

# COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

## MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD July 7, 2015 20       

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on July 7, 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, Walsh
Mayor:	Procuk
Clerk/Treasurer:	Clymer
Law Director:	Dowling
Engineer:	Henry
Police Chief:	Algeri
Fire Chief:	Lasky
Service Director:	Hatgas
Bldg. Commissioner:	Socoloff
Comm. Service Dir:	Guilfoyle
Recreation Dir:	Presot

**MOTION: Mr. Foote moved to excuse Mr. Selig as he is out of town. Second by Mrs. Hatgas**  
**Motion passed 4-0**

Mr. Clymer said there are no minutes to approve.

Mrs. Hatgas said they have not had minutes since March and asked why. Mr. Clymer responded that he knows they have been typed but he will check to see why they have not been printed.

### CORRESPONDENCE

A petition circulated by the Calvey and Dzik children has twenty-seven (27) signatures. They are requesting a Fieldhouse be built on the property we own on Schaaf Road.

Everyone is invited to attend the swearing-in ceremony of the new Parma Fire Chief, Michael G. Lasky on July 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am in the Parma Council Chambers.

Mayor Procuk read a letter from Mayor Jerry Hruby regarding the combined dispatch center. Mayor Bacci is willing to host a general meeting sometime in August. **(See attached letter)**

Terry Safranek had emailed Mayor Procuk her concerns for the Brooklyn Hts. Community Fun Day.

1. Can the flyer be distributed along with the agenda? Council responded yes
2. Will the village fund the park specials for the day? Council responded yes Chief Algeri said there will be three specials on duty during the kiddie parade and the evening event along with two patrolmen both shifts.
3. Can the Service Department help with the set-up? Mr. Hatgas said they will be preparing the park prior to the event; i.e.: moving picnic tables, taking tables from the Community Center, the sound system, etc., but she would need to make arrangements to move the items back to the Community Center on Sunday morning to avoid vandalism.

### AUDIENCE

No Comments

### FIRE CHIEF

Chief Lasky spoke about the fire at 1400 Valley Belt Road on July 6<sup>th</sup>. The fire was spotted by a Cuyahoga Hts. Police officer at 3:28 am. It was a 14,000 square foot building. Within 10 minutes there were seven (7) departments and twenty-eight (28) personnel on premises and the sprinkler system was

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not working. Chief Lasky said that they had broken about a month earlier and our department was not notified.

Mayor Procuk asked if he (Chief Lasky) makes the call as to who responds and Chief Lasky said that we have automatic aid sectors and in that area Independence and Parma are automatically sent. Upon his arrival he called Cuyahoga Heights dispatch to increase the responders. He called a total of three times for increased man-power. There were a total of fifteen (15) departments and eighty-seven (87) personnel working the fire.

At approximately 5:30 am the decision was made to close down Valley Belt Road from all traffic because the hydrants are on the south side of the street. Cars were parked on Granger Road and the other business employees were transported by the Gator to their jobs.

We were able to contain the fire to this building. There was no insurance and it is approximately a \$10million loss. The State Fire Marshal, ATF, SERT, NEORSD were all called in. At 18:55 (6:55pm) on Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> the building was released to the owners for demolition.

Chief Lasky would like to thank all the departments and personnel including twenty-six (26) members of our own department who responded between the two days. He also thanked Independence Excavating, Towlift – who kept their building open so the restrooms could be used and the Red Cross who supplied the firefighters with food and water. Mr. Hatgas thanked the City of Independence Service Department for the two workers who helped keep the catch basins clean of debris.

Mr. Foote asked if the sprinklers were working would it have knocked it down before it engulfed the building. Chief Lasky said yes, it would have held it to the point of origin and not taken over the whole building.

Mayor Procuk asked if the entire building was released to the owners and the answer was yes. The two brick buildings (offices) sustained some smoke damage but no water damage and the fire walls were still intact.

Chief Lasky also reported that the owners are already looking at buildings in Independence. Mayor Procuk said that while we were told that they had about thirty-five (35) employees, R.I.T.A. said they were worth about \$7,000 a year to the village.

### **POLICE CHIEF**

Chief Algeri complimented Chief Lasky on a job well done. He said it was like a well-orchestrated ballet. He also thanked the Independence Police Department for their assistance in getting the road shut down.

Chief Algeri attended the School Safety meeting with the superintendent and other police chiefs. The cameras will be hooked up to the dispatch center and the Cuyahoga Hts. city hall so that if there would be need of a command center it would be at the city hall. They are working on a schedule for the drills; i.e.: fire drills, school lock down drills, evacuation, etc. for the next school year.

Mayor Procuk asked what the cameras are going to cost and Chief Algeri said the total is \$15,000 and it would be split three (3) ways so our cost would be \$5,000.

Sgt. Zakrajsek has been accepted to the Police Leadership College but cannot get into it until the spring of 2017. It is a three week program in Columbus that will be split into a couple of months. Chief Algeri and Dave Meade have already graduated from that course.

### **SERVICE DIRECTOR**



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Mr. Hatgas reported that the ODOT repairs on SR 17 will begin on July 19<sup>th</sup> at an estimated cost of \$507,000. The work is scheduled from July thru mid-October. They would like to work a few nights for paving so as not to hinder the busses when school starts. The sidewalk repairs are under consideration by ODOT.

Mr. Hatgas attended a meeting at the county where discussion was held regarding low interest loans for energy efficient improvements for the municipalities.

The Service Department spent about ten (10) hours and \$100 in supplies to remove the graffiti from the pavilion, dinosaur and porta-pot. They have not cleaned the bridge yet.

Mr. Walsh asked why we don't close the gate after 9:00pm and Chief Algeri said that then the police would not be able to drive down when making their rounds and most vandalizers do not drive but walk to the park. Mr. Walsh said he has been known to drive down when he sees a car in the park after hours and Mayor Procuik said he should call the police and let them do their job.

### **RECREATION DIRECTOR**

Mr. Presot said that the baseball season is in playoff mode and there have been way too many rain-outs. Even the photo day was rained out so the photographer began chasing the teams to take their pictures.

The adult softball schedule begins on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Seven Hills All-Star game was played at diamond #2 on Sunday. The teams were 7hills/BH versus VV/Independence and 7/hill/BH won. It was a packed house and all three parking lots were filled.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR**

Mrs. Guilfoyle reported that the Senior Chore Day will be on Friday, July 10. There will be nine (9) kids cleaning nine (9) addresses and the day will culminate with a pizza party hosted by Mayor Mike.

The Art-in-the-Park program will go on a field trip tomorrow to Gordon Square. This will be fully paid by the Arts & Culture grant we received for this program.

On July 15<sup>th</sup> there will be an Intergenerational Day at Art-in-the-Park. The kids will make a presentation to the seniors at 1:30 pm. All are invited to attend.

We received a NOACCA grant for \$25,000 towards a new bus. The Goshen will be retired. The 2001 bus is in reasonable good shape. Mrs. Guilfoyle wanted to thank Donna Algeri for all the work she puts in to finding the grants and doing the extensive paperwork.

### **ENGINEER**

Mr. Henry said that the infrastructure meeting confirmed that the storm sewer on Bancroft that needs fixing will be paid for by county funds.

He reiterated the ODOT / Granger Road schedule. Asphalt will begin the end of July and the concrete will begin the end of August.

### **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Mr. Socoloff said his department has been very busy with all types of permits. Point of Sale inspections and re-inspections are happening and the houses are selling.

Not much happening on the Commercial end though.

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Mayor Procuik reported that all the Fogg buildings are full. There has been an inquiry of the Smith & Condeni building. It is up for sale/lease. A trucking company would like to move their headquarters into the building. They have eighty (80) employees and they contract with independent haulers. It would not be a truck terminal but trucks may have to pull in to do paperwork and pick up their pay check.

Rico Pietro has some good options right now and he is also looking for some build-to-suit prospects for the Geis property. He hopes to come in late August with some good news.

### LAW DIRECTOR

Mr. Dowling stated that both Safeguard and Fogg will meet the mandated standards for tax abatement again this year. There will be the annual review at the county in August.

He would like to review Mayor Hruby's proposal prior to the meeting to because there are no numbers set forth.

### CLERK/TREASURER

R.I.T.A. will give us some language so we can change our ordinance in accordance with HB5.

Based on the municipal finance directors meeting he attended the schools will lose a substantial amount of money due to the loss of the tangible tax. He feels they will be coming to the voters for a levy in 2017.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Income:	\$13,993.90
State of Ohio	( 2,505.50)
Indigent Driver & Alcohol	( 85.50)
Reg. Enterprise Data Sharing System	( 265.00)
Brooklyn Heights	\$11,137.90

With the resignation of Daniel Sholtis from the Zoning Board and the Planning Commission, we have vacancies on both boards. Mayor Procuik would like to appoint Mark Lasky to the Zoning Board, make Alan Pfenninger the Chair of the Zoning Board and make Steve Peine the Chair of the Planning Commission. He has not yet decided who he will appoint to the Planning Commission. This must be done by ordinance so it will be presented at the August meeting.

Mayor Procuik and Service Director Hatgas will attend the First Suburbs meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. This is regarding "shared equipment".

The CVCC annual picnic will be on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP to Kari if you are attending.

Safeguard established food vending machines in their building.

### STREETS COMMITTEE

Mr. Foote reported on the three topics discussed at tonight's meeting:

1. 2015 Sidewalk repair program. It will cost between \$10,000 & \$15,000 and council will move ahead with this program.
2. We have been asked to take over the guard rails along SR 17 / Granger Road and the committee discussed creative funding grants.
3. The Bancroft storm sewer repair will be funded utilizing county money paid by our taxes.

### ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

**ORDINANCE 39-2015** - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN

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HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY FOR THE  
MAINTENANCE OF ELEVATORS

Sponsor: Mr. Foote

Second: Mr. Walsh

Yeas: Foote, Walsh, Hatgas, Black

Nays: None

Ordinance 39-2015 is adopted 4-0

### **ORDINANCE 40-2015 – JULY PAY ORDINANCE**

Sponsor: Mrs. Hatgas

Second: Mr. Foote

Yeas: Hatgas, Foote, Walsh, Black

Nays: None

Ordinance 40-2015 is adopted 4-0

Mr. Presot thanked the Service Department for lining the field for the All-Star game on Sunday. He commented that the park looked beautiful.

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

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.

  
Mayor

  
Clerk/Treasurer