.

- **MOTION: MR. Black moves to pay the Law Enforcement Foundation of the Ohio Association of Chief of Police \$2,200 for a 3-week program at the Police Executive Leadership College. Second by Mr. Lahiff Motion carried 5-0**

Chief Algeri asked for an Ordinance committee meeting to look at the ordinances for hiring in the police department. Mr. Walsh set the meeting for March 21st at 7:00 pm.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Asst. Chief Lasky spoke to the aggressiveness of our departments in light of the recent death of Michaela Foote. He said that our Fire Department has dispensed seven doses of NARCAN this year in Brooklyn Heights. He gave an impassioned pleas asking that as a community we stay strong and communicate with our kids because narcotics are here and it sucks.

He said that the department is working with our building department regarding the North Shore Strapping issues. He thanked Nino and Mr. Dowling for their help and backing in trying to get inspections passed.

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Mayor Procuik asked about ICE and Asst. Chief Lasky stated that they had a problem with their underground sprinkler system. They have had crews working to remedy the problem. The inside has passed the inspections and once the outside passes the inspections they will be issued a Certificate of Occupancy.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mrs. Guilfoyle thanked Mrs. Seitz at Cuyahoga Heights High School for the luncheon for our senior citizens today.

There will be an Art-in-the-Park session over Spring Break.

She is waiting for Senior Lawn Cutting proposals. The deadline is Feb. 17th and the committee meeting is set for March 7th.

She received a notice from the Census Bureau asking for confirmation of our borders and any annexations. She is working with Nino on this.

She had three Red Cross blood drives scheduled for this year and the Red Cross has cancelled them due to decreasing attendance. She will work with Marybeth Talerico and Lifeshare to see if we can get a drive back in our community.

Mrs. Guilfoyle told council that the on-line sports registration has 100% positive response.

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Mr. Frank acknowledged Asst. Chief Lasky's impassioned speech and said that drug overdose hits home and all demographics.

Mr. Frank would like to barter a 2-day coach-player baseball camp for four (4) Parma Pirates baseball games to be played on diamond #2 this summer. **MOTION: Mr. Black moved to allow the Parma Pirates to play four baseball games on diamond #2 in exchange for a 2-day coach/player camp. Second by Mr. Lahiff Motion carried 5-0**

Mr. Shadd said that there are 40-45 kids signed up for soccer with the deadline next week. He thanked Thea and Donna Algeri for their help with the sign-ups on-line.

He said that he contacted the Ohio Youth Soccer Association regarding coach background checks and the costs and was told that Ohio does not mandate background checks.

Mr. Shadd will hold his Footskilz clinics at Cuyahoga High School gym. The times and dates vary by age group.

Mayor Procuik told council that Cole Schuckert has made it to the National Mid Atlantic Invitational Elks Soccer Shootout to be held March 3rd, 4th & 5th in Baltimore. The family will be the guests of the Parma Elks. There are 13 participants from Pennsylvania, 14 from Ohio, 9 from West Virginia, 9 from Kentucky, 24 from New Jersey and 11 from Maryland.

ENGINEER

Mr. Henry said all is quiet so far this year.

There will be an ordinance on tonight's agenda for a Memorandum of Understanding between the Village and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health for Phase II storm water services.

This will be at no cost to the village.

Mr. Henry said there is also a resolution supporting West Creek's Ohio EPA grant for the watersheds. Again there is no cost to the village.

Mr. Henry asked for a Streets Committee meeting which was set for Feb. 21st at 7 pm.

LAW DIRECTOR

Mr. Dowling told council that the Ewelt matter is finalized with a resolution in a couple of weeks. The Re-investment area is to be revisited and Mr. Clymer said this is the final year for this.

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Mr. Dowling told council they can enact deposits for the park by motion and they will take formal action on the Board of Zoning Appeals two weeks from today.

CLERK / TREASURER

No Report – January numbers will be available at the next meeting.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Mayor Procuik said he asked Joe Presot to identify businesses -> match with property owner -> landlord / business owner -> tag with president, CFO or building owner. He identified ten businesses on Eastview Dr. and will continue this project.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Monaco is on vacation and he left a written report with Mayor Procuik.

- 7 residential inspections
- 17 commercial inspections
- 2 point of sale inspections (714 Tuxedo and 2501 Belmont)
- The State of Ohio no longer requires a retainer fee for a Plans Examiner (savings of \$500) nor for a Back-Up Inspector (savings of \$1500)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Ohio Paving is no longer going to use the space of the old GE building but a certificate of occupancy has been issued for EMOD Construction Co. (Construction equipment material storage company).
- The FEDEX building is being renovated and permits have been pulled. Mayor Procuik said this is the first tenant to occupy that space in fifteen years.

MAYOR'S COURT

Income for January	\$ 8,723.60
State of Ohio	(1,254.50)
Indigent Driver & Alcohol	(43.50)
Reg. Enterprise Data Sharing System	(135.00)
BROOKLYN HEIGHTS	\$ 7,290.60

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Gov. Kasich released his preliminary budget report
- Pavilion rentals: there will no longer be a charge to residents wishing to rent a pavilion; however, there will be a refundable \$75 deposit. This will include resident businesses.

MOTION: Mr. Lahiff moved to do away with fees for the resident's park pavilion rentals.

Second by Mr. Walsh Motion carried 5-0

- Mrs. Guilfoyle and Mr. Monaco attended the Heritage Homes program and decided not to renew at this time. Mr. Monaco will work with residents with the HELP (low interest) Loan program.
- Mayor Procuik and Officer Jablonski attended the DUI Task Force lunch and were surprised to hear that a police officer in Parma Heights wrote 534 seat belt tickets in one year.
- We have committed to holding some saturation patrols and the Mocktail Safe Kids
- Attended the SWCOG with the chiefs. Thankful we have SERB, SWAT, SERT and HAZMAT.
- The RTA report is available.
- Councilman Lasky and Mayor Procuik attended the swearing-in ceremony of Sherrie Miday.
- Councilman Foote and Mayor Procuik attended the Project Lead the Way Lab grand opening

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Lasky reported that they are working on the 2017 budget and have met with the Service Department, Police Department and Community Services Department. They will meet with the Fire Department and the Recreation Department and will review all budgets on Feb. 23rd. On March 7th and 14th they will discuss the Capital budget and hope to wrap everything up on March 21st.

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 08-2017- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS AND THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE PHASE II STORMWATER SERVICES IN 2017-2018

Sponsor: Mr. Foote

Second: Mr. Lasky

Yeas: Foote, Lasky, Lahiff, Walsh, Black

Nays: None

Ordinance 08-2017 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 09-2017- FEBRUARY PAY ORDINANCE

Sponsor: Mr. Walsh

Second: Mr. Foote

Yeas: Walsh, Foote, Lahiff, Lasky, Black

Nays: None

Ordinance 09-2017 is adopted

RESOLUTION 01-2017- AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION SUPPORTING WEST CREEK CONSERVANCY'S OHIO EPA GRANT FOR THE COMPLETION OF NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY PLANS FOR THE WEST CREEK WATERSHEDS

Sponsor: Mr. Walsh

Second: Mr. Foote

Yeas: Walsh, Foote, Black, Lasky, Lahiff

Nays: None

Resolution 01-2017 is enacted 5-0

Mayor Procuk announced the Park Board meeting this Thursday, February 9th at 7pm in council chambers.

Mr. Horstmann asked why he cannot put in a concrete pad when others in the village have done the same.

Mr. Dowling told council they have thirty days to either act or not act on the Zoning Board of Appeals decision.

Mr. Foote asked Mr. Bundus why he is opposed to the pad. Mr. Bundus explained that he feels the pad is to be used to store an old car which is not appealing to the area and since it would be right outside his kitchen window he feels it would be an eyesore.

Mr. Walsh, Mr. Black and Mr. Foote all agreed that Mr. & Mrs. Bundus have the right to have the ordinances upheld and that the decision on the variance (denied) be upheld.

Mr. Lasky apologized to Mr. & Mrs. Horstmann that they won't be able to put in the concrete pad.

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

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk/Treasurer