

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD: October 17, 2023

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on October 17, 2023 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, Lasky, Presot, Tommer, Walsh
Mayor	ProcuK
Clerk/Treasurer	Frank
Law Director	Dowling
Assistant Law Director	
Engineer	
Police Chief	
Fire Chief	
Asst. Fire Chief	
Service Director	Blados
Bldg. Commissioner	
Asst. Bldg. Comm.	
Comm. Service Director	
Recreation Director	
Soccer Commissioner	

Guests: James Lawrence, Cory Gwynn

CORRESPONDENCE / MAYOR PROCUK

- An email was received from Engineer Zoldak giving an update on the ODOT Granger Road project. Traffic will be shifted on Monday so there may be some back-ups during the shift. It does mean that this phase allows for the reopening of Tuxedo in both directions.
- Tony Ramos from NOPRC sent an email outlining the Dominion Energy (East Ohio Gas Company) proposed increase. If approved by PUCO, the increase will affect all customers except those on the PIPP program. It is not known when the increase will be implemented but most probably after the winter season.
- Nancy Zolgharnain informed us of a Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30 pm to vote on a lot split.
- Robert Purgert sent an email sharing his concern for those hoping to travel on Schaaf Road to church services when the road is closed for the annual 5K Race. Although they were able to get to their service, it was a worry in the days leading up to the race that they would not be able to get through. He offered suggestions to the race planning group.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- James Lawrence addressed the Mayor and Council regarding an incident with his neighbor who owns a Rottweiler. Unfortunately they were stuck in their vehicle after arriving home due to the dog barking at them. They called the Police Department and the incident was handled. Mayor ProcuK said he would discuss the issue with Chief Meade.

- Cory Gwynn expressed his opinion on the NOPEC rate increase stating that he could understand if it was for infrastructure but disagrees due to NOPEC offering the same service.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT / JOE BLADOS

- Mr. Blados discussed the legislation for this evening on the leaf vac.
- Utilizing the new street sweeper, they cleaned up the Schaaf Road bridge underpass on Granger Road and removed seven yards of debris. They also plan to clean the median on Granger.
- He spoke with Auburn Fence Company about the upper park fence repair and will get a quote for the lower park hill fence replacement.
- They are preparing the park with turf repairs and are planning for aeration and over seeding following the soccer season.

CLERK-TREASURER / AARON FRANK

- The September closing total variance to date is +\$237,457 and the departments are running at 2% under budget.
- The October RITA report is \$755,294.
- He discussed the transactions between finance and engineering to obtain final funding on the Spring Road project.

MAYOR'S REPORT / MAYOR PROCUK

- The RITA drop at \$755,294 reflects the continuing trend of being at or above our anticipated revenue and continue to be above our 2 and 3-year history.
- The General Fund surplus is very healthy and we're operating about 2% under budget. Things are looking good financially.

Councilman Berzins called a Building Committee meeting for November 8th at 7:00 pm to discuss fire alarm systems.

Councilman Lasky thanked the Cuyahoga Heights School Administration for providing students to paint fire hydrants.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 92-2023 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH K&K INSURANCE FOR THE ANNUAL PREMIUM FOR HEALTH & ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR THE BROOKLYN HEIGHTS FIREFIGHTERS

Sponsor: Tommer

Second: Presot

Yeas: 5 / Nays: 0

Ordinance 92-2023 is adopted

ORDINANCE 93-2023 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS RESIDENTS TO THE SEVEN HILLS RECREATION CENTER

Sponsor: Walsh

Second: Lasky

Yeas: 5 / Nays: 0

Ordinance 93-2023 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 94-2023 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON FOR THE HOUSING OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS PRISONERS

Sponsor: Berzins

Second: Walsh

First Reading

ORDINANCE 95-2023 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BEST EQUIPMENT TO PURCHASE A LEAF VACUUM MACHINE FOR THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

Sponsor: Lasky

Second: Tommer

Yeas: 5 / Nays: 0

Ordinance 95-2023 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 96-2023 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NEORS D TO UTILIZE STORMWATER FUNDS TO PURCHASE A LEAF VACUUM FOR THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

Sponsor: Berzins

Second: Presot

Yeas: 5 / Nays: 0

Ordinance 96-2023 is adopted 5-0

An Executive Session was held to discuss a potential grant opportunity.

There being no further business to come before the Council, it was moved by Berzins and seconded by Presot that the meeting be adjourned. Yeas: All. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer