

# COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

## MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD February 7, 2012 20

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on February 7, 2012 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, Cichocki, Foote, Lahiff, Selig, Walsh
	Mayor:	Procuk
	Clerk/Treasurer:	Clymer
	Law Director:	Dowling
	Engineer:	Henry
	Police Chief:	Algeri
	Fire Chief:	Lasky
	Service Director:	Hatgas
	Bldg. Inspector:	Socoloff

Councilwomen Presot asked to be excused due to a death in the family.

**MOTION: Mr. Selig moved to excuse Mrs. Presot. Second by Mr. Lahiff. MOTION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION 02-2012- AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION HONORING MICHAEL D'AMICO FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS, DEDICATION, AND UNSELFISH SERVICE OF 30 YEARS TO THE CITIZENS OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS AND DECLARING MARCH 1, 2012 AS "MICHAEL D'AMICO" DAY.**

Sponsor: All of Council

Discussion: Mr. Cichocki asked to amend the resolution to extend the date from March 1, 2012 thru March 8, 2012 and declaring it Michael D'Amico Week.

Second on the amendment: Mr. Lahiff

Yeas on the amendment: Cichocki, Lahiff, Selig, Black, Foote, Walsh

Nays: none

Amendment passed

Yeas: Cichocki, Lahiff, Foote, Black, Walsh, Selig

Nays: none

Resolution passed

### **AUDIENCE**

Mr. Ray Mehalko, treasurer of the Senior Club, read a note thanking Council for the past donation to the club and requesting a donation of \$2,000 for 2012.

Mayor Procuk told Mr. Mehalko that Council is working on the 2012 budget at this time to be submitted to the county by March 31<sup>st</sup> and would be in touch with the group once that is done.

Patricia Coyne introduced herself as the Republican candidate for State Representative in District 15.

Tom Burton, Administrator from Cuyahoga Heights Schools read a letter to council from Dr. Holland. (See attached). He gave personal heartfelt praise of the village and our people.

Resident Bob Crocker announced that he is in opposition to Ordinance 04-2012 and Resolution 03-2012 to be read tonight.

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### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Procuk received a letter from the Metro parks dated January 27, 2012 stating that they would be fitting some deer, fawn and coyote with GPS tracking devices.

The Elk's Recognition dinner will be on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Elk's Lodge on Snow Road. We will be honoring:

Citizen of the Year: Henry Stankiewicz  
Firefighter of the Year: Michael Guzi  
Student of the Year: Kathleen Black  
Police Officer of the Year: Lawrence Zakrajsek  
Volunteer of the Year: Gregory Gatt

Congressman Dennis Kucinich will host a meeting at his Lakewood office on February 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Inner belt bridge delays.

Darnell Brown, COO of the City of Cleveland sent a letter with information of the ramifications of Westlake pulling out of the City of Cleveland Division of Water.

Diane Bickett of The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District sent an email to Mayor Procuk informing us that they will now recycle campaign signs. Now would be a good time to clean out our garages and basements.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR**

Mrs. Guilfoyle is not present tonight because her mother is in the hospital in intensive care.

### **RECREATION DIRECTOR**

Mr. Presot is not present due to the death of his brother-in-law. Mayor Procuk said that he and Councilman Selig met with Mrs. Lyndie Schuckert on Saturday afternoon to discuss some of the concerns she and Mrs. Tepley have regarding the recreation department activities including Art in the Park. Mrs. Schuckert said Mrs. Tepley would like to run a "Boot Camp Class" which is an extreme workout class. They would also like to form a co-ed volleyball group, reinstate Art in the Park (with more arts and crafts and less field trips) and paint some four square courts and hopscotch on the blacktop. They would like to have these items put in the Recreation Departments budget.

They also would like to purchase some equipment i.e.: tetherball and another game. This request was given to Park Board for consideration. Mayor Procuk said that Park Board has allocated \$1,000 in their budget for Art in the Park should it be reinstated.

Mr. Selig pointed out to Mrs. Schuckert that their age group needs to get involved in Home Days because that is where much of the funding for certain events comes from. Mrs. Schuckert told them it is difficult to be involved because she has two children. Mayor Procuk pointed out that her stepmother had no problem working Home Days with a blended family of six children. He said there are ways to work it out.

### **POLICE CHIEF**

Chief Algeri told council that he received the new contract from Bedford Heights for housing our prisoners and that the rate was lowered from \$85 a day to \$75 a day.

Mayor Procuk asked how that happened and Mr. Dowling said that he had spoken to the sheriff and asked for a lower rate.



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Chief Algeri reiterated the Metro parks GPS program and congratulated Ptl. Zakrajsek as Parma Elks Police Officer of the Year for 2012. He said this is due to the excellent job he does all year and his part in the nationwide ticket scam last year.

Chief Algeri told council that Ptl. Ewelt arrested a party on Dorset for his 6<sup>th</sup> OVI and while he had him stopped he was made aware that Seven Hills had a warrant out on him for stalking. He is now spending eighteen months in jail.

Chief Algeri told council that he would need to put \$31,000 in his budget for the narrow-banding radios this year. The process will begin in March and they are trying to coordinate with all the communities to be changed at the same time.

Mr. Lahiff asked if this could be challenged and Chief Algeri told him that the FCC is not bending on this.

Mr. Foote asked if we will see any difference and Chief Algeri told him no. The only thing this does is it will allow the government to sell more radio space.

### **FIRE CHIEF**

Chief Lasky said he sent an email to all department heads regarding any items they want sold on eBay. Mr. Dowling will draw up the paper work, which will allow for eBay sales for the entire year.

Chief Lasky announced that the Promotional Test is set for April 11, 2012. Mayor Prochuk explained the process. He said that the written test will be 50% of the score and then there will be individual assessments. The assessment committee would be an outside chief, a current department ranking officer (Capt. Calvillo) and a current member of the department not involved in the testing. Once the scores are compiled plus any other points (longevity, residency etc) the candidates will be listed according to their ranking. The Mayor, Chief Lasky and Council President Pro-tem will then conduct personal interviews with the top three.

Councilman Selig asked if there is a minimum passing score to receive any bonus points? The answer was 75%.

### **SERVICE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Hatgas asked council for permission to do a 'full load test' on the generator that was purchased with funds from Homeland security. We cannot sell the generator so he is asking to have it attached to the Community Center to make the building a fully operational Emergency Center. The building is listed as a Red Cross Emergency Shelter. The cost to install the transfer station (which we already own with the generator) would be between \$10k and \$12k. He would like permission to go out for bids to do the work.

Mr. Lahiff asked if we could do this in collaboration with CERT? The answer from Chief Lasky was no.

Mr. Hatgas said that Terrace Construction is working at the creek on the sanitary pipe that runs from Seven Hills to Brooklyn Heights. The work will take about three weeks.

Mr. Hatgas reminded council that he would need \$12,800 in his budget for the narrow banding radios that are also mandatory for the Service Department.

### **ENGINEER**

Mr. Henry explained the need for tonight's Ordinance 05-2012.

### **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Mr. Socoloff had no report, but wanted to thank all the staff members and officials for their help during his first month on the job.

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### LAW DIRECTOR

Mr. Dowling reported that there would be a Housing Council (Community Reinvestment) meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.

Mr. Dowling will be off next week but Tom Shaffer will fill in if necessary.

Mayor Procuk told council that the Housing Council meeting could be an interesting meeting due to the fact that this will be the first time that Safeguard will be in violation of meeting the established threshold to continue the property tax abatement. This meeting will be chaired by the county and we will find out which school board member has been appointed to take Ron Kryznovek's place at the School Board Tax Abatement Member on this council.

Mr. Dowling said that our people have made contact with RITA but he has nothing to report at this time.

Mr. Black tentatively called a meeting of the Tax Board of Review Committee for 6:30 pm on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>.

### CLERK-TREASURER

Mr. Clymer reported that the General Fund was down \$40,896 due to the first February RITA income from the last half of January being lower than the same time period last year.

Mr. Clymer told Council that the office is in need of a new copier. He had to go to Office Max on Friday to have copies made because the copier went down and the agenda had to be printed. He is seeking prices.

### MAYOR'S COURT

Income for January was:	\$5,231.00
Paid to the State Treasurer	( 1,169.50)
To Indigent Driver & Alcohol Fund	( 39.00)
To Cuy. Cty. Information Sys	( 120.00)
Balance to Brooklyn Hts	\$3,902.50

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Procuk has asked Fred DeFranco to give him a quote to handle our website. He said that the county also offers I.T. Services.

Mayor Procuk and several other area mayors attended a meeting on regional collaboration at Seven Hills. So far nothing has come out of the meeting.

Mayor Procuk said he did speak with Mayor Kurtz of Independence to see how they handle Animal Control and we may work with them on this.

Mayor Procuk attended the First Suburbs Consortium and he said the group is a model successful lobbying group for Economic Development.

Mayor Pocek from Bedford said they belong to the National League of Cities and for their dues of \$1500 to \$1700 he was able to get into a prescription drug program for his residents which saved the residents about \$27,000. Mayor Procuk will look into joining this group.

Mayor Procuk asked Councilman Lahiff if the Park Board talked about paying the expenses of reconstructing the Santa trailer. The cost of the materials was \$207.07. Mr. Lahiff said he would talk to WSC President Dianne Toronski and the Men's Service Club to see if this could be added to their budget.



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Mayor ProcuK asked Mr. Henry if he was going to look into a grant to repair the parking lot due to storm water run-off. Mr. Henry said he would work on procuring this grant.

Prior to continuing with Ordinances and Resolutions, Mayor ProcuK explained to Mr.???? that due to the State of Ohio cutting local government funding, but encouraging regionalization and collaboration

amongst the communities, they are offering a grant, which would allow us to explore collaboration. By applying for this grant, the state would then ease the tax cuts at the local level.

### **STREETS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Lahiff stated that the committee met and discussed going out for bid for rubbish contract for one-year and three-years. Also discussed a new truck, which was not well received and the streets program in the budget.

Mr. Lahiff called a Wage and Salary meeting on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:50 pm to discuss Jane Hlatky.

### **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT**

No Report

### **PARK, PLAYGROUND AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Mr. Selig said he took a ride with Mr. Hatgas and Mr. Henry asked him to call a meeting to discuss the erosion of the road from the concession stand to the lower parking lot and also to discuss the low spots from the lower parking lot to the rear parking lot. The meeting will be on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

### **FINANCE**

Mr. Walsh and committee will meet with the Police Chief and the Fire Chief on Wed. Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> and with the Service Director, Community Services Director and Recreation Direction on Tues. Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> to go line by line on their budgets.

### **SAFETY**

No Report

### **BUILDING & INCOME TAX BOARD OF REVIEW**

No Report

Mr. Lahiff said that he, Ken Perry and Councilman Walsh have been working together to put together a quarterly newsletter of the spaces and buildings available thru Constant Contact. They have 149 email addresses and 120 realtors on the list.

### **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

#### **ORDINANCE 03-2012 – AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BEDFORD HEIGHTS FOR CONFINING, SUPPORTING AND BOARDING PRISIONERS**

Sponsor: Mr. Cichocki Second: Mr. Walsh

Yeas: Cichocki, Walsh, Lahiff, Selig, Black, Foote

Nays: none

Passed: 6-0

#### **ORDINANCE 04-2012 – AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGES OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS AND CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF COMBINING THEIR SERVICE DEPARTMENTS INTO A REGIONAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT**

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Sponsor: Mrs. Walsh second by Mr. Lahiff  
Yeas: Walsh, Lahiff, Cichocki, Foote, Black, Selig  
Nays: none  
Passed 6-0

**ORDINANCE 05-2012 – AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CLERK/TREASURER TO PERMIT ODOT A STANDARD HIGHWAY EASEMENT ON GRANGER ROAD (CUY-GRANGER ROAD - S.R. 17 CUY –017-13.45)**

Sponsor: Mr. Selig Second: Mr. Walsh  
Yeas: Selig, Walsh, Black, Lahiff, Foote, Cichocki  
Nays: none  
Passed: 6-0

**ORDINANCE 06-2012 – FEBRUARY PAY ORDINANCE**

Sponsor: Mr. Lahiff Second: Mr. Foote  
Yeas: Lahiff, Foote, Cichocki, Walsh, Black, Selig  
Nays: none  
Passed 6-0

**RESOLUTION 01-2012- AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH CHARLES E. HARRIS & ASSOCIATES, INC AND DAVE YOST, AUDITOR OF STAT FOR AN AUDIT OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS FOR FISCAL PERIODS OF JANUARY 1, 2010 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013**

Sponsor: Mr. Walsh Second: Mr. Foote  
Yeas: Walsh, Foote, Black, Lahiff, Selig, Cichocki  
Nays: none  
Passed 6-0

**RESOLUTION 03-2012 – AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CLERK/TREASURER OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS TO FILE AN APPLICATION THROUGH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION FUND FOR A GRANT TO PERFORM A FEASIBILITY STUDY IN REGARD TO CONSOLIDATING THE SERVICE DEPARTMENTS OF THE VILLAGES OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS, NEWBURGH HEIGHTS AND CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS.**

Sponsor: Mr. Foote Second: Mr. Walsh  
Yeas: Foote, Walsh, Lahiff, Cichocki, Selig, Black  
Nays: none  
Passed: 6-0

**MOTION: Mr. Foote moves to go into Executive Session to discuss the Valley View /R.I.T.A predicament.**

A member of the audience asked about the Cassidy property at 948 Schaaf Road. Mayor Procuk asked Mr. Socoloff to look into it.

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

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer