

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD _____ March 2, 2021 _____ 20 _____

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on March 2, 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
Law Director:	Dowling
Engineer:	Henry
Police Chief:	Meade
Fire Chief:	Stefanko
Asst. Chief	Lasky
Service Director:	Hatgas
Bldg. Commissioner:	
Asst. Bldg. Comm.	Sonenstein
Comm. Service Dir:	Guilfoyle
Recreation Dir:	Krzynowek
Soccer Dir:	Shadd
GUESTS:	Kovar

MOTION: Mrs. Presot moved to accept the minutes of the February 23, 2021 Special Council Meeting as distributed. Seconded by Mr. Lahiff Motion carried 5-0

CORRESPONDENCE

None

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Meade told council that a few weeks ago Officer Jablonski was on a motor vehicle mutual aid call with Independence and our cruiser and their cruiser was struck by an impaired driver. The damage to our cruiser is \$5,505.59 and the Independence cruiser was totaled. The driver has limited liability insurance and since it will takes weeks to get it repaired under her insurance we will put in on our insurance and let them get reimbursement.
MOTION: Mrs. Presot moves to pay our deductible of \$1,000 to have our cruiser repaired under our insurance to be reimbursed at a later date. Seconded by Mr. Walsh Motion carried 5-0
- Chief Meade informed council that Officer Angelone pulled a vehicle over for speeding, unbeknownst to him Parma was chasing the vehicle, the male bailed and the vehicle rolled back into our cruiser. The vehicle was stolen from Brookpark and Chief Meade submitted the claim to the vehicle owner's insurance. Pending their insurance approval, Chief Meade is submitting it to our insurance with hopes of getting it reimbursed. **MOTION: Mr. Blados moves to pay our deductible of \$1,000 to have our cruiser repaired under our insurance. Seconded by Mr. Lahiff Motion carried 5-0**
- The police are eligible to set up appointments for the COVID-19 vaccination as of March 4, 2021.
- The three (3) new officers are about three-quarters (3/4) of the way through their field training and will be on their own at the beginning of April.
 - Officer Meder will graduate the academy on Friday, March 5, 2021 and will be on the road next week.
 - Meghan Mauser has passed the psyche and physical testing and will graduate from the academy on April 18, 2021. She will be sworn in on April 20, 2021.
- Chief Meade is still working of the e-ticket and we are on a waiting list.

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- The State of Ohio is offering a grant for communities that do not use body cameras and he has set the wheels in motion to get body cameras paid for 100% by grant.
 - Mrs. Presot asked how many body cameras he would apply for and Chief Meade responded that he would like at least ten (10). He stated that the battery life is about eight (8) hours and since we work twelve (12) hour shifts we would need at least eight (8) with two (2) as back-ups.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- **MOTION: Mrs. Presot moves to pay Emergency Reporting \$1,420 for our records software. This is an annual fee. Seconded by Mr. Walsh Motion carried 5-0**
- Chief Stefanko reported that the COVID-19 numbers at Parma UH was eight (8) this week. Two (2) in ICU and six (6) in stepdown. This is the lowest they have seen.
- Asst. Chief Lasky told council that we have a chance to get the cot as a demo for \$32,000 with a full warranty. Because it is a demo and they only have five (5) of them we must act quickly and purchase it now even though we won't be getting the new ambulance for another ten (10) months or so. He will ask them to hold beginning the warranty until the cot is installed in the new ambulance because it would be put in service in 2022. A new cot is \$41,000. Mayor Procuk said to get the information to Law Director Dowling so that an ordinance can be written and because it is not an emergency it will take two (2) readings and then thirty (30) days to go into effect.
- Asst. Chief Lasky gave a report on the fire on the Rosby property at the end of Greenvew.
 - Seven (7) departments responded to a fully engulfed barn fire. They worked to protect the Boyer property. This was approximately and \$800k loss.
 - There was great Mutual Aid from the other departments.
 - Video inside the building is back-up off-site and showed that the fire was accidental.
 - Our Service Department used a pick-up truck to deliver all the used hose to the respective fire departments and salted the area from the freezing water.
 - One Cuyahoga Heights fireman was injured with a torn ACL.
 - Our Police Department shut the street down due to having to use the hydrant on Marko Lane.
 - All department worked together and did a great job.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

- We have been awarded a Community Recycle Awareness Grant from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District in the amount of \$2,562. Thanks to Donna Tesar for her work in getting this grant.
- **MOTION: Mrs. Presot moves to pay Kehoe Brothers Printing \$1,612 for magnets, envelopes and postage to be reimbursed by the Community Recycles Awareness Grant. Seconded by Mr. Blados Motion carried 5-0**
- Mr. Hatgas will attend the Salt Consortium meeting in Brecksville on April 9, 2021. This meeting is to look at getting public bids for the 2021-2022 season. We have purchased three-hundred (300) tons in 2021. We are obligated to purchase another two-hundred forty (240) tons. This will be an in-person meeting and anyone is welcome to attend with Mr. Hatgas. Mayor Procuk will check to see if there will be a virtual option.
- The Tree Canopy grant has been submitted for \$32,840. We will wait to see if we are awarded the grant. It will be for tree planting and maintenance. All work will be bid out as we can only use Service Department hours up to our share which will be \$4,000.
- **MOTION: Mr. Lahiff moved to pay Best Truck & Equipment \$2,677 for a Western plow blade assembly for the F-650. Seconded by Mr. Walsh Motion carried 5-0**
- **ORDINANCE 16-2021 -AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO PURCHASE FROM WORCESTER'S SALES AND SERVICE, INC. A NEW EXMARK RADIUS X SERIES 48" CUT WITH ULTRA VAC BAGGING**

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Second: Mr. Walsh

Yeas: Presot, Walsh, Lahiff, Blados & Lasky

Nays: None

Ordinance 16-2021 is adopted 5-0

- Mayor Procuk asked Mr. Hatgas when he may be returning to work from sick leave and Mr. Hatgas said he will be released to full duty, no restrictions on March 18th.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- The county has no plans to offer small sites for COVID-19 vaccines at this time.
- Will resume ZOOM sessions with the seniors beginning this month.
- Will hold an Easter Senior Drive Thru on April 1st in the Community Center Parking Lot
- Will invite the seniors to write an essay on "What it means to live in Brooklyn Heights". This will be advertised in the upcoming Golden Outlook and the deadline will be April 15th. Mrs. Guilfoyle asked council to be blind judges on this and all agreed. The winners will be announced on June 1st. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners receiving Giant Eagle gift cards.
- Easter holiday virtual Art-in-the-Park will be held this month.
- The After-Prom committee has asked for the use of the bus for the Kalahari trip on May 16th and again for Cedar Point, date to be determined. **MOTION: Mrs. Presot moves to donate the bus to the After Prom Committee for both Kalahari and Cedar Point. Seconded by Mr. Walsh Motion carried 5-0**

RECREATION DIRECTOR

- The winter basketball season ends tonight with the last game being played.
- Mr. Krzynowek's superintendent at Garfield Hts. School gave him a link to have coaches vaccinated and he contacted Mr. Evans at CHHS who was on board with this and they were able to get the basketball coaches vaccinated. They passed the information on to Mr. Shadd for the soccer coaches.
- The Ohio Health Director Sports Order Addendum came out today increasing the indoor fixed seating to 25% and the outdoor fixed seating to 30%. This would pertain to our bleachers for soccer and baseball and not to the people who bring their own chairs.
- There will be a meeting the second week of March to discuss the summer baseball, softball and t-ball offerings. He believes all sessions will be held.

SOCCER

- Registration is over and games are scheduled to begin April 10th.
- Health regulations will be in play.

ENGINEER

- The Master Plan survey received 151 online responses and 55 mailed in responses for a total of 206 responses. The report will be presented at the end of March.
- We have had no work on the CBSG grant
- We received the NEORSD Sewer Cost-Share grant to remove the splash pad and other asphalt in the upper park at the south end.
- We received \$44,000 from the county to be used for materials for the county roads (Tuxedo, Schaaf Rd, Van Epps and Spring) pavement repairs
- Would like a Streets Committee meeting to discuss the budget for the infra-structure and road pavement for 2021.

Mr. Lasky called a Streets Committee meeting for 6:30 pm on March 16, 2021

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BUILDING INSPECTOR

- Continuing both residential and commercial inspections
- Made several point of sale inspections
- The 2nd floor of the ICE building is moving along
- 1200 Valley Belt is progressing
- The Alpaca farm is being cleaned up. They are removing the old vehicles

LAW DIRECTOR

- The two (2) law firms that he asked to participate in the JOB Creation Program have agreed to the terms of our agreement and will participate. They will be on the agenda of the next council meeting.
- We must reinstate the Housing Council. Two (2) members are appointed by the mayor and two (2) by council. Mayor Procuik has appointed Cookie Krizmanich and Wendy DiFranco. The Ordinance Committee will meet by ZOOM on March 9, 2021 at 6:30 pm to discuss council appointees to the Housing Council.

CLERK / TREASURER

- Working on closing the month and will have reports at the end of the week.
- Transferred 5% (\$32,576) to the Capital Fund
- Zero (0) to the 203 fund
- \$30,000 to the 204 fund
- First RITA drop from February was \$243,000 which is down from 2020 by about \$51,000.
- The Agricultural property classification is renewed every five (5) years so there will be a public hearing on March 16, 2021 at 7:15 pm to discuss this.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Roofing Supply building on Spring Rd. is for sale or lease - no activity
- 4734 Spring Road is available
- GE Capital building at 4663 Van Epps is available but never know if he'll sell or not
- The ICE building renovations are almost complete and when done the building will be at maximum occupancy
- There is a Memo of Understanding with the law firm for the Smith & Condeni building and it will transfer soon. This will be a boom for the schools and library as the worth of the property has tripled since it was built.
- There is a pending deal for 1414 E. Schaaf Road
- 1105 Valley Belt is now available
- There is a pending deal on the remainder of the Leff Electric property.
- 4800 Van Epps has units 104 and 106 available
- 3661 Spring Rd - Cleveland Marble- is vacant with a deal pending
- 4953 Schaaf Road is for sale
- Fogg has eight (8) addresses available
- HIDTA has moved to Hinckley Parkway leaving that building available
- FedEx building is once again vacant

MAYOR'S COURT

- Income for February \$ 9,098.60
- State of Ohio (1,127.00)
- Indigent Driver & Alcohol (36.00)

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- Reg. Enterprise Data Sharing System (120.00)
- BROOKLYN HEIGHTS \$ 7,815.60

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Wage and Salary – met tonight to discuss the employee healthcare. Had five (5) presenters. The committee will meet again on March 16, 2021 at 6 pm to discuss employee healthcare and department heads and employees are encouraged to attend.
- Parks, Playground and Community Service met and kept the cost of Senior Grass Cutting for 2021 at \$275. The Service Department will be cutting the grass again.
- There will be a Streets Committee meeting on March 16, 2021 at 6:30 pm to discuss the budget for the infra-structure and road pavement for 2021.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 15-2021- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021

Sponsor: Mr. Lahiff

Second: Mr. Blados

Yeas: Lahiff, Walsh, Blados, Presot & Lasky

Nays: None

Ordinance 15-2021 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 17-2021- MARCH PAY ORDINANCE

Sponsor: Mrs. Presot

Second: Mr. Blados

Yeas: Presot, Blados, Lahiff, Lasky & Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 17-2021 is adopted 5-0

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.


CLERK MEAS


MAYOR