

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD _____ March 17, 2020 _____ 20 _____

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on March 17, 2020 at 7:10 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:	
	Fire Chief:	Asst. Chief Lasky
	Service Director:	
	Bldg. Commissioner:	
	Asst. Bldg. Comm.	
	Comm. Service Dir:	
	Recreation Dir:	
	Soccer Dir:	

For the record, the meeting has been called to order early and the members are maintaining the safe distance requirement in place during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MOTION: Mrs. Presot moved to approve the minutes of the March 3rd regular council meeting as distributed. Second by Mr. Lahiff Motion carried 5-0

- Mayor Procuk said that the Community Center is closed and will be kept secure until further notice. The two March rentals we had have cancelled and all activities held in the Community Center have been notified that the center is closed. The Service Department will turn off the refrigerator, freezer and ice machine.
- With the kids off from school they have been gathering at the basketball hoops in the park. With the restriction of the number of people allowed to gather (national # is 10) Mayor Procuk has authorized that the hoops be taken down until further notice.
- Our Fire & Police services are essential and they will continue to keep our streets safe and work to save lives. Both departments have the needed personal protective equipment (PPE) to continue with their jobs.
- The police department will not be stopping to engage in general conversation with residents and will maintain the safe distance when possible. They will do their job to maintain a safe and peaceful environment for our residents.
- The Fire department cannot always maintain the safe distance as they work on a call but they will be vigilant in using the PPE and sanitizing the vehicles after each run.
- The Service Department has been given the opportunity to stagger start times to clean and sanitize the buildings and vehicles. They were advised to have one (1) in the vehicle because of the safe distance ruling.
- Community Services will continue to transport our seniors for medical, religious and grocery shopping as needed and this is changing by the minute and so are the hours.

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- Jerry Dowling handed out an informational letter to council as to how to deal with the administrative meetings and the sunshine laws in these troubled times. This is in reaction the state of emergency that has been declared. He asked council to look it over and it will be discussed at an Ordinance Committee meeting next Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Ordinance Committee meeting to "discuss the regulations with respect to employee pay and fringe benefits and public meetings in order to respond to the COVID-19 Corona Virus pandemic."
- Mayor Procuk asked for a Safety Committee meeting next Tuesday, March 24th. They will ask for a "memo of understanding" from the union to help ease the scheduling. The eligibility promotional list expires on April 21st and they will need to test. The Safety Committee meeting will be held at 6:15 to consider restructuring of the police department going to ten (10) or twelve (12) hour shifts.
- These committee meetings will be followed by a special council meeting to consider any legislation at 7:00 pm.
- Mayor's Court will be suspended until June and the prosecutors are saying that all citations will be "no point misdemeanors" and it will allow them to pay the waiver by mail. If a case must be heard it will be assigned to Parma Municipal Court to be dealt with there.

MOTION: Mr. Walsh moved to pay C & K Industrial Services, Inc. an estimated cost of \$4,000 for street sweeping. Cost to be reimbursed by NEORSD. Second by Mr. Blados Motion carried 5-0

MOTION: Mrs. Presot moved to pay CompManagement \$1,630 for the renewal fee for services beginning September 1, 2020. Second by Mr. Walsh Motion carried 5-0

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 14-2020- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020.

Sponsor: Mr. Lasky

Second: Mr. Walsh

Discussion: If council needs to re-appropriate funds they will address it at that time.

Yeas: Lasky, Walsh, Lahiff, Blados, Presot

Nays: None

Ordinance 14-2020 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 15-2020- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH EMMETT EQUIPMENT COMPANY TO PURCHASE A NEW RIDING LAWNMOWER

Sponsor: Mrs. Presot

Second: Mr. Walsh

Discussion: The Company would not finance a new mower without a personal social security number.

Yeas: Presot

Nays: Walsh, Lahiff, Blados, Lasky

Ordinance 15-2020 is defeated 4-1

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ORDINANCE 16-2020- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH EMMETT EQUIPMENT COMPANY TO PURCHASE A PRE-OWNED RIDING LAWNMOWER

Sponsor: Mr. Walsh

Second: Mr. Lahiff

Discussion. Mr. Lasky is questioning the cost of a used mower versus the cost of the new mower. Mr. Blados is questioning the purchase at this time due to the unstable economics of the country. Mr. Blados said we have mowers and Mrs. Presot said she was told the department NEEDS a mower and Mr. Lasky questioned if it is a "want or a need". Mr. Walsh asked the same question. Mr. Lasky said this mower has capabilities the other mowers don't. Mr. Blados said he would be more comfortable delaying this. **MOTION: Mr. Walsh moved to withdraw his sponsor. Second by Mr. Lahiff**

Yeas: Walsh, Lahiff, Blados, Presot, Lasky

Nays: None

Motion is withdrawn

MOTION: Mr. Blados moved to table this ordinance until April 21, 2020. Second by Mr. Lasky

Yeas: Blados, Lasky, Lahiff, Presot, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 16-2020 is tabled until April 21, 2020

Mayor Procuik did say that this mower may not be available when council makes their decision. He also said that we are not being hurt with the closure of restaurants and bars because we don't have any in our village. Our base is a lot different.

ORDINANCE 17-2020- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO COMMUNITY COST-SHARE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT AND THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS FOR REMOVAL OF PAVEMENT IN THE UPPER PARK

Sponsor: Mr. Blados

Second: Mrs. Presot

Yeas: Blados, Presot, Lahiff, Lasky, Walsh

Nays: None

Ordinance 17-2020 is adopted 5-0

ORDINANCE 18-2020- AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MES/WARREN FIRE FOR THE PURCHASE OF SCBA EQUIPMENT FOR THE BROOKLYN HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sponsor: Mrs. Presot

Second: Mr. Walsh

Yeas: Presot, Walsh, Lahiff, Blados, Lasky

Nays: None

Ordinance 18-2020 is adopted 5-0

MOTION: Mr. Lasky moved to pay U.L. Laboratories up to \$1,800 for the annual ladder testing. Second by Mrs. Presot Motion carried 5-0

Asst. Chief Lasky gave a passionate explanation of the severity of the pandemic. He said the information changes minute by minute.

Any charges made in reference to the pandemic should be documented and will be submitted to FEMA for reimbursements. This would include OT, sick time, all the way to supply costs like sanitizing supplies. Anything and everything. Clerk/Treasurer Frank will handle the documentation.

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Ptl. Foote asked Asst. Chief Lasky if the police respond to a potential case would the fire department assist them with disinfecting their vehicles and assist with the patient. Asst. Chief Lasky said he would discuss this with Chief Meade.

Mr. Frank said that he has decided to have his department work split shifts so they are not all in the office at the same time. Mayor Mike said we don't have the ability to tell someone to stay home and we don't have the ability to pay that person to stay home. If the employee has the ability to do their job from home that can be set up. We are working towards closing the building and limiting who comes in. Mr. Frank said the office girls are using sick leave to be paid.

Our part-time fire fighters have been told that if they have a fever they are to stay away from the station.

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

Yeas: All

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk/Treasurer