

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD _____ April 21, 2020 _____ 20 _____

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on April 21, 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:	
	Police Chief:	Meade
	Fire Chief:	Stefanko
	Service Director:	
	Bldg. Commissioner:	
	Asst. Bldg. Comm.	
	Comm. Service Dir:	
	Recreation Dir:	
	Soccer Dir:	
	Guest:	Scott Jablonski

This meeting is being held via ZOOM (remotely) with twelve participants.

MOTION: Mrs. Presot moved to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2020 regular meeting of council and the April 7, 2020 regular meeting of council as distributed. Second by Mr. Lahiff. Motion carried 5-0

MAYORS REPORT

- Daily teleconference calls with State of Ohio:
 - Senator Matt Dolan was on briefly
 - Oil is selling negatively so the gas tax is non-existent currently
 - Ohio had \$244 million at the end of February and it is down to \$89 million at the end of March
 - Passed a stimulus package that will allow small businesses to continue to pay their employees.
 - The State of Ohio may go back into session on April 29th but if not, there are several dates in May.
 - The CARES Act was passed on March 27th and all additional expenses (COVID-19) are eligible for reimbursement retroactive to March 1, 2020.
- Teleconference call with Amy & Mark from R.I.T.A:
 - They are forecasting the remainder of the year and with the extension to file changed from April 15th to July 20th the 1st & 2nd quarterly taxes will be delayed.
 - They are estimating the monies we may receive based on the unemployment rate. They are projecting the numbers in unemployment as high as 20% for the first 4-6 months of 2020, 10% for the third quarter and 5% for the last quarter of 2020.
 - Many employees are working remotely from home so we will continue to collect their municipal taxes.
- All our employees are still considered essential employees at this time and will continue working.

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CLERK / TREASURER

- Payouts to the retired Police Officers which includes personal time, vacation, sick time and any qualifying police holidays:
 - Chief Dan Algeri.....\$51,250.40
 - Sgt. Jim Cassidy.....\$10,925.46
 - Ptl. Gary Bru\$23,263.34
 - Ptl. Dennis Derbin\$20,486.08
 - Plus some matching fees for a total of \$106,965.00

- The R.I.T.A. drop for April was \$536.263
- Mayor Procuk verified with R.I.T.A that they have no way to track which businesses were successful in receiving the Paycheck Continuation Stimulus Grant.
- Mayor Procuk also verified that we can contact our businesses to see how they're doing and what their layoff situation is. We cannot inquire as to their financial situation but we can ask them if there is anything we can do to assist them. We will probably develop a program as we see how things are trending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SAFETY COMMITTEE met last week to discuss implementing a third (3rd) sergeant position in the police department and the consensus was that we do not create that position.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 21-2020- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER LEAHY TO A SERGEANT IN THE VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sponsor: All of Council

Second: Mr. Lahiff

Yeas: Lahiff, Blados, Presot, Lasky, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 21-2020 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 22-2020- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID JABLONSKI TO A SERGEANT IN THE VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sponsor: All of Council

Second: Mr. Lahiff

Yeas: Lahiff, Blados, Presot, Lasky, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 22-2020 is adopted 5-0

Both will be sworn in tonight by Mayor Procuk in his office with Chief Meade in attendance.

Councilman Lasky – Congratulations gentlemen, good job!

Councilman Walsh – Congratulations!

Councilman Blados – Congratulations!

Councilman Lahiff – Congratulations!

Councilwoman Presot – I wish you both safe days ahead in your new positions. Congratulations!

David Jablonski thanked council and Mayor Procuk for their vote of confidence and he looks forward to this next chapter.

Chris Leahy thanked council and Mayor Procuk and he also looks forward to moving the department forward.

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LAW DIRECTOR

- Mr. Dowling asked for a motion to extend the COVID-19 ordinance which expires at the end of April.
MOTION: Mrs. Presot moved to extend the COVID-19 Ordinance to June 15, 2020. Second by Mr. Blados
Yeas: Presot, Blados, Lahiff, Lasky, Walsh
Nays: None
Motion carried 5-0
Mr. Dowling will draw up a new ordinance for the May 5th meeting.

Mrs. Presot asked that Chief Meade take pictures of the swearing in tonight to be put on the website.

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

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk/Treasurer