

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD April 19, 2022 20

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on April 19, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Michael Procuk presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at this time.

Present at roll call:

Council Members:	Blados, Lasky, Presot, Walsh
Mayor:	Procuk
Clerk/Treasurer:	Frank
Law Director:	Dowling
Assistant Law Director:	
Engineer:	
Police Chief:	
Fire Chief:	
Asst. Fire Chief	
Acting Service Dir:	Florjancic
Bldg. Commissioner:	
Asst. Bldg. Comm.	
Comm. Service Dir:	
Recreation Dir:	
Soccer Commissioner:	

GUESTS: Mr. Stepka

MOTION: Mr. Presot moved to excuse the absence of Councilman Berzins. Seconded by Mr. Lasky. Motion carried 4-0.

MOTION: Mr. Walsh moved to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2022 Regular Council meeting. Seconded by Mr. Blados. Motion carried 4-0

CORRESPONDENCE

- A letter from Sherri L. Bishop, Esq., Chief Development Officer of University Hospital Institutional Relations and Development. The letter thanks the Village for the gift of \$1,364 to UH Parma Medical Center.
- Mike Henry sent a letter, dated April 11th, stating that Grade Line Inc. will be on site tomorrow to repair a few locations in the Village. Weather permitting the work should be completed by Wednesday.
- Mayor Bacci, Village of Cuyahoga Heights, sent a letter dated April 12th informing us that the pool will be open this summer. It will officially open on Saturday, June 4th at Noon. Further information on swim team and swim lessons will be coming. Pool hours are Monday through Sunday from Noon to 7:00 p.m. with no dinner break and no adult lap swim. Additional pool events will be announced throughout the season. Valley View and Brooklyn Heights summer camps are welcome as they have been in past years. Prices for Cuyahoga Heights School District resident pool passes will remain the same as they were in 2021 with the pre-sale cost of \$50 per person and \$125 per family. Pre-sale passes can be sold at our Municipal Center until May 26th. After that date, passes will be sold at the pool during regular business hours beginning June 4th at a cost of \$60 per person and \$135 per family. We will deliver the pool passes, the 2022 rules and regulations and the public health waivers to you.

MOTION: Ms. Presot moved to approve to continue the pool pass program with the same subsidy that we've been giving for individual and family passes. Seconded by Mr. Walsh. Motion carried 4-0

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- A letter forwarded from Engineer Mike Henry from Mark Schmitzer, Seven Hills Engineer, stating a letter will be sent to Belmont residents regarding the resurfacing project that work will not begin until mid to late May. An updated letter will be as we near the construction date.
- He received an email from Chelsea Kovar stating concern for pedestrian safety in the park especially the near the ball field in the mid-level of the park. She offered the suggestion of flexible delineators and included photos. This information will be distributed to Council for review.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Mr. Stepka provided written comments due to his speech problem. He asked if there is an ordinance and fine for littering and Mayor ProcuK answered that there is and has been enforced. Additionally he asked if it was possible to have basketball hoops that can be adjusted to different heights (adults and children) and also be tamper proof. Mr. Stepka also volunteered to help with signs, flyers, raffle tickets etc. Mr. ProcuK responded that he will look into it.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS / MICHAEL PROCUK

- The West Creek Conservancy "Up a Creek" fundraiser will be held on July 1st at the Cleveland Zoo.
- The Deny the Permit hearing that was tentatively scheduled for April has been moved to the week prior to Memorial Day. This hearing is so that Kurtz can address the evidence and potential witnesses to substantiate why the Board made their decision to deny the permit. The hearing is strictly for this purpose and Mayor ProcuK, Fire Chief Stefanko, and Assistant Fire Chief Lasky have been asked to be available.
- Mr. Kovar followed up with information requesting that his U10 and U10-12 soccer teams be approved to leave the SRSL (Suburban Recreational Soccer League) and join the OHTSL (Ohio Travel Soccer League) but continue to utilize the village soccer fields for practice and home games. They would play under the name of Brooklyn Heights Futball Club Team. They must respond back to the OHTSL by the end of June as bracketing begins July 17th. The letter outlined all of the associated costs, uniforms, etc. Mayor ProcuK will turn this over to Soccer Commissioner Narlin Shadd to review and get an answer back to them in early to mid-May.

LAW DIRECTOR / JERRY DOWLING

- A call was received by someone stating that their grandmother hit a pothole on Brookpark Road and that damage was done to her car. They're asking us to pay for the car damages. Acting Service Director Mike Florjancic looked for any pothole and did not locate one within our borders. An email requesting the exact location of the pothole was sent and they have not received a response. The State of Ohio is responsible for Brookpark Road.
- Mr. Dowling reviewed the county tree canopy grant to inform council that this is a reimbursement grant and that an ordinance is needed for that expenditure.

MOTION: Ms. Presot moved to authorize payment of up to \$5,000 prior to the Ordinance for the Healthy Urban Tree Canopy grant initiative. Seconded by Mr. Walsh. Motion carried 4-0

CLERK-TREASURER / AARON FRANK

- Our second RITA drop put us over the 2021 total of the month number.
- The ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) has been evolving for many months. There is a deadline of April 30th to file the report to the federal government. Once these funds are available for use they will be transferred into the capital fund.
- The audit is going well.

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MAYOR'S REPORT / MICHAEL PROCUK

- Our second RITA drop projection was \$99,000 due to the history of the second drop in April in both 2021 and 2020. We received \$232,533 for the month of April this year which is \$7,000 over what was expected and \$15,000 over what we received in 2021.
- For the first quarter we collected \$2,393,422 in municipal income tax which is above our plan of receiving a little over two million putting us around 17% above our prediction. This is about a half-million ahead of where we were in 2019 through the end of April.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT / MIKE FLORJANCIK

- We sold all three of the trucks – the 2004 Dakota sold for \$1,680; the 1999 F-450 sold for \$4,880; and the 2004 F-650 sold for \$19,200 for a total of \$25,760 for all three vehicles.
- He attended the meeting in Brecksville for the salt consortium. Due to complaints, instead of extending the contract they will be going out for bid again. They need an estimate of how much salt will be needed. This year we were slated for 650 tons and had 680 tons delivered. I will be estimating 700 tons for next year. He will keep council informed how the bids come in.
- He received paperwork from Polan Implement regarding the tractor. We used to be in a program where we paid \$1,500 per year and utilized a new tractor. They took care of all maintenance. For some reasons this was discontinued and we are now liable for repairs. To resolve this, we would have to purchase a new tractor with a trade-in of \$43,000. The new tractor is \$62,000 putting our obligation at \$26,138.47. After that, we would be back in the program for \$1,500 per year and get a new machine.

PARK, PLAYGROUND & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE / JOE BLADOS

- He reported on the April 12th committee meeting that the upper park improvement project may be completed by August if weather permits work to start in May and that everything is on track for the resurfacing program.
- There was a committee meeting this evening to discuss the Art in the Park grant and new activities for this year's program.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 32-2022 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK/TREASURER TO PAY CHAGRIN VALLEY ENGINEERING FOR SERVICES RENDERED ON VILLAGE PROJECTS

Sponsor: Mr. Lasky

Second: Mr. Blados

Yeas: 4 / Nays: 0

Ordinance 32-2022 is adopted 4-0

ORDINANCE 33-2022 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SELECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY, HANOVER INSURANCE COMPANY, C.N.A. INSURANCE COMPANY, HUDSON INSURANCE COMPANY AND NATIONAL SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY FOR INSURANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

Sponsor: Mr. Walsh

Second: Ms. Presot

Yeas: 4 / Nays: 0

Ordinance 33-2022 is adopted 4-0

ORDINANCE 34-2022 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TC CONSTRUCTION

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COMPANY FOR GALWAY CIRCLE RECONSTRUCTION IN THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

Sponsor: Mr. Walsh

Second: Mr. Lasky

Yeas: 4 / Nays: 0

Ordinance 34-2022 is adopted 4-0

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

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk/Treasurer