

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD September 7, 2021

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on **September 7, 2021** 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, Lahiff, Lasky, Presot & Walsh
	Mayor:	Procuk
	Clerk/Treasurer:	Frank
	Asst. Law Director:	Salem
	Engineer:	Henry
	Police Chief:	Meade
	Fire Chief:	Stefanko (ZOOM)
	Service Director:	Hatgas (ZOOM)
	Bldg. Commissioner:	
	Asst. Bldg. Comm.	Sonenstein (ZOOM)
	Comm. Service Dir:	Guilfoyle (ZOOM)
	Recreation Dir:	Krzynowek
	Soccer Dir:	Shadd
	GUESTS:	Berzins, Stepka, Derbin (ZOOM)

MOTION: Mr. Blados moved to accept the minutes of the August 3, 2021 regular council meeting as edited. Seconded by Mrs. Presot. Motion carried 5-0

MOTION: Mrs. Presot moved to accept the minutes of the August 17, 2021 regular council meeting as distributed. Seconded by Mr. Blados Motion carried 5-0

CORRESPONDENCE

- Read into the minutes in its entirety: Valley View Ordinance 99-417 regarding their parks and recreational areas as being solely for use by the residents and their guests. *See attached Because we are about to make a huge investment in our upper park, Mayor Procuk will put this before the Ordinance Committee for consideration by our council.*
- Read into the minutes: an email from Tom Modern (Parma resident) regarding the bear. *See attached.*
- Read an email from Donna Tesar informing Mayor Procuk and council of her impending retirement effective January 7, 2022.

AUDIENCE

None

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

- Residential and commercial Point of Sale inspections continue and as soon as the inspections are completed the properties are sold with the new owner making any repairs to keep within the codes.
- High grass issues are being taken care of.

POLICE CHIEF

- **MOTION:** Mrs. Presot moved to pay Lexipol \$3,074.84 for participation in the Ohio Collaboration Community – Police Relations to update the policies with the federal and state mandates. Seconded by Mr. Walsh Motion carried 5-0 This cost is prorated from October 1, 2021 to February 1, 2022.

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- Attended webinars regarding body cameras and learned a lot about what we may need. He will begin writing the grant soon and will visit various departments to see which cameras will best suit our needs.
- Park Patrol had a very good summer season and continues to work the weekends in September.
- Received a check in the amount of \$3,226.34 from University Hospitals as reimbursement for the officers who worked the Saturation Patrols.
- The department hit the Schaaf Rd and Tuxedo Ave. hard over the Labor Day weekend and produced approximately thirty (30) tickets. They are now posting the number of tickets and locations on their Facebook page.
- The new cruisers are in but the equipment is delayed. Chief Meade hopes to have the new vehicles on the road in a few weeks.
- The three (3) new officers have completed the bridged FTO program (lateral transfers) and are on the schedule.
- Chief Meade worked with the engineers and the Block Cameras should be installed in approximately two (2) weeks.
- On Sunday a stolen car entered our village on Granger Road passing the Independence camera. Our officers were alerted and the traffic stop and arrest was made. The vehicle was stolen out of Cleveland. Sgt. Leahy was the arresting officer.
- The VFW 5K will take place on Saturday. The run will begin at the east end of the village at the VFW and proceed west on Schaaf into DiFranco & Marko Lane, then east to Shady Ridge Lane and back out east on Schaaf Rd to the VFW. The race will begin promptly at 9:00 am and should take about an hour. He has been working with both the Fire and Service Depts.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Asst. Chief Lasky reported that the department received a FEMA grant in the amount of \$17,600 for new helmets and gloves. The village will be responsible for \$800 of the grant.
- To date (the last four years) we have received \$250,000 in grant money.
- We are sending 2 members to Fire Inspector School through a cooperative grant with Parma Fire. The cost is \$551 per member with the remainder being covered by the grant.
- Capt. Pat Cannon retired on August 16, 2021 with twenty-eight (28) years on the force. He moved out of the radius. He was given his helmet in recognition of his years of service.
- The new ambulance is in and the equipment is being installed by mechanic Mike Florjancic. The old ambulance will be put out for sale on govdeals.com
- The department is facing a few additional retirements at the end of the year so Chief Stefanko, Mayor Procuk and Asst. Chief Lasky are working on hiring a few members. Along with the hiring, there will be promotions since both a captain and a lieutenant are retiring.
- Parma UH will be assisting with the race this Saturday also, and Asst. Chief Lasky is working with the Petricks on Shady Ridge who have their daughter's wedding that day so they won't be inconvenienced.

SOCCER

- Mayor Procuk gave the report in Narlin's absence: games begin this Saturday, Sept. 11th.
- The numbers are down this year

SERVICE DIRECTOR

- **MOTION:** Mrs. Presot moved to purchase six (6) tires for the F-550 from National Tire at a cost of \$1,779.90. Seconded by Mr. Blados Motion carried 5-0
- Due to the Labor Day holiday garbage / recycling will be picked up on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Because the VFW 5k will also be on Saturday, we have asked Kimble to adjust their route so as not to become entangled in the road closing.

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- All village property has been treated for Army Worm. We seeded diamond 2 and will be watering it daily in hopes of having a nice field in the spring.
 - All men's games have been moved to diamond 3.
- MOTION: Mr. Lahiff moved to pay Stanley Securities \$2,961 for monitoring and maintenance of our building security system. No second requested. Motion carried 5-0**

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- The next Senior Luncheon will be on Sept. 21st.
- Gave fourteen (14) kids backpacks and school supplies.
- Will shop next month for boots and winter jackets for those in need.
- Flu Shot Clinic will be Oct 1st from 9-11am and you must register

ENGINEER

- The Concrete & Asphalt Program will be on the agenda on Sept. 21st. The bids will be opened on Sept. 17th. Mr. Henry will give the information to Mr. Dowling to have the ordinances drafted.
- The 5th Street water main project is complete and done under Cleveland Water.
- Tuxedo & Schaaf is completed. Cook Paving (village business) did a great job and there were no traffic control complaints. Mr. Henry does not have a final dollar amount and is working with the insurance company on this.
- We should have the park improvement plans at the end of the month but we will not begin and construction until we know if the ODNR grant has been approved. If we get the grant the work will begin in the early spring of 2022. If we don't get the grant we can begin the demo and order the playground equipment because that is the longest lead time. We should have a Parks Committee meeting to discuss the plan. He and Mr. Hatgas went into the restrooms and have some ideas to make it a better facility.
- Granger Road – ODOT has made a temporary repair to the road and will complete the repair in the fall. Mr. Hatgas worked with ODOT and saved the village a huge expense.
- Mr. Walsh asked Mr. Henry if something could be done about the lights on I-480. Residents on Little Creek Parkway are complaining that the lights are so bright that it is like daytime in the middle of the night. Mr. Henry said he would work the ODOT to see if shades could be put on the lights to deter the lights from shining into their homes.
- Mrs. Presot asked if there will be a supply issue ordering the park equipment in. Mr. Henry said that is why we will order early. We want to have the courts up and running and can install the equipment later.

RECREATION DIRECTOR

No report

LAW DIRECTOR

No report

CLERK / TREASURER

- Closed August with \$2.68 million in the General Fund
- Capital – 5% to Capital (\$53,784)
- Incentive programs - \$30,000
- Operating 2/3 thru the year at 7% below expectations
- The 1st R.I.T.A. drop for September was \$445,000
- Mr. Lasky would like to see the percentage to the Capital Fund raised

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MAYOR'S COURT

• Income for August	\$ 17,858.00
• State of Ohio	(4,025.00)
• Indigent Driver & Alcohol	(132.00)
• Reg. Enterprise Data Sharing System	(450.00)
• BROOKLYN HEIGHTS	\$13,251.00

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Procuk asked that a Finance Committee meeting be called to discuss the percentages to Capital and he would also like them to think about transferring money so they can begin some of the road repair projects. Councilman Walsh called the meeting for Tuesday, Sept. 21st at 7pm.
- The actual first drop from R.I.T.A for September was \$445,243 which is about \$108k above anticipated. In 2020 we collected \$340k so we bettered that by \$114k. In 2019 it was \$273k so we brought in about \$172k more than two years ago. We are seeing the effects of all the new businesses Mayor Procuk brought in under Economic Development.
- Year to date we've collected \$5,566,067 and were hoping for \$4,724,948 so we are \$841k ahead of predictions. We are on pace to hit \$7 million in 2021.
- He would like council to consider moving \$700k from the General Fund surplus to the Capital Improvement Fund to begin the road improvements.
- Landfill Permit:
 - The board voted unanimously 4-0 to start the process to deny the permit.
 - The applicant is served notice of the intent to deny the permit.
 - The applicant has twenty-five (25) days from the receipt to exercise and request a court hearing on the board's actions.
- We wrote our last check to the FOP for the inside deductible.
- Ted Biskind continues to answer the questions of the employees. We have not had an employee meeting to discuss the healthcare because the change seems to have been seamless.
- Working with a developer who is possibly interested in purchasing our Schaaf Road property on behalf of George Glus.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- Will meet on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 7pm to discuss the monthly percentage going into the Capital Improvement Fund. Mr. Frank asked if they could also discuss the Incentive Funds.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 71-2021- September Pay Ordinance

Sponsor: Mr. Lasky

Second: Mrs. Presot

Yeas: Lasky, Presot, Lahiff, Blados & Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 71-2021 is adopted 5-0

RESOLUTION 8-2021 - AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO ADVANCE TAXES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX LEVIES PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 321.34

Sponsor: Mr. Walsh

Second: Mr. Blados

Yeas: Walsh, Blados, Lahiff, Presot & Lasky

Nays: None

Resolution 8-2021 is adopted 5-0

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RESOLUTION 9-2021 - AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LIENS AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Sponsor: Mr. Lahiff

Second: Mr. Walsh

Yeas: Lahiff, Walsh, Blados, Presot & Lasky

Nays: None

Resolution 9-2021 is adopted 5-0

Mayor Procuk asked Mr. Frank about the R.I.T.A. Subpoenas and was told that 205 letters went out and are being processed. Mayor Procuk said these are people who filed Federal taxes but neglected to file R.I.T.A. taxes. He also asked Mr. Frank to check with the County Fiscal Officer to see if there are any businesses in the village that are on the delinquent tax list.

Asst. Fire Chief Lasky told of a fire a few weeks ago at UniFirst on Granger Road. He said that the fire was fully engulfed and they could not get the gate open to get onto the property to fight the fire. He thanked the three police officers who jumped the fence to approach the gate from the inside. The damage was over \$120k but they managed to save one of the trucks.

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

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk/Treasurer

C O U N C I L C H A M B E R

VILLAGE OF VALLEY VIEW, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 99-4-17

RESOLUTION NO. _____

INTRODUCED BY: ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE TO PERMIT ONLY RESIDENTS OF THE
VILLAGE OF VALLEY VIEW AND THEIR GUESTS TO USE ANY
OF THE VALLEY VIEW PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the taxpayers of the Village of Valley View are responsible for paying for the development of parks and recreational areas in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayers of the Village of Valley View desire to keep the parks and recreational areas for use of the residents of Valley View and their guests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF VALLEY VIEW, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1: That the parks and recreational areas of the Village of Valley View be used only by the residents of Valley View and/or their guests. Resident must be present with the guest.

SECTION 2: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council of the Village of Valley View concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of such body, and that all deliberations of the Council of the Village and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Valley View, and for the further reason that Spring is here and the parks and recreational ares in the Village will be in greater use, therefore, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately from and after its passage.


MAYOR ARTHUR F. WESTFALL

DATE: April 6, 1999

ATTEST:


CAROL L. TOMASKO, CLERK-TREASURER

*Posted in 5 Places
Beginning April 7, 1999
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Mike Procuk

From: Tom Modern <tom_modern@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2021 5:33 PM
To: Mike Procuk
Subject: Hello Mayor

Hi Mike,

I live about 50 yards from the woods Parma side. Moved in Fall 2020 after 30 years in NY and Staten Island. On This is my serious opinion. You might not be dealing with a bear at all but a Bigfoot. I began hearing crashes back there in the middle of the night in Fall 2020 and instantly knew what it was and so i put my trail cam back here. On multiple occasions I got pics of something standing next to the camera, but too intelligent to stand in front of it. Whatever it is it aint no bear. And so these crazy Rambo types like Mike Trivisonno saying you should hunt and kill the thing is ignorant. Its not gonna bother any kids. But any hunter back there would have to be back there at night and would be putting themselves in extreme danger of a confrontation with these beings and also run the risk of shooting another hunter. This said, in that scenario you could be faced with uncovering something much more volatile than a bear sighting. Like the Federal Govt. shutting down the area down and spinning cover stories cause they got a dead Bigfoot creature to disappear. Feel free to reach out. I have experience with these beings.

Tom Modern
347-937-4079