

MINUTES
BROOKHAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2016

At 7:03 PM, Mr. Wilwert called the regularly scheduled meeting of Brookhaven Borough Council to order. He welcomed all present and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Mayor Hess read the names of the Borough residents who passed away during the month of September—Anne Carr and Peter Marek. In their memory a moment of silence was held.

The record shows the meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Brookhaven Municipal Center, 2 Cambridge Road, Brookhaven, PA 19015 and the following people were seated at the Council Table: (from my right to left): Ms. Sawicki, Mr. Linowski, Mr. LaPera, Mrs. Fooks, Mr. Wilwert, Solicitor Maddren, Ms. Leslie, Mayor Hess, Mr. Donaway, Engineer Catania and Secretary McKinley.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT – Mr. Kuminka

Mr. Wilwert informed Mr. Kuminka that he would always be first on the agenda since he has to travel to New Jersey to get home after a long day at school. Mr. Kuminka thanked Mr. Wilwert and Council for that courtesy.

The Reading Counts Program will continue at Coebourn Elementary and he respectfully requested Mayor Hess and Borough Council to continue recognizing Coebourn Elementary's Million Word Readers. During the 2012/2013 school year the Million Word Readers read 65,000,000 words. During the 2013/2014 school year they read 85,000,000 words. During the 2014/2015 school year they read 93,000,000 words and during the 2015/2016 school year they read 95,000,000 words. Council and Mayor Hess said "absolutely" they will continue to honor the Million Word Readers with a Certificate for as long as the program is in existence.

For Coebourn's Green Initiative, the Green Committee will schedule bi-monthly meetings to carry out the initiative. Jessica Wooleyhan will be the teacher who will chair this committee. Committee members are Eric Kuminka, Cynthia Kravatz, Shannon Sullivan, Trish Lydon, Jackie Creighton and Sara Bary.

School Community Outreach – Mr. Kuminka and the Green Committee partnered with Mayor Hess to complete a community recycling awareness activity during Brookhaven's Family Day on September 24. Students, who discussed with their family how they recycle and completed a recycling activity with teachers at Family Day, earned a homework pass.

Mrs. Wooleyhan is the Chairwoman of the Compost Club.

Fifth grade students will be given a leadership role to make presentations to each classroom throughout the school year of the positives and negatives of recycling. They will inform students and staff how Coebourn School students, faculty and others involved with the school recycle at the school. This club will also maintain a compost station inside the playground.

The Green Committee organized a recycling initiative each month that will be read on announcements and supported by teachers. Current ideas are Healthy Goal Setting, Lesson Outside Day, Reusable Water Bottle Day, Reusable Lunch Bag Day, 10,000 Step Day, Apple Crunch Day, Recycled Gift Day, Jump Rope for Heart and a Paperless Day.

Mr. Kuminka said he will work with the Penn Delco School District's Facilities Department to acquire mid-year and end of the year waste disbursement percentage from Waste Management to compare with the 2015/2016 school year. This data will help guide their efforts and goal attainment.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Charles Leslie, 703 Cambridge Road said that the people throwing trash and recycling into J. P. Mascaro's trucks are "mean and belligerent" to his wife. On several occasions she has taken trash curbside as the truck was there and they would not take the trash because they said they already passed the house. Sam Augustine from J. P. Mascaro and Sons was in the audience and said obviously the resident is upset. Mr. Augustine said their employees are advised to be courteous. He mentioned that they have been picking up yard waste every week even though it isn't in their contract. In the recent bid specifications, the bids were broken down into trash, recycling and yard waste. Mr. Leslie asked how are the employees on the trucks paid—by the day? Mr. Augustine said the employees putting the trash/recycling into the trucks are paid \$500 per week and the drivers are paid \$800 per week. If everything works out for those employees for 90 days then they are given health care benefits and a 401K Plan. J. P. Mascaro and Sons service 80 communities. Mr. Wilwert said he did not want to turn this into a debate. He asked Mr. Augustine to give Mr. Leslie his phone number.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Montella

For the month of September, Chief Montella reported the following statistics:
6 Fire Incidents, 11 Non-Fire Incidents, 13 Mutual Aids and 4 Drills. For Manpower on these incidents (34 in total) there was an average of 16 participants for a total of 306 hours. On the 4 Training Sessions there was an average of 30 participants for 150 hours.

The Loss Report shows \$29,000 to structures, \$11,000 to contents for a total loss of \$40,000. There was \$300,000 worth of property endangered. There was no vehicles loss nor were there any firefighter or civilian deaths or injuries.

Brookhaven Volunteer Fire Company responded to the following incidents in Brookhaven:
Building fire at 4933 Greenwood Street extending into 4931 Greenwood Street
Shed fire at 402 Sir Galahad Drive with 4 fences involved
Wires down 3=13-2 line on the 5000 block of Edgmont Avenue
Accident at 4923 Edgmont Avenue; Accident at the intersection of Edgmont Avenue and Whitely Road;
Accident at 5015 Edgmont Avenue and Accident at the intersection of Brookhaven and Bridgewater Roads.

Brookhaven Volunteer Fire Company assisted Chester Township Fire Company on an accident at the intersection of Powell and Harshaw Roads in Toby Farms and a gas leak at the Bridgewater Inn where the gas meter was knocked off the building.

In September there were 59 ambulance transports, 29 refusals, 16 assists for a total of 104.

Call Totals for Boroughs shows Brookhaven 52 – 80; Media 23 – 11; Chester Township 47 – 1; Upland 57 – 2; Nether Providence 65/51 – 2 and Chester City 100/82/83/81/ - 6. There were 3 2nd emergencies.

The Fire Company will have an Open House/Trucks Housing on Saturday, October 15 from 1:00-4:00 PM.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief McGoldrick

Chief McGoldrick spoke about a resident who was caught up in a Facebook scam and lost money because of it. The resident hit on a game offered. The game then offers you the opportunity to become a facebook friend with someone but they spell the person's name wrong. About a month or so later they come back and ask for money which the resident sent and of course the resident was defrauded out of that money.

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The past Saturday into Sunday morning, there was a home invasion in the Bridgewater Road area of Aston.

The Chester Township Police were advised of a domestic call in Toby Farms. The call said the person had a gun and knife and that he had fled the house in a black truck. Officers Hughes and Laird pulled the truck over. There was really no gun and Chief McGoldrick said our officers handled the situation very professionally—they followed the rules; however, the man did get arrested for beating up his wife.

As you may have seen on the news, clowns are notifying schools that they will be causing violence acts, e.g., kill all of the teachers, safety problems at some schools. This has been taken very seriously by the County and our police department. Chief McGoldrick said he is over at Coebourn every morning.

Mayor Hess told Chief McGoldrick that 2 extra police officers should be put on the schedule for Halloween night. Mr. Wilwert said Town Watch will be patrolling too.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Maddren

Mr. Maddren spoke about Police Officer George Pappas who was shot in the wrist at a home on Edwards Drive back in the 1980's. It has been determined by an independent medical examination that has become permanently disabled because of the gunshot wound and cannot perform the duties as a Police Officer. Arthritis has set in. He has actually been retired since November of 2015 and receiving normal retirement benefits. Ms. Sawicki made the motion and Ms. Leslie the second to retire George Pappas on Disability retroactive to November of 2015. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Hess

Mayor Hess presented Ms. Sawicki with a check made payable to the Butterfly Garden. The check was in the amount of \$50 and it was from a couple whose wedding was performed by Mayor Hess.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Ms. Sawicki made the motion and Ms. Leslie the second to approve the Minutes from the August 22, 2016 Council Workshop. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Fooks made the motion and Mr. Donaway the second to approve the Minutes from the September 12, 2016 Council Meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

COUNCIL REPORTS

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

Mrs. Fooks said that the Ordinance Committee will meet on Thursday, October 20 at 6:30 PM.

Under Business Revitalization News, she said she contacted the owners of Plaza 352 regarding the possibility of PetSmart coming to the Borough. They're talking to a few new possible tenants, including PetSmart and should know more over the next few months. She followed up with them again this morning to see if there's any new information but she hasn't heard back from them.

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Mrs. Fooks said she would like to have a meeting with Giant to start discussions on their soon to be vacant store in Cambridge Square Shopping Center. They have the lease until September 2017. She would like their plans moving forward. If they have someone in mind, she said she'd be sure to have them contact Mr. Hampton about the Zoning.

Under Community News, Mrs. Fooks said that Sun Valley's Homecoming is Friday night, October 7. The parade begins at 6:00 PM from Aston Community Center and will make its way to Sun Valley's football field. The game begins at 7:00 PM with Sun Valley's Marching Vanguard's performing at half-time. The Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned as well.

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

Ms. Sawicki said Family Day was wonderful. Congratulations to the Committee and Recreation Committee.

On October 18 at 7:30 PM our Planning Commission will be meeting to review the proposed new buildings in Plaza 352.

Ms. Sawicki said she wanted the trash bids to be done early. She said we may want to go out for rebids by rejecting all bids. She said this was just a thought she had. Mr. Wilwert said if we re-bid, all of the other companies know what the others bid. They were on an even "playing field" when the bids were obtained. Ms. Sawicki said we need the figures for the 2017 budget. Mr. Wilwert asked Mr. Catania what the time-frame was for going out for re-bids. Mr. Maddren discussed the various bids that were opened on September 12. Mr. Catania said he is still checking references and is waiting to hear from some he has contacted. May make a recommendation at Workshop.

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

Ms. Leslie said that the Sun Valley Band has taken first place in the competitions in which they participated for the last three weeks.

She continued her report by saying if you see something suspicious on social media, call 9.1.1. immediately.

The Recycling Committee's Shred-It and Electronics Recycling Day is October 15 from 9:00 AM until Noon. It is in the Fire Company's side parking lot because of a large event in the Municipal Center.

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

Among other things, Mr. Donaway reported that the Public Works Department Employees cleared some storm water inlets near Adams and Lincoln Drive and one on Greenwood Street. They answered 4 sanitary sewer calls-all were cleared with the plunger. The Public Works Employees asked Mr. Donaway to thank Council for paving their parking lot.

Municipal Building maintenance shows Mr. Swayngim is working on the bleachers in the gymnasium and is going to put LED Exit signs in the Municipal Center and District Court.

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On Friday, October 7 there will be a Youth Dance sponsored by the Holiday Parade Committee. It is for 5th, 6th and 7th graders. It is from 7:00-10:00 PM and the cost is \$7 which includes a slice of pizza and two beverages.

Mr. Donaway said he's looking forward to the Sun Valley Band marching in the Holiday Parade. They always do a wonderful job.

An anonymous person took photographs of various areas of the borough where there is grass and weeds growing between the street and their curb. We should encourage the residents to remove this grass and weeds either by pulling it out or using something safe to kill the grass and weeds there.

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

Mr. LaPera said the Annual Golf Outing was yesterday. It was not as well attended as it has been in the past but those who participated had a nice time.

Paint Night is Thursday, October 6; Coach Bag Bingo is Friday, October 21 contact him or Dawn Jones; Haunted Gingerbread House was scheduled for October 29 but not enough participants signed up. It will be re-scheduled for December with a holiday theme. Murder Mystery Dinner is Friday, November 18 The mystery is Golden Girls. Photos with Santa will be taken at the Town Watch Craft Fair on Saturday, November 26. Photos will be from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Senior Holiday Luncheon is Sunday, December 4 at 1:00 PM. Brookhaven residents only and they must sign up for the luncheon. Later that day at 6:00 PM we will have the Holiday Tree Lighting Service.

The Ballfield across Edmont Avenue will be completed by the end of October and will be ready to play on in the spring of 2017.

Trunk or Treat will take place for Brookhaven children from 5:00-7:00 PM at Coebourn School Parking Lot. Participants must be registered.

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

Mr. Wilwert said that the Technology Committee is trying to have a new web-site designed by the beginning of 2017. The new server is up and running.

Family Day was one of the best he has seen. Those who were involved did a great job.

The Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officers' Report for the month of September shows 8 rental property inspections; 14 property transfer inspections; 54 permits issued; 143 permit related inspections and 11 property maintenance related inspections.

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

Mr. Wilwert presented the Bills List dated 12:15 PM 09/30/16 with a grand total of \$80,753.03. Ms. Sawicki

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made the motion and Ms. Leslie the second to approve the list for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Mr. Catania

Mr. Catania recommended that the Street Light Procurement Project matters be held off until Workshop.

He reported that the HVAC cooler water line leak has been repaired at the Municipal Center.

Shoppes at Brookhaven has asked for Escrow Release #8— Phase 1-2	\$1,135,829.25
Phase 3-6	\$ 205,775.59
Ballfield	\$ 53,327.16

Ms. Sawicki made the motion and Mrs. Fooks the second to authorize Escrow Release #8. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Catania said that Catania Engineering continues to make periodic site inspections at the Shoppes at Brookhaven.

Mr. Catania opened the Rock Salt Quotes at the September 12 Council Meeting. The quotes have been tabulated and it is his recommendation that the low quote of \$63.19/Ton from Cargill and the second lowest quote from Eastern Salt Company of \$66.20 as second supplier. Ms. Sawicki so moved and Mrs. Fooks made the second. Motion carried unanimously.

Bids for the 4800 block of Shepherd Street Drainage Improvements were opened at the September 12 Council Meeting. The bids were tabulated and it is Catania Engineering's recommendation that the bid be awarded to the lowest bidder—Premier Concrete, Inc. at their bid of \$105,000.00. Ms. Sawicki so moved and Ms. Leslie made the second. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Bids for the Trimble Boulevard Drainage Improvements were opened at the September 12 Council Meeting. The bids were tabulated by Catania Engineering and it is their recommendation that Contract B with Alternate be awarded To Ridley Excavating at their base bid price of \$37,630.00 and Alternate of \$18,500.00. Ms. Sawicki made the motion and Mrs. Fooks the second to accept Catania Engineering's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Catania said there will be a bid opening on October 24 at Workshop for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Contract. He discussed this at Workshop on September 26.

The paving project at the Borough's Maintenance Facilities on Bridgewater Road is complete. The work was done by A. F. Damon and Company.

Ms. Sawicki made the motion and Mr. Donaway the second to authorize Catania Engineering to go out for rebids on the Police Station flooring. Motion carried unanimously.

It was necessary to repair the street lateral at 296 Coebourn Boulevard. This was an emergency situation and the work has already been done. Mr. Donaway made the motion and Mr. LaPera the second to ratify the expense for this work. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

INSPECTORS' REPORTS

ZONING – Mr. Hampton was absent.

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HEALTH- Mrs. Warfield had no report.

FIRE MARSHAL – Mr. Leslie

Mr. Leslie said at 1:22 AM on Wednesday, September 7 Brookhaven Volunteer Fire Company was dispatched to 4933 Greenwood Street for a working house fire. The owner of the house said he was awakened by a man in an orange shirt banging on the side door. When he answered the door the man told him to get out of the house your front porch is on fire. The resident went upstairs, woke up his wife and their two grandchildren and got out safely. Brookhaven Police Officers Sean Laird and Ben Kyler were also on the scene. Officer Kyler knocked on the adjoining home and told the people to get out of the house because their neighbor's porch was on fire. It was later determined that the man in the orange shirt was Paul Paci from DiMaio Drive who does not want any recognition for his heroic life-saving act. Mr. Paci noticed the fire from his kitchen window. Mr. Wilwert said he would go with Mr. Leslie to try to convince Mr. Paci to be recognized by Council. The people are still not back in their house. The American Red Cross is helping both families.

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND ELECTRICAL – Mr. J. Grant said Mr. Wilwert reported for him and the Building Inspector.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None

Ms. Leslie made the motion and Mrs. Fooks the second to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen McKinley
Borough Secretary