

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD February 15, 2022 20

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on February 15, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Michael Procuk presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at this time.

Present at roll call:	Council Members:	Berzins, Blados, Lasky, Presot & Walsh
	Mayor:	Procuk
	Clerk/Treasurer:	Frank
	Asst Law Director:	Mason
	Engineer:	Henry
	Police Chief:	
	Fire Chief:	
	Asst. Fire Chief:	
	Acting Service Dir:	
	Bldg. Commissioner:	
	Asst. Bldg. Comm.	
	Comm. Service Dir:	
	Recreation Dir:	
	Soccer Dir:	

GUESTS: Stepka

MOTION: Mr. Blados made a motion to approve the January 25th and February 1st meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Berzins. Motion passes 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A thank you note from Martin Schrade for flowers sent for his father's wake.
- A note from Jennifer Lasky was read complimenting the Village and the Service Department for their great work on keeping the roads clear during the recent snow storm.
- Mark Dobbins left a voice mail thanking the Service Department for clearing his driveway apron after the recent snow storm.
- Notification from Police Officer Watson to Chief Meade that he is looking into other departments to utilize his degree and professional ambitions and that it is an honor and privilege to have been hired by Brooklyn Heights.
- Officer Angelone has been called to duty by the Air Force Reserve from early April to the end of November and for training for a couple weeks in March.
- NOPEC notified that customers will be receive the first installment from the settlement negotiated by the OCC and NOPEC.
- Rocky Schuckert, President of Men's Service Club, is requesting an improvement to the baseball fields by adding covering for the dugout areas.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

None

MOTION: Mr. Walsh asked for a motion on behalf of Interim Service Director Florjancic to pay Pioneer Athletics \$3,469.91 for the sports field paint. Seconded by Mrs. Presot, Motion passes 5-0.

CLERK / TREASURER

- The 2020-2021 audit is in progress.
- He is working with the County on a very small parcel of land that the village purchased as part of the deal with West Creek for preservation purposes. We received a tax bill on this parcel but are working to file a tax exemption.

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- An update on the RITA subpoena program was received and will continually be updated. To date, the liabilities established \$21,082 in the amount collected to date \$7,260, our cost is \$205.
- The RITA drop today was \$155,000 gross minus \$4,600 equals \$151,000. We have received \$770,526 to date, \$77,000 of that will go into the Capital Fund.
- The General Fund is just over \$2,057,000 which is almost an \$116,000 surplus; the Capital fund is at \$1.1 million and Economic Development is at \$595,000.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Park Board met and a resident asked about the materials that will be used under the new playground equipment. That question was referred to the Engineer.
- It appears that more money will be allotted by Governor DeWine funding police body cameras and that we are confident that we will be awarded grant dollars for this.
- No one can offer clear information on municipal tax refund on remote workers and we will have to wait and see what happens.
- As mentioned earlier, Police Officer Angelone has been called to duty by the Air Force Reserve and we'll basically lose him from April through November.
- Soccer sign up will be by paper sign up this season due to the untimely acquisition of SI Play by Sports Engine.
- The second RITA drop in February was \$156,000 which gave us \$770,000 in municipal income tax for the month.
- We anticipated collecting about \$1.1 million and we've actually collected about \$1.441 million putting us up by \$350,000 in collections.
- We've added \$144,000 to our Capital Fund thanks to going to the 10% transfer plan.

Mayor Procuk asked to go into Executive Session to discuss the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and the Deny the Permit process.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Mr. Walsh reported that at the Finance Committee meeting this evening the budget was reviewed with Department Heads. We will have a meeting to discuss the Capital Budget on March 1st at 6:45 pm.

STREETS, BEAUTIFICATION & UTILITIES COMMITTEE

- Mr. Blados reported on the February 8th meeting regarding the upcoming road projects and repairs, the asphalt program, the Galway & Lancaster timelines.
- Engineer Henry reviewed the related ordinances that will be voted on later tonight.
- Mr. Blados scheduled a Park, Playground meeting to discuss dugout cover and fencing for Tuesday, February 22nd at 5:00 pm.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

- Mrs. Presot called a meeting to discuss Fire Department vehicles on March 15th at 7:00 pm.

Clerk/Treasurer Frank reviewed the scheduled meetings:

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| • February 22 nd | 5:00pm | Parks, Playground Committee to discuss dugouts and fencing |
| • February 22 nd | 5:30pm | Streets Committee to discuss a truck for the Service Dept. |
| • February 22 nd | 6:00pm | Finance Committee for an update from the Tax Administrator |
| • March 1 st | 6:45pm | Finance Committee to discuss the Capital Budget |
| • March 15 th | 7:00pm | Safety Committee to discuss Fire Dept. vehicles |

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ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 10-2022 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO APPROVE THE CHANGE ORDER TO ADD ADDITIONAL ITEMS NOT ORIGINALLY IN THE CONTRACT WITH DAVIS DIGGERS, INC. FOR THE 5TH STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

Sponsor: Walsh

Second: Presot

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Ordinance 10-2022 is adopted.

ORDINANCE 11-2022 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2022 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT

Sponsor: Blados

Second: Berzins

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Ordinance 11-2022 is adopted.

ORDINANCE 12-2022 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CLERK/TREASURER TO PAY THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS ALLOCATION TO THE CITY OF PARMA FOR 2021

Sponsor: Walsh

Second: Berzins

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Ordinance 12-2022 is adopted.

ORDINANCE 13-2022 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS PORTION OF THE PROPOSED BELMONT DRIVE RESURFACING JOINT PROJECT WITH THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS; THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS PAYING FOR THE PORTION OF WORK DONE WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS CORPORATE LIMITS. THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS WILL HAVE AUTHORIZATION TO BE THE LEAD IN THE PROPOSED BELMONT DRIVE RESURFACING PROJECT

Sponsor: Lasky

Second: Presot

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Ordinance 13-2022 is adopted.

ORDINANCE 14-2022 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES FOR THE UPPER PARK IMPROVEMENTS FROM GAMETIME

Sponsor: All of Council

Second: Berzins

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Ordinance 14-2022 is adopted.

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ORDINANCE 15-2022 FEBUARY PAY ORDINANCE

Sponsor: Presot

Second: Blados

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Ordinance 15-2022 is adopted.

RESOLUTION 1-2022 AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE BELMONT RESURFACING IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsor: Lasky

Second: Berzins

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Resolution 1-2022 is adopted.

RESOLUTION 2-2022 AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZE TO BID THE DORSET, BANCROFT & DUNEDEEN RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Sponsor: Walsh

Second: Berzins

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Resolution 2-2022 is adopted.

RESOLUTION 3-2022 AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZE TO BID THE GALWAY CIRCLE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Sponsor: Presot

Second: Blados

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Resolution 3-2022 is adopted.

Mayor Procuk asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and a hearing with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health concerning the Kurtz Brothers fill permit.

MOTION: Mrs. Presot moved to go to Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Walsh. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Procuk, Clerk/Treasurer Frank and all of Council returned from Executive Session.

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

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer