

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD May 5, 2015 20

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on May 5, 2015 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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Procuk read a thank you note from the Presot family, written by Dominic, thanking the village for lighting up BLUE for Autism Awareness Month.

Mayor Procuk received a request from Irene Jones, Josiah's House, asking to use the Community Center on May 29th for their Spring Fling Dance and that the fee is waived.

MOTION: Mr. Foote moved to waive the fee for the Community Center for Josiah's House on May 29th for the Spring Fling Dance. Second by Mr. Walsh Motion carried 5-0

The Elks would like to use pavilion #3 on August 2nd for their annual family picnic.

MOTION: Mr. Foot moved to allow the Elk's to use pavilion #3 for their family picnic on August 2nd and that the fee be waived. Second by Mr. Black Motion carried 5-0

A request from Chris Youngless was received asking for \$30 per swimmer reimbursement for the Blue Wave Swim Team for the 2015 season.

An ordinance will be drawn up.

The CVCC State of the Schools address will be on May 13th.

Mayor Procuk received a letter from Mayor Jackson regarding possible mutual aid when the Brelo verdict is read. *See Attached*

A letter from Seven Hills regarding the road project for the Dorset/Belmont area was read. *See attached*

On May 9th the Cleveland Water Department will conduct tours of the Garrett Morgen plant.

AUDIENCE

Mr. Henry Stankiewicz said he has an issue with the fence being erected on the neighbor's property at 5082 W 6th St. He said that it has taken two years and is still not complete and would like to see it finished. Mr. Socoloff said he would look into it by contacting the home owner. The house is currently leased.

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SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. Hatgas told council that the Seven Hills road project began today. They are removing concrete and replacing it with asphalt.

Mr. Hatgas reported that on April 16, 2015 there was an automobile accident at the corner of Tuxedo and Granger Road and the metal pole was damaged. The cost of fixing/replacing the pole was \$10,048.65 and the pre-trial hearing will be in Parma Court.

Mr. Walsh asked if the party's insurance will pay for the pole and Mr. Hatgas replied "if they have insurance". Chief Algeri said it is listed on the report but he is unsure if it has been verified. The State Highway Patrol took charge of the case.

Mayor Procuk asked Mr. Hatgas to attend the pre-trial.

Mr. Hatgas would like a motion to pay for the ABS-ECU system for the F-650. This is the brains for the brake system. The cost is \$1,192.16

MOTION: Mr. Black moved to pay Valley Ford Truck, Inc. \$1,192.16 for the ABS/ACU Electronic Control Unit for the F-650. Second by Mrs. Hatgas Motion carried 5-0

MOTION: Mr. Black moved to pay Signal Service \$3,348.99 for repairs to six of the 35 lights we maintain for the State of Ohio. Second by Mr. Walsh Motion carried 5-0

These lights were out due to electrical failure and the monies can be taken from the State Highway Fund.

MOTION: Mr. Black moved to pay the State of Ohio the annual fee of \$1,800 for the underground storage tanks. Second by Mr. Walsh Motion carried 5-0

MOTION: Mr. Walsh moved to pay Sirna Construction \$1,982 for asphalt street repairs at 5117 W 5th St. to be reimbursed by the county. Second by Mr. Selig Motion carried 5-0

The Marko Lane tree lawn trees have arrived and planting will begin next week. OUPS has been notified to mark the area and letters will go out to the residents.

There is an ordinance tonight regarding the sandblasting of the F-650 which will extend the life of the truck four or five years. It is a 2004.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Algeri asked for motion:

MOTION: Mr. Black moved to pay Firehawk \$1,598.10 for repairs to car 2381 (2003 Crown Vic). Second by Mr. Walsh Motion carried 5-0

MOTION: Mr. Walsh moved to pay Bedford Hts. Jail \$1,200 for housing three prisoners for sixteen days. Second by Mr. Black Motion carried 5-0

MOTION: Mr. Black moved to pay North Coast 2-Way Radio \$1,385.51 for the bullet proof vests for the two new police officers. Second by Mrs. Hatgas Motion carried 5-0

Chief Algeri will include these two vests when he applies for the Vest Partnership Grant so we should be reimbursed 50% at that time.

Chief Algeri said Safety Town will be June 15th thru June 26th with Graduation on the 26th. All are invited to the graduation.

May 15th is the National Peace Officers parade and Memorial Day. Several of our officers will attend the event in downtown Cleveland.

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He has attended several meetings with the City of Cleveland. They are making preparations for the potential civil unrest and are involving the entire county.

Update on the break-ins last year:

Marko Lane and Mr. Bauer's barn:

- One suspect was found guilty and will spend 18 months in prison and will testify against his juvenile cohorts.

Sczudlo's garage (theft of snow blower, tires, rims etc.)

- One suspect found guilty and was sentenced to 17 months in Lorain Correctional. He forfeited the truck which we will sell on e-bay.

FIRE CHIEF

Chief Lasky reported that our department will be working with Independence, Cuyahoga Heights, Valley View and Newburgh Heights in case of civil unrest when the verdict is announced.

Prom Promise will be on May 14th in Valley View. We will have a squad participating.

Hydrant flushing will begin at the end of the month.

Chief Lasky thanked Mayor Procuk and council for their support of his career in Brooklyn Heights which has led to his being chosen as the new Parma Fire Chief.

Mayor Procuk and council congratulated Chief Lasky on this new position and Mayor Procuk explained that he is awaiting written confirmation that Chief Lasky will not be allowed to continue as chief in Brooklyn Heights but that he can remain employed and hold an officers position for BHFD. He is acting chief in Parma right now and it looks like August will be the official date.

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Mr. Presot said soccer is progressing. The last game will be on May 16 and the Elk's Soccer Shootout will be the same day.

Baseball / Softball / T-ball registration is complete and there are 121 kids on 10 teams. All equipment has been delivered to the coaches and new home plates have been ordered. The uniforms are ordered and should be here by May 16th. Mr. Presot handed out pamphlets regarding the new helmets that we received free.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mrs. Guilfoyle thanked Mayor and council for their support of the Older Americans luncheon. Sixty-one senior citizens attended and they delivered ten dinners.

There are ten seniors signed up for the Senior Olympics to be held on May 11th and 15th.

There will be a blood drive at the Community Center on May 29th and bus transportation will be available for Safety Town and Summer school.

Mrs. Guilfoyle said that a representative from Broadview Multi-Care stopped in and asked if they could rent a pavilion for a Broadview Multi-Care function. Mrs. Guilfoyle said she would leave this in council's hands and Mayor Procuk asked what date. Mrs. Guilfoyle did not know the date. Mayor Procuk asked her to get the date and pavilion they are interested in and it would be considered.

ENGINEER

Mr. Henry said they opened the bids for the Asphalt & Concrete Program. The engineers estimated the cost to be \$240,000 and the bids came in at \$209,000. The asphalt bid was \$145,705 and the concrete

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bid at \$63,265 for a total of \$209,000. The county will pay 60% (\$126,000) and Brooklyn Hts. will be responsible for 40% (82,000).

Cleveland Water has approved the complete replacement of the water main and pavement repairs on South Street at a cost to the village of approximately \$46,000 with the balance being paid by Cleveland Division of Water.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Mr. Socoloff said that the April projects are continuing and are in various stated of construction.

- 1500 Valley Belt Rd – A ceramic tile distributor is purchasing the building
- 4545 Spring Rd – a paving company is purchasing the property and when the repairs are complete it will be a beautiful building both inside and outside.
- Point of Sale inspections are up.

LAW DIRECTOR

No Report

CLERK/TREASURER

Mr. Clymer said our General Fund is year-to-date \$181,841. Our first R.I.T.A. collection for May is up. He will have the numbers for council mail this weekend.

Mrs. Hatgas asked why the R.I.T.A. collection would be up and Mr. Clymer said that \$80 to \$100,000 was paid to Broadview Hts. instead of Brooklyn Hts. and he doesn't know if the company paid it wrong or if it was R.I.T.A but R.I.T.A. caught it and made it right.

The Northeast Ohio Municipal Finance Directors would like to hold their luncheon meeting at our community center on June 10th. Josh Mandel will be the guest speaker and he would like to see government checkbooks on line for transparency. Mr. Clymer and other Finance Directors are not quite on board with this yet.

Mayor Procuk asked Mr. Henry about the Small Government meeting on Thursday. Mr. Henry said we will find out if we have secured funding for the Lancaster Rd. project or not.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mayor Procuk received one inquiry from LaPine Truck Sales and Equipment regarding the sheriff's sale of the Manny Rock Landfill. They are looking for 5 acres for parking, space for a 3,000 sq. ft. office building and 15,000 sq. ft. workshop.

MAYORS COURT

Income:	\$14,560.60
State of Ohio	(2,160.50)
Indigent Driver & Alcohol	(70.50)
Reg. Enterprise Data Sharing System	(225.00)
Brooklyn Heights	\$12,104.60

Mayor Procuk said that the village reimburses our department heads \$50 a month for their cell phone usage and he has noted that when you call them the voice does not indicate that you have called the Village of Brooklyn Heights. He asked if that can be enforced. Mr. Dowling said that as an administrator, Mayor Procuk can request it.

Mayor Procuk attended a meeting in Brecksville to discuss regionalization of the jail and dispatching. The meeting included mayors from Brecksville, Independence, Cuyahoga Heights, Valley View, Newburgh Heights and Brooklyn Heights.

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Brecksville is building a new police station and dispatch center. All of the mayors are interested in utilizing the Cuyahoga Heights jail for housing prisoners. Mayor Hruby would like to use Brecksville tax dollars to run Cuyahoga Hts. jail and have the dispatching done thru Brecksville. Mayor Bacci wants Cuyahoga Hts. used for dispatching since they already have a state of the art center. Mayor Kurtz said that the Cleveland Clinic may or may not be interested in funding a dispatch center in the Crowne Center

Building. Mayor Procuik said that everyone wants to keep their people working so the consensus was that all dispatchers would keep their jobs until they retired or left and dispatch would be overstaffed for a while. Nothing has been settled.

Mayor Procuik attended the "Empowering Local Leadership Conference" in Washington DC. It was a good networking conference. While he was there he met with Congresswoman Marcia Fudge and four of her staff and we now have a liaison for (ICE) Immigration Customs Enforcement and for Dumps.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Black said the Ordinance Committee met this evening with the Cuyahoga Heights Schools B.E.S.T. Committee, represented by Tom Burton and Eileen Pech. They spoke about the state of the schools and the current state of State Testing.

Mr. Henry spoke about three modifications to the zoning ordinances.

1. Signage
2. Storage sheds (language clean-up)

WAGE & SALARY COMMITTEE

Mr. Walsh said Mr. Ted Biskind was in attendance and gave a very thorough presentation of options for the medical insurance for the employees of Brooklyn Hts.

Mr. Walsh asked that he be excused from the next regular council meeting (6/2/15) due to his daughter's high school graduation that day.

Mr. Walsh asked Mr. Clymer to distribute the insurance options to the employees so they can see the comparisons. A Wage & Salary meeting is set for May 19th at 6:15 with a special council meeting at 6 pm.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 25 -2015 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 33.01(M)(ii) OF THE BROOKLYN HEIGHTS CODE OF ORDINANCES (Adjusting the pay for part-time Art-in-the-Park Supervisor)

Sponsor: Mr. Walsh

Second: Mr. Foote

Yeas: Walsh, Foote, Hatgas, Selig, Black

Nays: None

Ordinance 25-2015 is adopted 5-0

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ORDINANCE 26 -2015 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SELECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR INSURANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

Sponsor: Mrs. Hatgas

Second: Mr. Walsh

Yeas: Hatgas, Walsh, Black, Foote, Selig

Nays: None

Ordinance 26-2015 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 27-2015 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CLERK TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BANKS MANUFACTURING CORP. TO PERFORM SANDBLASTING REPAIRS TO THE 2004 F-650 TRUCK

Sponsor: Mr. Walsh

Second: Mrs. Hatgas

Yeas: Walsh, Hatgas, Foote, Selig, Black

Nays: None

Ordinance 27, 2015 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 28-2015 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE INVOICE FROM ODOT INCREASING THE AMOUNT DUE TO THEM FOR THE RESURFACING OF GRANGER ROAD, ETC. WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

Sponsor: Mr. Foote

Second: Mr. Selig

Yeas: Foote, Selig, Walsh, Black, Hatgas

Nays: None

Ordinance 28, 2015 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 29-2015-AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY FROM THE WEST CREEK PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

➤ *Note: this property is a strip of land from Lancaster, Dorset & Essex*

Sponsor: Mr. Foote

Second: Mr. Walsh

Yeas: Foote, Walsh, Hatgas, Selig, Black

Nays: None

Ordinance 29-2015 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 30-2015 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A CONSERVATION AGREEMENT WITH WEST CREEK PRESERVATION COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE SCENIC, NATURAL, AESTHETIC AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY

➤ *This ordinance assures that nothing can be built on the property*

Sponsor: Mrs. Hatgas

Second: Mr. Foote

Yeas: Hatgas, Foote, Black, Selig, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 30-2015 is adopted 5-0

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ORDINANCE 31-2015 – MAY PAY ORDINANCE

Sponsor: Mr. Selig

Second: Mrs. Hatgas

Yeas: Selig, Hatgas, Foote, Black, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 31-2015 is adopted 5-0

E-mail from Derek Schafer: He will get with Tim tomorrow and he will pay the document recording fees and escrow fees.

Tim will ask Mr. Biskind to attend the meeting on May 19th.

Rose Presot asked if the village could put some flowers on the Tuxedo Island and around the Municipal Center to make it look nice. She mentioned the flowers of Cuyahoga Hts. and was told that they grow their own flowers. Mr. Hatgas said he would try to get some flowers planted.

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

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.


Mayor
Clerk/Treasurer