

MINUTES
BROOKHAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2016

At 7:00 PM Council President Pro-Tem, Janice Sawicki, called the regularly scheduled meeting of Brookhaven Borough Council to order. The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Brookhaven Municipal Center, 2 Cambridge Road, Brookhaven, PA 19015. Ms. Sawicki led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and in Mayor Hess' absence read the names of the Borough residents who passed away during the month of July—Merle “Ed” Hall, Jr., Raymond J. Waychunas and James “The Rube” Ruby.

The record shows the following people seated at the Council Table (from my right to left): Mr. Linowski, Mrs. Fooks, Ms. Sawicki, Solicitor Halligan for Mr. Maddren, Mr. Donaway, Engineer Catania and Secretary McKinley. Ms. Leslie is on vacation and Mr. LaPera was absent because of his employment and Mr. Wilwert was absent because he is finally getting back into his home on Trimble Boulevard after the neighbor's tree fell on it on June 23, 2015. Ms. Sawicki said they had to clear out the property they were renting and get the Trimble Boulevard house ready to be occupied. Mayor Hess was absent because he's on vacation.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT – Mr. Kuminka will be back when school opens in September.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Harry Seth, 3633 North Clearwater Lane said that the Borough has always done so many things well and he feels that it would look nice if the Borough built a stage in one of the circles grass areas on the Walking Trail. Ms. Sawicki said she would pass his suggestion on to the Recreation Committee who sets up many of the events held here.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Montella is on vacation but July written report provided or the Minutes.

Chief Montella's written report for the month of July shows the following:

Fire Incidents – 4, Non Fire Incidents – 9, Mutual Aids – 22 and Drills – 4 for a total of 39.
Losses Show - \$0 to structures, \$1,000 to contents, \$0 to vehicles and \$360,000 worth of property endangered.
No firefighter or civilian injuries or deaths.

Manpower – 39 calls with an average of 15 individuals participating for a total of 480 hours.

4 Training Sessions/Drills with an average of 29 individuals participating or a total of 145 hours.

Brookhaven Volunteer Fire Company responded to the following incidents in Brookhaven: Building fire at Jiffy Lube, building fire on carpenter circle, trash truck fire at East Brookhaven Road at Barlow Avenue, grease spill I the rear of Giant and underground transformer fire on Dutton Mill Road.

Brookhaven Volunteer Fire Company assisted at the following locations: Upland Fire Company on a building fire at 3rd Street, Middletown Fire Company on a building on Glen Riddle Road, Rocky Run Fire Company on a building fire at Fair Acres, Garden City Fire Company on a building fire at Country Club lane, Aston Township Fire Company on a building fire at Valley Green Drive and Parkside Fire Company on a building fore on East Chelton Road.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief McGoldrick is sick.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Halligan for Mr. Maddren

Mr. Halligan had no report.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Hess is on vacation.

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MINUTES APPROVAL

Mr. Linowski made the motion and Mr. Donaway the second to approve the June 27, 2016 Workshop Minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Fooks made the motion and Mr. Donaway the second to approve the July 11, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

COUNCIL REPORTS

BUSINESS AND REVITALIZATION COORDINATOR, CHAIR ORDINANCE COMMITTEE, MEMBER CONDO ASSOCIATION, SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON, CHAIR TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE, CHAIR GRANT COMMITTEE AND MEMBER POLICE COMMITTEE – Mrs. Fooks

Mrs. Fooks said the Ordinance Committee is scheduled to meet on August 18; however, if they do not have anything to discuss, she will cancel the meeting.

Business Revitalization News. Shop-Rite will have its ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, August 12 at 9:00 AM. The store will be open for business to the public thereafter.

Lowe's will have its Grand Opening on August 18th from 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM.

Shoppes at Brookhaven – No update as of today.

Brookhaven Shopping Center – The new owner continues to work on the center. It appears the sidewalks were replaced and Mrs. Fooks assumes the building is next.

Community News – The SPCA will hold their vaccination/chip clinic in our gym on Tuesday, August 23 from 4:00-6:00 PM. Dog Licenses can be purchased at the Borough Office during normal business hours.

CHAIR ARBOR/SHADE TREE COMMITTEE, LIAISON TO HEALTH INSPECTORS AND HEALTH OFFICER, MEMBER GRANT COMMITTEE, LIAISON TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, MEMBER LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND MEMBER FIRE COMMITTEE – Ms. Sawicki

Ms. Sawicki said the Society Hill at Brookhaven project was cancelled by the developer. Our Planning Commission has nothing on the horizon right now so their August Meeting will be cancelled.

Ms. Sawicki spoke about the lack of legislation for blighted areas. She has asked State Representative Krueger-Braneky to develop and sponsor legislation for this problem. Ms. Sawicki said she will be working with her on this too.

CHAIR FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE, CHAIR LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT, MEMBER FIRE COMMITTEE, MEMBER CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND CHAIR CONDO ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE – Mr. Linowski

Mr. Linowski made the motion and Mr. Donaway the second to approve the bill list marked final and dated 08/01/16. The General Fund total is \$40,855.97, Trash Fund \$121.00, Sewer Fund \$7,570.48 and Road Fund

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\$6,692.00 for a grand total of \$55,239.45. Motion carried unanimously.

Regarding the changes to the Eaton Park Grant application, Mr. Linowski recommended that Resolution 2016-07 be rescinded and Resolution 2016-08 be adopted in its place. Mr. Donaway said he would be handling that when he gives Mr. LaPera's report.

Mr. Linowski said the Borough is "in great financial shape". We will still wind up with about \$1,800,000 to start the New Year.

CHAIR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION, CHAIR RECYCLING/TRASH COMMITTEE, CHAIR FIRE COMMITTEE AND CHAIR POLICE COMMITTEE – Ms. Leslie is on vacation.

CHAIR PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS, LIAISON TO HOLIDAY PARADE COMMITTEE, CHAIR COMPREHENSIVE PLANS, MEMBER TRAFFIC CALMING COMMITTEE AND MEMBER POLICE COMMITTEE – Mr. Donaway

Mr. Donaway said that the Middletown Township's working hours for the Sanitary Sewer Project on their side of Dutton Mill Road have changed. Originally PennDOT said they could work from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Now because of the SEPTA Train problems and more traffic on the roads during the day, effective August 1 they will be working weekdays from 6:00 PM until 6:00 AM. They will make sure Dutton Mill Road residents have access to their driveways. Mrs. Fooks and Ms. Sawicki asked how long the project will take. Mr. Donaway said originally a conservative time line was 3 months. Mr. Linowski said they want to be done before school starts. Mr. Donaway said working at night takes the workers out of the heat of the day.

Among other things, the Public Works Department responded to a sewer call at the rear of Wawa which turned out to be Wawa's problem; installed a 30' fall zone made of 6'x6'x10' boards and containing 55 yards of playground mulch at Sommerville Park; replaced a broken manhole and frame at the intersection of Argyle and Cambridge Roads; replaced the 40 gallon fuel tank on the 1998 Ford dump truck; spread free stone from Toby Farms School's flat roof in the Sampson Park parking lot and installed 2 belt swings and 2 infant swings in Sommerville Park. He also spoke about the recycling materials that are being dumped throughout the Borough. This was recorded in the July 25 Workshop Minutes He spoke to Mrs. Rodgers, the Delaware County Daily Times Reporter present, asking her to report that we will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law anyone caught dumping in the Borough. Mrs. Fooks asked where we would put a dumpster if we decide to go that route. Mr. Donaway said that will be under review by the Trash/Recycling Committee. An update on recent activity between Trimble Boulevard and North Clearwater Lane—behind Victor Avenue and North Clearwater Lane shows Texas Eastern/Spectra Energy cut the grass on July 11. Mr. Savage from Texas Eastern/Spectra Energy said that the mess put down to protect the new grass has deteriorated to a point where it won't cause damage to the residents' mowers. Ownership of the property is still unclear—it's either the Borough's problem or the residents' problem to cut.

CHAIR INSPECTORS AND FIRE MARSHAL, DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR, CHAIR TRAFFIC CALMING, MEMBER TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE AND MEMBER HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMMITTEE – Mr. Wilwert

Ms. Sawicki said Mr. Wilwert is in the process of moving back into his home and is absent; however, the Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer's Report provided to him shows for the month of July 24 rental property inspections, 15 property transfer inspections, 27 permits issued, 139 permit related inspections and 19 property maintenance related inspections.

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LIAISON TO ZONING HEARING BOARD, LIAISON TO RECREATION COMMITTEE, MEMBER GRANT COMMITTEE, MAMEBER LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT, MEMBER CONDO ASSOCIATION – Mr. LaPera was absent.

In Mr. LaPera’s absence, Mr. Donaway said that we can now include engineering fees into the Eaton Park Grant application which brought the amount of the grant up as well as the amount we have to “kick in”. Mr. Donaway made the motion and Mr. Linowski the second to rescind Resolution 2016-07—Eaton Park DCED Grant Application. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Mr. Donaway made the motion and Mr. Linowski the second to adopt Resolution 2016-08-- Eaton Park DCED Grant Application to reflect inclusion of the engineering fees and increase in the Borough’s match. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Donaway said the Zoning Hearing Board will meet on August 9 at 7:00 PM for the Traditions at Ridley Creek’s Sign Variance.

ENGINEER’S REPORT – Mr. Catania

Mr. Catania said the HVAC cooler water line at the municipal center has a water line leak. He has received one quote to repair this. It was for \$15,999. He is waiting for other quotes to come in.

Mr. Catania spoke about The Shoppes at Brookhaven Landscape Plan Revisions. The developer has asked for approval of the following:

- Substitute 70 Knockout Roses for 70 Delaware Valley White Azaleas.
- Substitute 87 dwarf Nandina for 87 Hino Crimson Azaleas
- Substitute 620 Moonbeam Coreopsis for 620 Gaillardia
- Add 5 Red Maple Trees along the drive at the Chester Water Authority property

Mr. Linowski made the motion and Mrs. Fooks the second to approve the Landscape Plan Revisions. Mr. Donaway and Mrs. Fooks asked why the change. Mr. Catania said because of the availability of the plants. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

INSPECTORS’ REPORTS

- FIRE MARSHAL – Mr. Leslie had no report.
- HEALTH INSPECTOR – Mrs. Warfield was absent
- ZONING OFFICER – Mr. Hampton – No report.
- FIRE MARSHAL – Mr. Leslie – No report

CODE ENFORCEMENT/ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR – Mr. J. Grant – No report.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None

With no more business to come before Council, Ms. Sawicki asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Linowski so moved and Mr. Donaway made the second. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen McKinley
Borough Secretary