

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD December 21, 2021 20

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on December 21, 2021 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:	Blados, Lahiff, Lasky, Presot (ZOOM) & Walsh
	Mayor:	Procuk
	Clerk/Treasurer:	Frank
	Law Director:	Dowling
	Engineer:	Henry
	Police Chief:	
	Fire Chief:	Stefanko
	Asst. Fire Chief	Lasky
	Acting Service Dir:	
	Bldg. Commissioner:	Monacco
	Asst. Bldg. Comm.	
	Comm. Service Dir:	Guilfoyle
	Recreation Dir:	
	Soccer Dir:	
	GUESTS:	Ray Berzins, Laura Pavlik, Patty Tommer, Dawn Derbin (2), Amanda, Bud Light, Tim, T.J

CORRESPONDENCE

- Irene Jones of Josiah's House thanked and wished us a good year ahead
- Email forwarded from Dale Krzynowek from Noah Bozanski, Lake Erie Boy Scouts of America requesting to have Tuxedo Park approved as a camping location for a local Cub Scout Pack
- Email from Mark Schmitzer, Seven Hills Engineer regarding the resurfacing of Belmont Drive in its entirety in 2022. The lengthy email and it's attachments is available at the Municipal Center
- NOPEC communication regarding \$1,000 sponsorship award / Mark Lasky handling

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 94-2021 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE HIRING OF FIREFIGHTER, DANIEL A. SIMKO

Sponsor: All of Council

Second: Jennifer Presot

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Ordinance 94-2021 is adopted.

ORDINANCE 95-2021 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE HIRING OF FIREFIGHTER, NICHOLAS J. KAHWAGI

Sponsor: All of Council

Second: Jennifer Presot

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Ordinance 95-2021 is adopted.

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Mayor Mike ProcuK conducted the swearing in of newly hired firefighters Daniel Simko and Nicholas Kahwagi.

DEPARTMENTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- **MOTION:** Mr. Walsh moves to renew our fire hydrant contract with the City of Cleveland in the amount of \$4,341.06 for the rental of 179 hydrants. Seconded by Mr. Blados. Motion carried 5-0.
- Had a significant hazmat run this week due to a chemical spill. SERT Hazmat team and other mutual aid on the scene. There were a couple of injuries.
- Sadly report that Steve Peine passed away. He was the CERT Executive Director for several years. A moment of silence was observed.

CLERK / TREASURER

- All information was submitted to update our ordinances and charter. I will share the cost once I receive the quote.
- Working with law, the county and auditors to create Fund 920 Unclaimed Funds to clean up miscellaneous funds.
- One of the ordinances tonight is the re-appropriation of the fiscal year 2021.
- Final RITA Drop for December, 2021 was \$475,943. \$47,000 will be transferred to the capital fund. Ending the year with \$7,149,728.61 in municipal income which is about 10% over our prediction.
- In early January I will be working to get the budget process started.

LAW DIRECTOR

- As of January 1, 2021 there is a vacant seat on council. Council has 30 days to appoint a new council member. Deadline is end of business on January 31st.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Financial report is spectacular. The prediction was to raise \$6,500,000 this year and we raised \$7,149,728 which is \$650,000 (about 10%) more than anticipated.
- In 2020, the first full year of Covid, we brought in \$6,355,000 which was \$795,000 (about 12%) more than we anticipated. In 2019 it was \$5.9 million. We're collecting 21% more than we collected in 2019; about a 54% increase from 2018; and about a 56% increase from 2017.
- This is due to significant Economic Development growth.
- The village is up \$2.5 million that just a short time ago and the future is very, very promising due to businesses that have come in in the last 12-18 months.
- With money going into the capital fund, we can start road projects; we've reinforced our vehicle situation in three departments; and we've brought the police department back up to 17 full time officers.
- In January council will be asked to select a president pro-tem

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ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 90-2021 – AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE FOR THE RE-APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

Sponsor: Walsh

Second: Blados

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Ordinance 90-2021 is adopted 5-0.

ORDINANCE 91-2021 – AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS, OHIO, DURING THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 01, 2022 TO AND INCLUDING MARCH 31, 2022

Sponsor: Lasky

Second: Blados

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Ordinance 91-2021 is adopted 5-0.

ORDINANCE 92-2021 – AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH UNUM DENTAL FOR DENTAL COVERAGE FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

Sponsor: Blados

Second: Walsh

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Ordinance 92-2021 is adopted 5-0.

ORDINANCE 93-2021 – AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CLERK-TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CHAGRIN VALLEY ENGINEERING, LLC FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS FROM JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

Sponsor: All of Council

Second: Lasky

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Ordinance 93-2021 is adopted 5-0.

ORDINANCE 96-2021 – AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CLERK-TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE NO. 67

Sponsor: Blados

Second: Presot

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Ordinance 96-2021 is adopted 5-0.

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ORDINANCE 97-2021 – AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Sponsor: Walsh

Second: Lasky

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Ordinance 97-2021 is adopted 5-0.

ORDINANCE 98-2021 – AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RUSH TRUCK CENTER OF N OH TO REPAIR THE INTERNATIONAL TRUCK

Sponsor: Lasky

Second: Blados

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Ordinance 98-2021 is adopted 5-0.

ORDINANCE 99-2021 – AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE CREATING FUND 920 UNCLAIMED FUNDS

Sponsor: Blados

Second: Walsh

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Ordinance 99-2021 is adopted 5-0.

RESOLUTION 15-2021 – AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZE TO BID THE SPRING ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Sponsor: Lahiff

Second: Walsh

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Resolution 15-2021 is adopted 5-0.

RESOLUTION 16-2021 – AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENGINEER TO FINALIZE THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZE TO BID THE UPPER PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsor: Lasky

Second: Blados

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Resolution 16-2021 is adopted 5-0.

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RESOLUTION 17-2021 – AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZE TO BID THE VILLAGE HALL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsor: Blados

Second: Walsh

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Resolution 18-2021 is adopted 5-0.

Assignment of committees will be made after the full council is seated. The Finance committee members will carry over so that budget meetings can begin.

Mayor Procuk asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting; was interrupted by Ms. Dawn Derbin with questions about Mike Florjancic. There was several minutes of communication regarding her questions.

- When was Mike Florjancic sworn in as fireman?
- Why is he receiving mechanic's pay when functioning as a firefighter?

There being no further business to come before the council, it was moved by Mayor Procuk and seconded by Mark Lasky that the meeting be adjourned.

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned



Mayor



Clerk/Treasurer