

# COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

## MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD January 7, 2020 20           

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on January 7, 2020 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Michael Procuk presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at this time.

Mayor Procuk conducted the swearing in of the newly elected councilmen, Joseph Blados, Tom Lahiff and Mark Lasky. Congratulations to all.

Present at roll call:	Councilmen:	Blados, Lahiff, Lasky, Presot & Walsh
	Mayor:	Procuk
	Clerk/Treasurer:	Frank
	Law Director:	Dowling
	Engineer:	Henry
	Acting Police Chief:	Meade
	Fire Chief:	
	Service Director	
	Bldg. Commissioner:	
	Asst. Bldg. Comm.	Sonenstein
	Comm. Service Dir:	Guilfoyle
	Recreation Dir:	Krzymowek
	Soccer Dir:	Shadd

**MOTION: Mrs. Presot nominated Mark Lasky as 2020 President Pro Tem. Second by Mr. Blados Motion carried 5-0**

### 2020 Council Committees & Chairpersons **Committee Meetings Scheduled As Necessary** Chairperson Listed First

Ad-Hoc Environment.....	Lahiff, Presot, Lasky
Building.....	Lasky, Blados, Lahiff
Finance.....	Walsh, Lasky, Blados
Income Tax Board of Review.....	Lahiff, Presot, Walsh
Industrial Development.....	Walsh, Blados, Presot
Ordinance.....	Presot, Lahiff, Walsh
Park, Playground & Comm. Services.....	Presot, Walsh, Lasky
Safety.....	Presot, Walsh, Blados
Streets, Beautification & Utilities.....	Lasky, Blados, Lahiff
Wage & Salary.....	Blados, Lahiff, Walsh
Ad-Hoc Recreation Village Park.....	Blados, Lasky, Presot
President Pro-Tem.....	Mark Lasky

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### General Topics

- **Ad Hoc Environment:** Mayor Procuik is seeking additional Brownfield grant funding to remediate the lead on the village property purchased in 2001-2002.
- **Finance Committee:** The budget is due by March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **Income Tax Board of Review:** subpoenas will ensure that R.I.T.A. is collecting all the taxed due Brooklyn Heights.
- **Ordinance Committee:** residents are asking council to make some changes. Number 1 on their list is that the storage of trash & recycling containers be stored out of sight from the curb.
- **Safety Committee:** will work on uniformity with "No Parking" signs throughout the village pertaining especially to the cul-de-sacs.
- **Streets Committee:** Mr. Henry and Mayor Procuik continue to seek grants and would like to work toward a three-five & ten year plan for completing street jobs.
- **Ad Hoc Recreation Committee:** will continue to evolve the upper park.

### NIDEC AND BRILLIANT SIGN

- NIDEC has been granted some variances which will become effective on January 9, 2020.
- Signage of the west elevation (facing Tuxedo) will be illuminated
- Signage on the east elevation will not take place at this time.
- Signage on the south elevation (facing I-480) will be a smaller illuminated sign
- Ground sign at the Tuxedo driveway entrance will be 5' x 6' illuminated and will include the address.
- Council was shown pictures of the signs.
- NIDEC hopes to move some warehouse employees in during February and the office in March.

### CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you note from the Borowy family for the floral arrangement
- NOPEC has once again made \$1,500 available to the Village for use by the organizations. Mayor Procuik turned the application over to Park Board president, Mark Lasky to apply.
- Received a letter and open invitation to everyone to attend the CHS Schools Open house and Showcase on January 26, 2020 from 1 to 4 pm.
- The Chamber of Commerce fundraiser "A Taste of the Valley" will be held on Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020 at the Holiday Inn from 5:30-8:30 pm.
- The city of Brooklyn is asking for support to allow the city to make its own decisions regarding the use of plastic bags by their vendors.

### AUDIENCE

- Steve Peine, Dorset resident, questioned the open holes left by First Energy around the transformer and the roll of cable wire sitting on the corner of Dorset & Lancaster (left by MCI). Mike Henry said he would look into it.

### RECREATION DIRECTOR

- About halfway through the basketball season
- Baseball / softball sign-ups will begin in March.

### POLICE DEPT

- **MOTION:** Mr. Lasky moved to pay the Sundance invoice in the amount of \$3,360 to cover the annual hosting fee from 12/1/19 – 11/30/20. Second by Mrs. Presot Motion carried 5-0
- The background checks for the three (3) new hires will be complete at the end of this week.
- Sgt. Jim Cassidy retired effective today, January 7, 2020.

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### COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Project Hope served seventeen (17) families / twenty (20) children over the Christmas holidays.
- Several businesses adopted families or made donations.
- Holiday Art in the Park went well
- The first quarter report to NOACA will be completed next week and should result in either a partial or full reimbursement on the grant.
- Mrs. Presot asked what company adopted a family and the response was OHIO DESK.

### SERVICE DIRECTOR

- Mr. Hatgas is out of town tonight.
- Jason Knowles, arborist, has completed the village tree inventory and we will need an ordinance at the next council meeting to pay his invoice of \$5,814 to be reimbursed by the County tree grant.
- We will submit the inventory to the county and begin work on the next round of grant funding for our tree canopy.
- The leaf vac is still out as needed
- There are flag markings on Tuxedo, Wexford and North for work to be done by Columbia Gas in the Parma area.
- They will not be digging in Brooklyn Hts.

### ENGINEER

- Mr. Henry submitted the supplemental grant application for the police car on Jan. 3, 2020 Ordinance 01-2020 is on the agenda tonight which allows us to receive the education for our MS 4 requirements. They provide educational assistance for the conservation of soil and water resources.
- The village will pay \$5,500 and NEORS D will reimburse the \$5,500.

### BUILDING INSPECTOR

- NIDEC has had several inspections
- 613 Tuxedo transferred last month and renovations are in progress

### LAW DIRECTOR

- NO REPORT
- Wished everyone a healthy and happy new year.

### CLERK/ TREASURER

- Ted Biskind would be happy to present the new healthcare to the employees. Mayor Procuk suggested giving the employees the option of a daytime meeting.
- Closed the year with \$724,100 in the general fund.
- Will be working on the budget with the department heads.
- Met the county deadline for some information yesterday.
- Ended the year about 4% under budget.
- In 2019 we put:
  - \$163k into the Capital Improvement Fund
  - \$130k into the Retired Accrued Benefit Fund
  - \$100k into the Economic Development Fund

Mayor Procuk said we are very lucky to have the staff and employees we have, who continue to care about, not only their jobs and the day to day, but they keep an eye on the budget and are very careful on how our taxpayer dollars are utilized.

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### MAYOR'S COURT

- Income for December \$ 11,608.00
- State of Ohio ( 2012.50)
- Indigent Driver & Alcohol ( 70.50)
- Reg. Enterprise Data Sharing System ( 230.00)
- BROOKLYN HEIGHTS 9,295.00

### MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Procuik reiterated that Brooklyn Heights has the lowest tax rate in Cuyahoga County at 61.56%
- Received a congratulatory letter from the BWC saying that for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, Brooklyn Heights went without a recordable injury and will be receiving a rebate check.
- Attended the CHS south gym dedication to Flip Saunders on January 4, 2020. Mayor Procuik said he has fond memories of the entire Saunders family.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Finance** meeting called for Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 6:30 to discuss the regular budget and the capital budget.
- **Finance** meeting called for Tuesday, February 4, 2020 to discuss the budget with the department heads.

### ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

**ORDINANCE 92-2019**- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 60.05 OF THE CODE REGARDING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS OF THE FIRE FIGHTERS (version 1) *\*the purpose for the 2 ordinances is simply for the wording to be decided by council. (SECOND READING)*

*To increase the radius a firefighter can live from 10 miles to 15 miles from the Brooklyn Hts. fire station.*

Sponsor: Mr. Lasky

Second: Mrs. Presot

Yeas: Lasky, Presot, Lahiff, Blados, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 92-2019 is adopted 5-0

*This ordinance is not an emergency ordinance so it will take effect thirty days from today.*

**ORDINANCE 01-2020**- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CUYAHOGA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT AND THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS FOR PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE CONSERVATION OF SOIL AND WATER RESOURCES

Sponsor: Mrs. Presot

Second: Mr. Blados

Yeas: Presot, Blados, Lahiff, Lasky, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 01-2020 is adopted 5-0

**ORDINANCE 02-2020**- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A DELINQUENT DEBT COLLECTION AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL (*AMBULANCE FEES COLLECTION*)

*To allow collection of non-resident delinquent accounts*

Sponsor: Mr. Walsh

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Second: Mr. Lahiff  
Yeas: Walsh, Lahiff, Blados, Presot, Lasky  
Nays: None  
Ordinance 02-2020 is adopted 5-0

**ORDINANCE 03-2020** - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, LODGE NO. 67 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022

Sponsor: Mr. Blados  
Second: Mrs. Presot  
Yeas: Blados, Presot, Lasky, Walsh  
Abstain: Lahiff  
Nays: None  
Ordinance 03-2020 is adopted 4-0 with 1 abstention

*Note: Mr. Lahiff abstained because he was not on council when the agreement was drawn up.*

### **04-2020: JANUARY PAY ORDINANCE**

Sponsor: Mr. Walsh  
Second: Mr. Lasky  
Yeas: Walsh, Lasky, Lahiff, Blados, Presot  
Nays: None  
Ordinance 04-2020 is adopted 5-0

**MOTION: Mrs. Presot moved to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation. Second by Mr. Walsh.**

**Yeas: Presot, Walsh, Lasky, Lahiff, Blados**

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried 5-0**

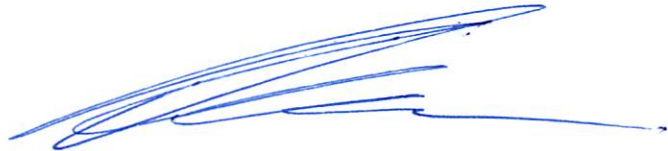
There being no further business to come before the council, it was moved by Mr. Lahiff Seconded by Mrs. Presot that the meeting be adjourned.

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk/Treasurer