

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD August 4, 2020 20

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on August 4, 2020 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:	Rocky Schuckert

CORRESPONDENCE

- Read a letter from the Department of Public Safety regarding complaints filed about the village park and non-compliance of wearing masks and social distancing during the baseball games. *attached*
- Read an e-mail letter from Mandy Apathy commending our administrators and village employees for their creativity during the last several months. *attached*

AUDIENCE

- No comments

ENGINEER

- The 5th Street contracts are ready to be signed and then there will be a pre-construction meeting
 - The park stairs are complete. Thank you to Rocky Schuckert and his company for completing this project.
 - Mr. Henry will attend the Aug. 18th Parks committee meeting
- Mayor Procuk dismissed Mr. Henry as he is moving his daughter into college tonight.

POLICE CHIEF

- Chief Meade said that although we passed an ordinance in July to use North Royalton jail the new contract came back with a daily price increase to \$125 per day. Mr. Dowling said we just need a motion to accept this change.

MOTION: Mrs. Presot moved to accept the increase to \$125 per day to house prisoners at the North Royalton jail. Seconded by Mr. Walsh Motion carried 5-0

- The new cruisers were delayed due to COVID-19. Both cruisers should be on the road by the end of next week.
- Chief Meade has been working with Law Director Dowling to make the changes to the ordinances to utilize on-line applications and testing. The testing would be monitored by a proctor.

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FIRE CHIEF

- Hydrant testing for 2020 is complete. We had one broken hydrant and Cleveland Water Department has been notified for repairs. There were no other complaints or problems.
- The department has been working with the Building Department on occupancy permits.
- The department assisted the police department and the Mayor on the new COVID-19 screening process for court.
- We have received a FEMA grant and AFC grant for a new cardiac monitor in the amount of \$39,24.40. Brooklyn Heights is responsible for 5% or \$1,263.03. During the budget meetings the department asked for money to be put in the Capital Fund for a new cardiac monitor but we have secured that funding.
- This year the department has been awarded \$46,898 in state and federal grants and will continue to seek grants in the future.
- Chief Stefanko thanked Clerk/Treasurer Aaron Frank, Capt. Stanislaw and Admin. Asst. Donna Tesar for their help in securing these grants and the follow-up paperwork required by the granting agencies.
- Chief Stefanko informed council that they responded to a roll-over on the highway a week ago. He landed in the deep culvert and had to be extricated from the vehicle. Parma Fire was also on scene. Chief Stefanko said they did a procedure they had never done before – "Rapid Sequence Intubation" and were able to clear his airway. The patient survived and will be released from the hospital in a few days.

SERVICE DIRECTOR

- Mr. Hatgas would like to revisit the purchase of a lift-gate for the 2005 truck that is having a new bed put on. One of our employees has found a lift-gate for \$2,280 shipped to us at cost and we will install it ourselves. This would be \$660 cheaper than the original cost.
MOTION: Mrs. Presot moved to pay Cenweld \$2,280 for a lift-gate for the 2005 F-350. Seconded by Mr. Walsh Motion carried 4-1 with Mr. Lasky opposing the purchase. Mayor Procuk asked if the old lift-gate could be used and Mr. Hatgas told him that it was unrepairable and scrapped with the old truck bed for \$52.
- Mr. Hatgas would like to purchase a new 52" Exmark mower using the money in the contractor line item for senior grass cutting.
- Mr. Blados asked if this mower would be replacing the old mower with the hydraulic problems. Mr. Hatgas answered yes.
- Mr. Lahiff asked if this is the money collected from the senior citizens and Mrs. Guilfoyle explained that those monies go directly into the General Fund. This is the money set aside to pay the contractor that would not be used this year because the Service Department is cutting the senior lawns.

Mr. Hatgas asked if the ordinance could be read now and Mr. Frank said he also has the August Pay Ordinance to read.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 47-2020 – AUGUST PAY ORDINANCE

Sponsor: Mr. Lahiff

Second: Mr. Walsh

Yeas: Lahiff, Walsh, Blados, Presot, Lasky

Nays: None

Ordinance 47-2020 is adopted 5-0

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ORDINANCE 48-2020- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH WORCESTER'S SALES AND SERVICE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW EX-MARK MOWER

Sponsor: Mr. Blados

Second: Mrs. Presot

Yeas: Blados, Presot, Lahiff, Lasky, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 48-2020 is adopted 5-0

Mr. Hatgas thanked council for passing this ordinance and he also thanked Rocky Schuckert for the work they did on the park stairs.

Mr. Lasky asked Mr. Hatgas "if our guys took off the bed, why couldn't we buy one and put it on ourselves saving the village money?"

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

- Mr. Sonenstein said they have been busy with both residential and commercial inspections.
- Demolition of the 2nd floor at 925 Keynote Circle has begun
- Answering many grass and neighbor complaints.

RECREATION DIRECTOR

- Mr. Kryznowek thanked the administration, sponsors, WSC and the Service Department for making the summer program successful.
- He said we controlled what we could control and if the parents and spectators didn't abide by the Governor's restrictions that's not on us.

SOCCER DIRECTOR

- The SRL met on July 27th to discuss the anticipated season. They are still waiting for direction from Governor DeWine. They will meet again on Aug. 10th.
- If there is a season it would begin around Sept. 26.
- The bottom line is everything is still up in the air.
- Mr. Kryznowek said that the Lt. Governor is working to amend the order that says everyone involved in sports would be tested. They meant it for professional and college sports so it would not include High School, Prep or Rec sports.

LAW DIRECTOR

- Working with Chief Meade as he said in his report.
- Discussed the amount of money to give back to Mr. Derbin. Mayor Procuk said Dennis provided a copy of the cancelled check for the permit fee, opening fee and a cash bond and we are in the process of issuing a refund check for that.
- This has no bearing on the engineering settlement that has been discussed.
- Mayor Procuk said he will be working with Mr. Frank and Mr. Dowling in regards to the \$24,138.58 Cares Act monies that we have. They have been advised that 15% to 20% of the total wages paid to the police and fire departments can be claimed.

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CLERK/TREASURER

- The first R.I.T.A. deposit was \$459,494.65 and we will receive another deposit on the 15th. The total for August 2019 was \$428,235. We are up about 2% over 2019
- Deposits made to:
 - Capital Fund: \$22,093 total in fund \$145,985
 - Economic Dev: \$45,000 total in fund \$141,360
 - Retirees Fund: \$10,000 total in fund \$53,000

MAYOR'S COURT

- Income for July \$ 13,154.00
- State of Ohio (2,329.50)
- Indigent Driver & Alcohol (70.50)
- Reg. Enterprise Data Sharing System (260.00)
- BROOKLYN HEIGHTS \$10,494.00
- Next Mayor's court will be held on August 13, 2020 and we will follow the same procedure as in July.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Working with J.V. Janitorial who is looking to expand and wants to stay within the village. They are exploring either purchasing or build-to-suit options.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Park Ad Hoc meeting August 18, 2020 at 6:30 pm
- Safety Committee meeting Sept. 1, 2020 at 7pm to discuss the potential safety barriers by diamond two.
- Not rescheduling the Streets meeting from tonight due to lack of backing.

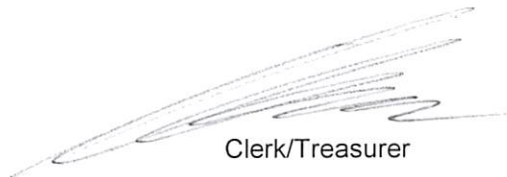
There being no further business to come before the council, it was moved by Mr. Lasky and seconded by Mrs. Presot that the meeting be adjourned.

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk/Treasurer



Cuyahoga County Together We Thrive

Public Safety & Justice Services
7/17/2020

On July 10, 2020, Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish established both a telephone and online submission portal for residents to provide information about mask compliance throughout the county in relation to the guidelines laid out in State Health Order distributed on July 8, 2020. This order below outlines the requirement for facial coverings:

"As the spread of COVID-19 accelerates in Ohio, the Department of Health supplemented existing statewide Orders with a system of further guidance to protect Ohioans. The counties of Butler, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Huron, Montgomery, and Trumbull [...] has a Level 3 advisory. This reveals that each county is experiencing a very high exposure and spread of COVID-19. Immediate action is necessary to mitigate the danger that this presents to the residents of these counties. Therefore, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in these counties, I Order all residents to wear facial coverings (masks) in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 7 of this order."

This letter is intended to notify you that your location has been the subject of one of the following complaints:

- Employees not masked
- Shoppers not masked
- Masks not worn correctly
- Information posted stating masks are not required
- Employees not enforcing mask requirement


Please take time to review the State's Order and to ensure that your operations are compliant. A complete copy of the order may be found at ready.cuyahogacounty.us under the Coronavirus tab. If you have any questions specific to the order, please contact the Ohio Department of Health COVID-19 Call Center at 1-833-427-5634.

Thank you for your continued participation in keeping Cuyahoga County healthy in these unprecedented times and hopefully prevent the need for future closures.

Thank You,

Cuyahoga County Department of Public Safety & Justice Services


Mike Procuk

 **From:** aapathy <aapathy@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2020 4:54 PM
To: Mike Procuk
Subject: 'Thank You'

mayor mike,

Please pass along this 'Thank You' to you, council, all department heads and their employees, for being creative over these challenging last few months. From safely organized/led driveby celebrations with the help of Community Services and our Safety forces; to allowing baseball and softball games to safely move forward on our well-maintained ball diamonds with the added measures of social distancing signs, caution tape, etc. with the help of our Recreation, Service, and Police departments, the efforts of ALL involved at every level are greatly appreciated and have NOT gone unnoticed.

My children looked forward to the Monday deliveries from Community Services for the Art in the Park program to see what would be waiting in their carefully packed bags and trying to guess what their Wednesday Zoom project would be based on the contents. They followed along with Miss Kristin's instructions and worked together on creating crafts for senior citizens, for their own families, and to be displayed at the BH Municipal Center. The kids even participated in a virtual scavenger hunt with their friends from Art in the Park and tested their acting skills with the help of the Beck Center.

 And while the famous Women's Service Club burgers were missed this summer at our park, the WSC had some amazing volunteers who worked diligently to keep the concession stand open for every home game this season with a variety of options offered. 'Thank You' to ALL of the volunteers-specifically Dawn Casey and family and Laurel Graver and family; along with Jimmy Blados, Kaelib and AJ Kurta, Mas Chifallo, Denise Kirsch and Nick Dottore-and anyone else I may have inadvertently missed. I still laugh thinking about 1 game we had at Diamond 3 that you, Dad, went up to the concession stand as the game was close to the end to buy a few boxes of ice cream sandwiches for the players and their siblings, packed them in your cooler on wheels, and brought them back to Diamond 3 as our team started to make a slow comeback. (Our team may not have "won" that game, but the ice cream sandwiches didn't melt or go to waste, and all the girls still smiled after).

During a time with much unknown and many things "canceled," my family and I appreciate living in a community where our leaders have been thoughtfully creative in safely moving forward with things that may seem "little" but have made a BIG impact during this unprecedented time.

Sincerely,

Mandi Apathy