

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD August 17, 2021 20

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on August 17, 2021 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Michael Procuk presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at this time.

Present at roll call:

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| Councilmen: | Blados (Zoom) Lahiff, Lasky, Presot & Walsh (Zoom) |
| Mayor: | Procuk |
| Clerk/Treasurer: | Frank |
| Asst. Law Director: | Salem (Zoom) |
| Engineer: | |
| Police Chief: | |
| Fire Chief: | Stefanko |
| Asst. Chief: | Lasky |
| Service Director: | |
| Bldg. Commissioner: | |
| Asst. Bldg. Comm. | |
| Comm. Service Dir: | |
| Recreation Dir: | |
| Soccer Dir: | |
| GUESTS: | Berzins (Zoom) Stepka |

Mayor Procuk asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the August 3, 2021 regular council meeting as distributed and Mr. Lahiff asked to make a comment about the minutes, that they are a selective summary and if there is a quotation it should be verbatim. Mr. Lahiff felt that the line in the minutes saying that there were arguments was not true. He said they had discussions, not arguments.

Mayor Procuk said he would have the minutes re-done verbatim and then council could talk about approving them or he could come up and listen to them if he'd like. Mr. Lahiff said he remembers what was said.

Mr. Frank said he would have the minutes re-transcribed verbatim.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Read a thank you letter to Mayor Jack Bacci for allowing the Art in the Park program to use the Cuyahoga Heights Pool on Fridays. She also enclosed a check for \$108 as payment for the three (3) Fridays they used the pool.
- Read a letter from Garfield Heights Fire Chief Kenneth Strobe thanking our department for responding (Mutual Aid) to a fire on July 4, 2021. Responding was FF Shane McNeilly, FF Frank Aiello and FF Les Janitor.
- Read a letter of resignation from Service Director Edward Hatgas effective at the close of day on Friday, November 5, 2021.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- **MOTION:** Mr. Lahiff moved to pay National Tire \$2,670.24 for six (6) tires for E-47. **Seconded by Mrs. Presot Motion carried 5-0**
- Both the engine and the ladder passed their pump and ladder testing this year. We had an issue with E-47. It is twenty-five (25) years old. We have applied for a grant for a new vehicle and we are waiting to hear about that. Just want to keep council abreast of the situation so that when you sit down to discuss next year's budget you are aware.

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CLERK / TREASURER

- MOTIONS FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT
 1. MOTION: Mr. Lasky moved to pay Sirna Construction 1,512 for road repair at 4920 Van Epps Road for a new hydrant installation. To be reimbursed by the City of Cleveland, Division of Water. Seconded by Mrs. Presot Motion carried 5-0
 2. MOTION: Mrs. Presot moved to pay LISCO Heating and Air Conditioning \$1,144 for a new EMC blower motor for the air conditioning in the gun range. Seconded by Mr. Lahiff Motion carried 5-0
- Closed the month of July with \$2,063,000 in the General Fund. Operating at 6% under budget.
- R.I.T.A. drop for August was \$1,075,697. This is a one-time influx.

STREETS COMMITTEE

- Met tonight:
 - Discussed the Granger Road guardrail replacement
 - Pavement & Asphalt repair program
 - 5th Street completion
 - Future Capital improvements:
 - Spring Road – in excess of \$1.7 million
 - Dorset Area – in excess of \$1.6 million
 - Numbered streets – 6th, 7th & 8th at \$100,000 each
- Mr. Lasky would like to see some of the General Fund surplus moved to the Capital Fund for infrastructure and the Fire Department

SAFETY COMMITTEE

- Met tonight:
 - Discussed the staffing difficulty within the 5 mile radius for new hires.
 - Looking at changing the radius to 15 miles for new hires only.
 - With several retirements within the department they are looking at doing some additional hiring.

Mayor Procuk asked for a motion to approve the August 3rd minutes as distributed. Mrs. Presot made the motion and Mayor Procuk called three (3) times for a second. There being no second Mayor Procuk said the minutes would be transcribed verbatim. He said the audio is always available to anyone who would like listen to it.

ORDINANCE 69-2021- AUGUST PAY ORDINANCE

Sponsor: Mr. Lasky

Second: Mr. Walsh

Yeas: Lasky, Walsh, Lahiff, Blados, Presot

Nays: None

Ordinance 69-2021 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 70-2021 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH FUND 206 AS THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND (ARPA 2021)

Sponsor: Mrs. Presot

Second: Mr. Lasky

Yeas: Presot, Lasky, Lahiff, Blados & Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 70-2021 is adopted 5-0

Mr. Lahiff asked what year was the police cruiser that was donated to the other community. Mr. Frank said it was a 2014 and it was valued at \$800.

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MOTION: Mrs. Presot moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Seconded by Mr. Lasky

Yeas: Presot, Lasky, Lahiff, Walsh & Blados

Nays: None

Mayor Procuk asked Mr. Walsh, Mr. Blados, Ms. Salem (all on Zoom) and Chief Stefanko and Asst. Chief Lasky to remain for executive session.

The meeting reconvened following the Executive session.

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

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk/Treasurer