

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD March 3, 2015 20

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on March 3, 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:	<i>not in attendance</i>
Comm. Service Dir:	Guilfoyle
Recreation Dir:	Presot

Mayor Procuk asked for a moment of silence in memory of former Patrolman Lou Szczudlo who passed away this morning. He said he was a good man, a little rough around the edges, old school who loved his family and community and he will be missed.

RESOLUTION 03-2015- AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION HONORING LOUIS BAUDO FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS, DEDICATION, CONTRIBUTIONS, AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF 29 YEARS TO THE CITIZENS OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

Sponsor: All of Council

Second: Mr. Selig

Yeas: Selig, Foote, Hatgas, Black, Walsh

Nays: None

Resolution 03-2015 is adopted 5-0

Mayor Procuk then read the resolution and Lou Baudo thanked everyone.

ORDINANCE 07-2015-AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING HIRING OF TWO POLICE PATROLMEN, CODY R. ALFLEN AND JOSEPH T. COYNE

Sponsor: All of Council

Second: Mr. Foote

Yeas: Foote, Black, Hatgas, Selig, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 07-2015 is adopted 5-0

Mayor Procuk then swore in Cody R. Alflen and then Joseph T. Coyne.

Chief Algeri spoke about each officer and their experience and wished them both a long and happy career with Brooklyn Heights.

Minutes from February 3, 2015 had one correction. Under Correspondence, Mayor Hruby is from Brecksville not Broadview Hts.

MOTION: Mr. Foote moved to approve the minutes of February 3, 2015 as corrected. Second by Mrs. Hatgas Motion passed 5-0

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AUDIENCE

Frank Trusso introduced his son Alex and Josh Sanicky introduced his son Paul. Both boys are in the audience working to earn their Citizenship and Community Merit Badge.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you note from Scott Lader and family for the cookie basket sent during his recent hospitalization.
- Thank you note from Mayor Bacci for sending Kari to the SCOG meeting
- Mayor Procuk read a note from a young resident on W. 7th. Her name is Noelle Revay and she would like to see Brooklyn Heights host a Father-Daughter dance. Mayor Procuk said he gave this to the Girl Scout Leaders. *See attached letter*
- Read a letter from the Board of Elections – Pat McDonald regarding the 2014 Year in Review. *See attached*
- An email from Judy Lambert regarding a 3k walk to raise funds for her granddaughter in North Carolina who has a brain tumor. *See attached*
- Read a letter from CH principal Tom Evans. On May 19th from 11 am to 2 pm there will be a School Safety & Planning Meeting to review:
 - a) CH School Safety Plan
 - b) CH School Evacuation Plan
 - c) ALICE Training
 - d) Local police and fire training using the schoolOur safety forces are well informed and will be in attendance at the meeting.
- Read a letter from CH Head Baseball Coach Marc Lowther. The teams will be hosting a Wing Night on April 11, 2015 and they are asking for donations in the way of gift certificates or raffle baskets.
- Read a note from Mandi Apathy regarding a "meal train" for the Szczudlo family. If anyone is interested in helping the family by providing a meal the information will be on the counter.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Algeri attended the Southwest Council of Governments (SCOG) on Feb. 4th and he gave an extensive report on the Southwest Enforcement Bureau which is the police side of SCOG. There is an ordinance up for approval tonight for the dues of \$15,000. \$10,000 is for the police and \$5,000 is for the Fire Department.

MOTION: Mr. Footed moved to pay Bedford Hts. jail \$1,687.50 for housing seven (7) prisoners in January a total of twenty-two and a half (22.5) days. Second by Mr. Black Motion passed 5-0

Chief Algeri said that Cuyahoga Heights, Brecksville, Independence, Valley View, Newburg Heights and Brooklyn Heights are exploring the idea of a regional jail utilizing the Cuyahoga Hts. jail. It would save transport time for our officers and hopefully save the village money.

Chief Algeri read a letter of retirement from jailer Don Schiff. He will retire effective March 1, 2015 after serving as a jailer since 1991. (almost 24 years)

Chief Algeri expressed condolences for Lou Szczudlo saying that he began as an auxiliary officer with the department in 1991, became a jailer in 1992, a part-time officer in 1993 and a full time officer from 1996 to 2012 when he retired. As an officer and a friend he will be missed.

Mayor Procuk asked the chief to expound on what SEB (Southwest Enforcement Bureau) does. Chief Algeri said there are eighteen (18) cities involved and they are one of the largest enforcement bureaus in the country. They have a half-million dollar command center, two armoured vehicles, the SWAT team,

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Bomb Squad, ammunition disposal and other amenities that are at our disposal because we are members.

Mayor Procuik thanked Chief Algeri for his hard work in the hiring of the two new officers and in turn Chief Algeri thanked council for their continued support of the department. He is excited with the addition of the young men to the department.

FIRE CHIEF

Chief Lasky reported on the events of the evening. There was a pole fire at the exit ramp of I-480 and Granger Road which caused a power outage up to Broadview Road. First Energy was in the area so they responded quickly. There was a person stuck in the elevator at the Community Center and an ambulance broke down on I-480 so we responded and transported their patient to the hospital.

Chief Lasky told Council that Asst. Chief Stefanko and Lt. Messich traveled to Wilmington, OH to receive the FERNO iNX cot that was purchased through a grant with the Bureau of Workers' Compensation. They were literally given the "red carpet" treatment since our department received the FIRST of this new cot. It is meant to reduce and eliminate back injuries to our Paramedics.

Chief Lasky spoke about SERT (Southeast Response Team) which is the fire division of the Southwest Council of Governments.

Mayor Procuik feels this is the best of regional collaboration at the present time.

Chief Lasky thanked everyone for their cards and prayers while he was hospitalized. He had two stents put in on the day Assistant Chief Stefanko was accepting the new cot.

SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. Hatgas thanked the Fire Department for their help in selling the truck for \$5,741 on eBay.

The village was awarded a Recycling Grant from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District in the amount of \$4,720. We will produce a recycling video to be put on the website and sponsor two (2) Shred-it Days. One will be in May and the second in September.

(Note: The dates are actually May 30th and October 3rd.)

Mr. Hatgas said that he has been pursuing grant money to fund projects in the village but there doesn't seem to be any funding at this time. The best he could do was with GE Capital to fund lighting on a 5 year payback at 6 ½%.

MOTION: Mr. Black moved to pay \$3,771.58 to fix the Muni Center elevator with an Opti-guard system. Second by Mr. Foote Motion Passed 5-0

Note: The elevator was in violation of state codes.

MOTION: Mr. Black moved to pay Presot Masonry \$2,035 to repair the right masonry pier at the entrance to the park hill. Second by Mr. Walsh Motion passed 5-0

MOTION: Mr. Foote moved to pay \$1,750 for street repair at 5139 W. 6th Street to be reimbursed from the Cuyahoga County Sanitary fund. Second by Mr. Selig Motion passed 5-0

Mayor Procuik said he and Mr. Hatgas will meet with Don Johnson from Kimble to discuss costs of going full automation. He will keep council abreast of the conversations.

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RECREATION DIRECTOR

Mr. Presot said basketball is over, the soccer deadline was last Sunday and there are twenty-three (23) new players for a total of 122 players.

The baseball sign-up deadline is March 31st.

Mr. Presot is looking into the Major league "Pitch, Hit & Run" competition. He filled out the application to obtain the information pack.

He put an ad in the Breeze for umpires and referees.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Mrs. Guilfoyle said that Mindy Armbrust would like to run a one day Art-in-the-Park session on April 8th in the Community Center and asked that the fee be waived.

MOTION: Mr. Foote moved to waive the Community Center fee for Art-in-the-Park on April 8th.

Second by Mr. Black Motion passed 5-0

The annual Older Americans Luncheon will be held on April 21st at noon. Door prizes are appreciated.

The Blood Drive received twenty-two (22) pints of blood which exceeded our goal of twenty-one (21).

Mrs. Guilfoyle thanked the Service Department and police for their assistance today in getting our seniors into their houses safely after the senior meeting. The icy conditions made it hard for them to walk on their driveways.

ENGINEER

Mr. Henry said that after he and Mr. Hatgas met with the county they walked over to the new downtown Heinen's and it is pretty impressive.

He has submitted the grant for the Cleveland Water Department to replace the water mains at 8th & South Street. The work includes curbing and pavement. We should hear about this within the next couple of weeks.

He met with the county regarding the repairs to the county routes (Tuxedo, Schaaf Rd., Van Epps and Spring Rd) for a grant of \$120,000 which would pay for the materials.

The ordinance tonight is for the County to inspect the Lancaster Bridge at a cost of \$2,500. This is a more intense inspection and is done every three years or so.

We received a letter from ODOT which will require us to have an ordinance to enter into an agreement for improvements to the intersection of Tuxedo Ave., and Granger Road. ODOT will do the rehab of the intersection at no cost to the village but we will be responsible for the curb ramps and the cost of that will be about \$18,000. This will need to be to ODOT by March 16, 2015.

There will be a special council meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 6:00 pm to discuss the ODOT ordinance.

LAW DIRECTOR

No Report

CLERK/TREASURER

The General Fund through the end of February is down \$116,799 for the year but the RITA drop (first for March) was better so if it continues we will stay on the projected negative 2% for the year.

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Chief Lasky and the fire department demonstrated the new iNX cot that was purchase through a grant from the Bureau of Worker's Compensation with minimal matching funds by the village.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Mr. Socoloff is not present due to his wife's injury.

Mayor Procuk gave his report – Mr. Socoloff met with Mr. Finley (Honeywell Bldg.) on Feb. 25th. Mr. Finley requested a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting but his documents were not complete so he will remedy that and request the meeting at a later date. This is regarding the ICE agency.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT

Mayor Procuk met with Ray Fogg on Feb. 24th. Mr. Fogg told him about his advertising person Robert Crabtree (who is very reasonable) and Mayor Procuk will meet with him on March 5th. He would like to see a brand and flyer for the village.

Mr. Fogg said that just about all of his buildings are now occupied with the exception being the Fed Ex building. While they were having lunch Mr. Fogg's marketing director, Mark Ray, was entertaining a client a few tables away so after his meeting Mr. Ray joined Mayor Procuk and Mr. Fogg and he will hook Mayor Procuk up with some key brokers in the area.

The Power Brake building on Valley Belt now has two interested parties. The drawback is the building does not have a fire suppression system so they are inquiring as to whether or not they need the system.

There is a company that works with explosive material looking at a building on Van Epps and they have been informed that they would need a zoning variance.

4900 Van Epps is up for sale and there is a strong possibility that a deal could be struck shortly.

The WACO building is being renovated and once it is completed they will move out of the trailers and move into half of the building and lease the other half.

The Chamber of Commerce Impact Awards will be tomorrow, March 4th. Smith & Condeni is receiving the award for Business of the Year. There is a For Sale / Lease sign at the building because co-owner Lindsey Smith has moved his business downtown leaving half of the building vacant.

MAYOR'S COURT

Income	\$14,164.20
State of Ohio	(2,170.50)
Indigent Drivers & Alcohol Fund	(58.50)
Regional Enterprise Data Sharing Fund	<u>(190.00)</u>
Brooklyn Heights	\$11,745.20

MAYOR

Mayor Procuk attended two meetings of the Cuyahoga County Mayors & Managers Association, of which he will be president, concerning the Republican National Convention (RNC). The host committee must raise \$65 million for the convention of which \$35 million has been pledged.

ODOT has pledged that while both of the bridges will not be complete by June 2016, there should not be any traffic problems. He said that in order to speed up the process the steel girders are being made in both Florida and Wisconsin so they are getting the product in half the time.

A request was received from Kris Armbrust to use the Community Center on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings for Cub Scout Wolf Den Pack 28 and that the fee is waived. Mrs. Hatgas asked how long a

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period for this and Mr. Berzins responded that the program coincides with the school year and ends before summer.

Mrs. Hatgas said she is concerned because that could be a lot of days that the hall could be available for someone else.

MOTION: Mr. Black moved to waive the fee for the use of the Community Center for Cub Scout Wolf Den Pack 28 for the 1st & 3rd Thursday evenings. Second by Mr. Walsh Motion passed 5-0

Attendees for the Impact Awards will be: Tim Clymer, Les Foote, Ed Hatgas, Nancy Hatgas, Tom Lahiff, Thea Guilfoyle, Kari Baciak, Dan Algeri, Mike Lasky and Mayor Procuk. Kari may have one more attendee.

Cleveland.com wrote a very intense series about the Cleveland Police Department and the bad publicity and the Narlin Shadd case from a few years ago was mentioned.

Mayor Procuk and several others attended the West Creek Conservancy "Blues for Green" banquet at St. Michael's Woodside and the event has grown immensely.

The February West Creek Conservancy newsletter had a reprint about the old BH trailer park and the love the family had for the park which was the reason for the donation of the property to West Creek.

Mayor put the ad for the Brilliant Electric Sign Electronic message board in the Building Committee.

Mayor Procuk will attend the Cuyahoga County Board of Health Advisory Committee meeting on Marcy 9th.

There is an article about Ella Baciak and her progress with horse riding therapy in the Achievement Centers newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Mrs. Hatgas said the committee met to continue budget discussions. They re-wrote the capital budget for 2015 based on the negative 2% in RITA income and are continuing to discuss options for getting money into the Capital account for the future.

Mayor Procuk received a note from Cuyahoga Heights Mayor Bacci requesting a meeting with him and Mayor Piasecki. He will keep council apprised.

Mark Lasky asked about renovations to the Community Center. Mr. Hatgas said that over the last few years we have spent between \$8,000 and \$10,000 for up keep of the interior. We have painted both up and down, new windows, blinds, folding doors and carpeting. The outside maintenance has included tuck-pointing and parking lot repairs. Mr. Foote said a new boiler will be installed in the next few weeks.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 08-2015 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS TO MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOUTHWEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2015

Sponsor: Mr. Selig

Second: Mrs. Hatgas

Yeas: Selig, Hatgas, Walsh, Foote, Black

Nays: None

Ordinance 08-2015 is adopted 5-0

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ORDINANCE 09-2015 – AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO PAY THE COST ALLOCATION TO THE **PARMA MUNICIPAL COURT**

Sponsor: Mr. Walsh

Second: Mrs. Hatgas

NOTE: Brooklyn Height allocation is \$13,783.40

Yeas: Walsh, Hatgas, Selig, Foote, Black

Nays: None

Ordinance 09-2015 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 10-2015- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO HIRE **ARP HEATING** AND AIR CONDITIONING TO REPLACE THE BOILER IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Sponsor: Mr. Black

Second: Mr. Foote

Note: The current boiler was installed in 1960. The new boiler will be more efficient. The cost not to exceed \$17,644.49

Yeas: Black, Foote, Walsh, Selig, Hatgas

Nays: None

Ordinance 10-2015 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 11-2015- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO PURCHASE FROM **LEFF ELECTRIC LED LIGHT FIXTURES** FOR THE SERVICE GARAGE

Sponsor: Mr. Black

Second: Mr. Foote

Note: At a cost not to exceed \$10,500

Yeas: Black, Foote, Hatgas, Selig, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 11-2015 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 12-2015- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO PAY **PJ ELLIS** FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE LED LIGHT FIXTURES FOR THE SERVICE GARAGE

Sponsor: Mr. Foote

Second: Mrs. Hatgas

Note: At a cost not to exceed \$16,820

Yeas: Foote, Hatgas, Black, Walsh, Selig

Nays: None

Ordinance 12-2015 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 13-2015- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE **COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS** FOR INSPECTION OF THE LANCASTER ROAD BRIDGE

Sponsor: Mr. Walsh

Second: Mr. Foote

Note: Mr. Clymer said there are funds left in the FEMA account from the original project that can be utilized

Yeas: Walsh, Foote Selig, Black, Hatgas

Nays: None

Ordinance 13-2015 is adopted 5-0

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ORDINANCE 14-2015- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH NEWBURGH HEIGHTS ALLOWING THEM TO USE THE SERVICES OF AN **EVT MECHANIC** ON AS NEEDED BASIS

Sponsor: Mr. Walsh

Second: Mr. Foote

Note: In the spirit of regionalization and collaboration Newburgh Hts. will pay Brooklyn Hts. \$48 an hour for services rendered by our certified EVT mechanic Mike Florjancic on an as needed basis.

Yeas: Walsh, Foote, Hatgas, Selig, Black

Nays: None

Ordinance 14-2015 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 15-2015 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE FOR THE **APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015**

Sponsor: Mrs. Hatgas

Second: Mr. Walsh

Note: 2015 appropriations \$6,539,496.92

Yeas: Hatgas, Walsh, Selig, Black, Foote

Nays: None

Ordinance 15-2015 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 16-2015 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A JOB CREATION INCENTIVE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH GRAFTECH INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, INC

NOTE: TABLED TO THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON MARCH 10TH.

ORDINANCE 17-2015 – MARCH PAY ORDINANCE

Sponsor: Mrs. Hatgas

Second: Mr. Walsh

Yeas: Hatgas, Walsh, Selig, Foote, Black

Nays: None

Ordinance 17-2015 is adopted 5-0

RESOLUTION 04-2015- AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE RECEIPT OF FUNDING FOR THE **ENHANCED MOBILITY FOR SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM**

Sponsor: Mr. Foote

Second: Mr. Selig

Yeas: Foote, Selig, Black, Hatgas, Walsh

Nays: None

Resolution 04-2015 is adopted 5-0

NOTE: This grant would be for a new bus

A Dorset resident asked about thinning the deer population in their area and was told that there is no plan for culling the deer and we don't allow hunting in our village.

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

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer