

VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

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The **Parks, Playground & Community Services** Committee meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on **September 21, 2021** at 6:45pm. with Councilwoman Presot presiding.

Present at roll call:

Councilmen:	Blados, Lahiff, Lasky, Presot & Walsh
Mayor:	Procuk
Clerk/Treasurer:	Frank
Police Chief:	Meade
Comm. Services	Guilfoyle
Guest:	Berzins

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Senior Snow Removal.

- Mrs. Guilfoyle said she had only one proposal and that is from Pat Monteleone who was the contractor for the last three years. He gave us a gift by locking in the price of \$13,500 a year for three years.
 - Mrs. Guilfoyle contacted several contractors and their responses were:
 1. One (1) has no workers
 2. One (1) has no equipment to do the numbered streets
 3. One (1) Retired
 4. Two (2) do commercial only
 5. One (1) cannot guarantee the work force
 - Mr. Monteleone has given a quote for one, two and three years based on the number of participants which is normally sixty-one (61) to seventy (70) driveways.
 - Mr. Lahiff asked if this is a three (3) year contract or a three (3) year rate. In other words, the price is for three (3) years but we don't have to commit to three (3) years.
 - Mrs. Guilfoyle said we could lock in at these prices for three (3) years.
 - Mr. Walsh said that the price goes up each year with the third year being \$21,500 so in essence the cost is going up \$6,000 for this year and \$500 each additional year. Mrs. Guilfoyle asked him why such a large increase and Mr. Monteleone responded that fuel costs have gone up, payroll taxes have gone up and he has to pay his employees more just to get the commitment and these issues are built into the cost.
 - Mr. Lahiff feels that because we only have one (1) proposal, we shouldn't commit to more than one (1) year in the hopes that next year we could get more than one (1) proposal.
 - Mr. Lasky asked for a record of how many times they came out last year and Mrs. Guilfoyle didn't have that information with her. She did say that during the big storms they came out more than once. They also shoveled some sidewalks and helped one senior get to her car.
 - Mrs. Presot said she could go either way agreeing with Mr. Lahiff regarding one (1) year or Mr. Blados who said we had fantastic service and he thinks we should do a two (2) year contract. The difference between one (1) year and two (2) years is \$500 and prices will continue to go up.
 - Mr. Walsh agreed with two (2) years because it is only a \$500 upcharge. Mr. Lasky said it is actually a \$6,000 increase and Mayor Procuk reminded him that we had a great rate that we were locked into.
 - Mr. Frank said his business will be raising their rates by 10% this year and he is about to cut 25% of their snow plow list because they can't get workers. He said that 5% is a normal increase.

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- Mayor Procuk said that if we had not been locked in for three (3) years and the cost had gone up 5% a year we would have been at \$15,600 in three (3) years.
- Mr. Walsh said that the issue is do they go for a one (1) year, two (2) year or three (3) year contract or go out for more bids to which Mrs. Guilfoyle said there is nowhere to go for bids. She has reached out to everyone she knows for bids and came up empty.
- Mr. Blados commended Mrs. Guilfoyle for getting this done this early because by next month we may not have even had Mr. Monteleone.
- Mr. Walsh said to go for two (2) years to give them a comfort level and revisit it later and maybe ask for the additional year.
- Mayor Procuk asked if council is leaving the cost to the residents at \$150.
- Mrs. Guilfoyle asked that they keep it a \$150. Mr. Blados asked if the residents are comfortable with that and Mrs. Guilfoyle said for some it is difficult.

Council decided to keep the senior price at \$150 and go for a two (2) year contract at \$19,500 for 2021-2022 and \$20,000 (depending on the sign-ups) for 2022-2023.

Mr. Dowling will draw up the ordinance.

Councilwoman Presot asked if there was any other business to discuss at the Parks, Playground & Community Services Committee meeting. If there is no further business the meeting is adjourned

Councilwoman
Jennifer Presot

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Committee Chairman