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BROOKHAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015
7:00 PM

Council President, Sue Truesdale, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. She led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Following that Mayor Hess read the names of the Borough residents who passed away during the month of January—Dr. Jerome Garfinkle, Elizabeth Mulcahy, Mary Skulski, Richard Laskoski, Frederick Kristman, Jane Siefert (John Wilwert’s Aunt), William Miller, John Warfield (Cathy Warfield’s Father-in-Law) Armand Bruno and Anthony Morelli. In their memory a moment of silence was observed.

Presentations From Council

Million Word Reader Presentations – Mayor Hess, Mrs. Truesdale and Mr. Kuminka

Mayor Hess, Mrs. Truesdale and Mr. Kuminka presented the following children with a certificate recognizing them for achieving 1,000,000 words in the Reading Counts Program at Coebourn Elementary School:

Calle Popowicz, Julia Le, Tyler Troutman, Julia DiNicola, Isabelle Petka and Matilyn Stone.

These children are in the Third, Fourth or Fifth Grade.

Mr. Kuminka gave the School Board Report at this time. He said Coebourn Elementary staff, students and parents have successfully transitioned to the new Coebourn Elementary School. Positive feedback from the staff, students and community was well received with regards to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House. The students are enjoying the spacious classrooms and have quickly returned to Coebourn’s high level of academic expectations. In the area of safety, there was a Lock Down and walk through with the staff and an evacuation drill. Under points of pride, including the 6 children named above for achieving 1,000,000 words in the Reading Counts Program, Coebourn recently received excellent news regarding their PBIS and Character Education Program. Coebourn works hard to incorporate the values of Respect, Responsibility and Ready to Learn during the school day. The Character Education Partnership Program will be recommending Coebourn Elementary School to be a school of character within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. A representative will be making a site visit on January 30, 2015 to observe all of the great things happening at the school. The organization will also push Coebourn’s application to the national level. They expect to hear more about this in the spring. Coebourn’s PTL, which was led by Mrs. Troutman, organized a service learning opportunity for the Coebourn students. Coebourn PTL had over 100 children participate and they collected over 430 cards for our military, children who are ill and the elderly. It was wonderful to see the variety of creativity and interpretation from various students. Coebourn PTL is also working on collecting Students’ Random Acts of Kindness which will be on display at the school. Mr. Kuminka said that the contents of a recently opened time capsule will be put on display at the Municipal Center. He and Mr. Coleman are working on that project.

Swearing In – Mayor Hess

Mayor Hess administered the Oath of Office to Fire Police Officers Schlott and Oswiany. Mr. DeHaven was unable to be present and will be sworn it at a later date. Mr. Schlott thanked Mr. Donaway and the Holiday Parade Committee for their generous \$100 donation that was presented during the awards ceremony last month.

Public Discussion

Bill Eppright, 201 Cambridge Road said there is a “long standing pothole near his home on Cambridge Road” that needs to be repaired permanently. The patches do not hold. There’s another one coming up near the existing one too. He would like a permanent solution to these potholes. Mr. Wilwert said that the Maintenance Crew

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could come to cut it out and permanently fix it. Mr. Eppright also brought Council's attention to a noise situation that occurs once or twice an hour from 6:00 AM to 11:30 PM. He said it sounds like a snow plow or front end loader in the parking lot, possibly at Wawa. He asked that Wawa be contacted to deep the noise down. Mr. Maddren said he would bring this to Wawa management's attention.

Matt Stone from 4823 Greenwood Street thanked the fire company and other emergency services for taking care of the fire on Greenwood Street. He said it gives him comfort that he lives here and to know fire services, other emergency services and our police officers are so good.

Fire Chief's Report – Chief Montella

For the month of January, Chief Montella reported the following statistics:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Month</u>		
Fire Incidents	3		
Non-Fire Incidents	10		
Mutual Aid	19		
Drills	4		
Total	36		
<u>Losses</u>			
Structure	\$30,000		
Contents	\$25,000		
Vehicles	\$ 0		
Loss Total	\$80,000		
<u>Injury Report</u>			
Firefighter Injury	2		
Firefighter Death	0		
Civilian Injury or Death	0		
<u>Manpower</u>	<u>Calls</u>	<u>Avg. Persons</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Fire	36	17	445
Training	4	30	240

Chief Montella said there was a fire in a two-story studio apartment on top of a two-story garage on Greenwood Street. There was a report that a person was trapped. Because of an aggressive attack, the property was saved but the family's pet perished. He also said there was a building fire in the wall of a condominium at Hilltop. It was caused by a surge protector. Brookhaven Fire Company also responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents with injuries, a gas leak at the Chester Junction Pumping Station of Texas Eastern/Spectra Energy on Williamson Avenue assisted Aston Township on two building fires, assisted Middletown Township on a building fire, assisted Chester Township on a building fire.

Chief Montella said their Fund Drive has been mailed to all homes in Brookhaven. Please support the Fire Company's Fund Drive.

He continued his report by saying the Pennsylvania Fire Commissioner, Ed Mann, has been replaced by Tim Solabay. Commissioner Mann served through the terms of office of 4 governors—Ridge, Schweiker, Rendell and Corbett.

Chief Montella congratulated Chief McGoldrick for being elected Sergeant At Arms for the Delaware County Police Chiefs' Association. Also congratulated Borough resident Dave Montella who is also the Chief of Police

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in Upper Providence. Chief Dave Montella is now the President of the Delaware County Police Chiefs' Association.

Police Chief's Report – Chief McGoldrick

Chief McGoldrick began his report by saying at the January 5, 2015 Council Meeting, he thanked several residents and Council Members Truesdale, Leslie, Fooks and Wilwert, for displaying “Blue” lights in front of their homes in support of Law Enforcement. Councilman Camma informed all of Law Enforcement Appreciation Day which was on January 9th. Mr. Seth, Commander of the Albert Merlino Memorial American Legion Post #94 told Chief McGoldrick and so did Councilwoman Leslie that they would work with Post #94 in an effort to get a donation from them for “Blue Light” bulbs. As a result, Post #94 did make a generous donation toward the bulbs. In the meantime, other Brookhaven residents bought blue bulbs and started displaying them. All of a sudden there was a shortage of blue light bulbs throughout the area. Ms. Leslie contacted Dale Kerns of Re-Volt Electric who along with Post #94 donated “Blue Lights” The availability of these bulbs was put on Facebook by Ms. Leslie to make the residents aware that the Borough had them. These bulbs are given out during normal business hours at the Police Department and Municipal Center Office. Call first to make sure there are some left. Among other forms of Law Enforcement Appreciation that happened are: Gary Thompson and the Maintenance Crew put blue ribbons on all of the Borough trucks. Borough Office staff –Dawn Jones, Delilah McDade and Mary McKinley--wore blue clothes on January 9. Mary McKinley baked a sheet of brownies, Councilwoman Leslie sent over a tray of hot soft pretzels, our Health Department and Health Secretary, Helen Elmer, sent a Thank You Letter to the Police Department, Jim Carlisle from A and B Driving School sent over two dozen donuts and a “Box-o-Joe”, Discover Chiropractic sent a tray of pretzels, The Christian Academy sent two trays of cookies and an amazing number of residents posted their thanks on Face Book. Chief joked that they now need Jenny Craig or Weight Watchers to call and make them an offer. He also spoke about the owners of Stingers in the Providence Shopping Center held a Law Enforcement appreciation Night on January 22 and offered all police a two hour open bar and buffet. The owner of Stingers is a friend of Mayor Hess.

On January 28 there were cars broken into. The break ins were mainly in Upland and Parkside but there were two here. On the evening of January 28, Officers Barth and Subers caught three juveniles from Upland. While on patrol in the 200 block of Patton Avenue, Officers Barth and Subers noticed some car dome lights on. Upon investigation, Officer Barth saw a pocketbook and went to the owner. Chief McGoldrick reminded everyone to keep their vehicles locked, valuables out of sight and call 9.1.1. if you notice suspicious activity or individuals.

Regarding the stolen wheelchair case, little Nicholas Lovecchio who lives in the 3400 Block of Commerce Avenue had his special wheelchair stolen on January 19 from in front of his home. Chief McGoldrick assisted Officer Barth the next day and they had this case solved in two and one-half hours. Mrs. Fooks asked if the person who stole the wheelchair is a registered scrapper. Chief McGoldrick said he lives in the Borough but isn't a registered scrapper. He thanked the residents who through social media showed their support and generosity by raising over \$5,000 in less than 48 hours. Even strangers from other communities donated money to replace the wheelchair too. Stephanie Pretelt and her husband, from Mt. Royal, New Jersey immediately offered their \$5,000 brand new wheelchair which was never used because sadly their 14 month old son AJ never got to use the chair. He passed away the day before he was to be released from the hospital. Chief McGoldrick also received a phone call from Ridley Township Lt. Scott Willobe who was ready to write a check to purchase a new wheelchair. His only request was that the defendant be brought to his police department to be processed. Darby's Police Chief Smythe on behalf of Pat Burns, the Manager of Springfield Country club, wanted to send a check to replace the wheelchair. Chief Smythe also had the same request and processing as did Chief Willobe. Councilman Camma has been in touch with the Philadelphia Phillies Organization and the Phillies plan to offer the Lovecchio family a “Night Out” at a future baseball game.

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Solicitor's Report – Mr. Maddren

Mr. Maddren said that on February 9, there is another County Court hearing on 3607 Victor Avenue.

133 Charles Avenue had a hearing scheduled for Thursday, February 5; however, this property was sold at the Price Upset sale. Mr. Maddren is working with Judge Durham on this.

Mr. Maddren said that the proposed Group Home Ordinance is ready for advertisement. Mr. Linowski made the motion and Mrs. Fooks the second to authorize Mr. Maddren to properly advertise this for adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Approval

Ms. Leslie made the motion and Mr. Wilwert the second to approve the Minutes from the December 14, 2014 Workshop. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilwert made the motion and Mrs. Fooks the second to approve the Minutes from the December 14, 2014 Special Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilwert made the motion and Mr. Linowski the second to approve the Minutes from the January 5, 2015 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Hess

Mayor Hess said he had nothing new to report.

Mayor Hess read a Resolution of Brookhaven Borough Council honoring Sebastian Graham for winning the Delaware County Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health, Division of Drug and Alcohol's Poster Contest for their 2015 Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Awareness Calendar. Sebastian Graham is a 2nd Grade Student at Coebourn Elementary School. His winning poster was drawn by him when he was in 1st Grade. He was not present this evening. This Resolution will be presented to him at a future Council Meeting. Mr. Linowski made the motion and Messrs. Camma and Wilwert made the second. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Liaison to Zoning Hearing Board, Chair Finance and Insurance Committee, Chair Long Range Development Committee, Member Civil Service Commission, Chair Condo Association Committee, Member Historical Committee and Member Vacancy Review Committee – Mr. Linowski

Mr. Linowski made the motion and Mr. Wilwert the second to approve the Bill List dated 02/02/15 6:26 PM Which has a total of \$27,934.98. Mr. Linowski said that the \$550.00 payment to Aston Glass will not be released until such time as Aston Glass comes back to finish the jagged cut out section on the office window. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Zoning Hearing Board will meet at 7:00 PM on February 10 to hear the Zoning Appeal of Mr. Gallo.

Mr. Linowski said that Mr. Coleman will be changing the display in the front hallway. He will be leaving the Coebourn family articles in the display case until after the 70th Anniversary Celebration in May. He will be putting on display the items from the time capsule found at the old Coebourn Elementary School.

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Mr. Linowski congratulated Chief McGoldrick and Police Chief Montella on their appointments at the Delaware County Chiefs of Police Association.

Council Reports

Business and Revitalization Coordinator, Chair Ordinance Committee, Member Condo Association, School Board Liaison, Chair Technology Committee, Member Personnel Committee, Member Finance Committee and Chair and Council Liaison to Grant Committee – Mrs. Fooks

Mrs. Fooks said the Ordinance Committee will meet on February 18 at 6:00 PM to discuss the proposed ordinance which will mandate the inspection and licensure of food establishments, setting forth fees for such licensure, setting forth the standards for such licensure and repealing all ordinance and/or resolutions inconsistent herewith to the extent of such inconsistencies. The Committee is working with Mrs. Warfield as well as Mr. Maddren on this proposed ordinance.

The dates for all Borough 2015 Meetings will be put on the web-site. The dates are also on the 2015 Calendar that was mailed to each home and business in the Borough.

Mrs. Fooks said she is working with the owner of Phatso's Bakery in Chester to locate the bakery in Brookhaven. The proposed location is the old vacant Wawa building next to Rita's Water Ice.

Chair Arbor/Shade Tree Committee, Liaison to Health Inspectors and Health Officer, Member of Grant Committee, Liaison to Planning Commission and Member Long Range Development Committee – Ms. Sawicki

Ms. Sawicki announced that our Planning Commission will meet on February 17 at 7:30 to discuss Retail Sites' Final Sub-Division/Land Development Plans.

The 70th Anniversary Committee will meet on Monday, February 9 here in the Council Room. Volunteers are welcome. The 70th Anniversary Committee sent a mailing to all businesses asking for their financial support of this event.

Work on the Butterfly Garden will begin in April.

Chair Historical Society, Liaison to Holiday Parade Committee, Traffic Calming/Speed Humps Assignor, Chair Comprehensive Plans, Chair Inspectors and Fire Marshal– Mr. Camma

Mr. Camma thanked Mr. Schlott for mentioning the Holiday Parade. The Committee works very hard all year long. The Holiday Parade Committee's next fund-raiser will be a Youth Dance on April 17. He thanked Town Watch Members who always help out with these dances.

He continued his report by saying when he worked with the Philadelphia Police Department they had a Junior Police Program. He would like to do something similar to that here in Brookhaven to honor children for being good citizens.

Chair Emergency Management Administration, Chair Recycling/Trash Committee, Chair Fire Committee, Chair Police Committee and Member Personnel Committee – Ms. Leslie

Ms. Leslie thanked Re-Volt Electric and The American Legion Memorial Post 94 for donating the cases of

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Blue lights to our residents in support of our Police Department. Please feel free to pick one up at the Borough Municipal Center Office or the Police Station. She said she just ordered 2 more cases that will be available in a few days.

The next meeting of the American Legion Post 94 will be on February 12 at 7:00 PM. Their Post's home base is the Brookhaven Municipal Center. All veterans are welcome to attend.

Ms. Leslie thanked Police Officers Subers and Barth for catching the criminals that recently have been breaking into cars in Brookhaven. She also thanked Chief McGoldrick and Officer Barth for tracking down the man who stole the motorized wheelchair from the handicapped child in the Borough. She said she knows it was too late for them to get the wheelchair back because it had already been scrapped. Through the generosity of many, including the family from New Jersey who donated their deceased child's wheelchair, our little resident has the wheelchair he needs.

She continued her report thanking everyone who attended the Delaware County Police Chiefs' Banquet where they honored and made one of our own residents the President of the Delco Police Chiefs Association--Police Chief Dave Montella from Upper Providence Police Department. She also congratulated Chief McGoldrick on his appointment as Sergeant at Arms.

Ms. Leslie announced the following dates for electronics drop-offs in the Borough Municipal Center Parking Lot:

March 7, from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

June 6 from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

September 5 from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.

Computers, monitors and things with a cord can be dropped off.

A Shred Event will be held separate from the Electronics date. A date for the spring event has yet to be set.

Ms. Leslie said the Fire Committee interviewed the candidates for the properly advertised position of Public Fire Safety Official.

Mrs. Fooks made the motion and Mr. Linowski the second to hire Rob Montella as a full-time Public Fire Safety Official at an annual salary of \$45,000 effective today, February 2, 2015. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Linowski made the motion and Mr. Wilwert the second to hire Joe Bynum as a full-time Public Fire Safety Official at an hourly rate of \$18.75 effective today, February 2, 2015. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Leslie made the motion and Mrs. Fooks the second to nominate Mr. Linowski as Council President. Motion carried by a 4-3 Roll Call Vote of Council as follows: Mrs. Fooks – Yes; Ms. Leslie – Yes; Mr. Linowski – Yes; Mr. Camma – Yes; Ms. Sawicki – No; Mr. Wilwert – No; Mrs. Truesdale – No. Prior to placing his vote, Mr. Wilwert said he did not see the necessity in removing Mrs. Truesdale because she did nothing to warrant the action. He said he could see if a Council President did something wrong, but that is not the case.

Mr. Linowski expressed gratitude to those who voted for him. Mrs. Truesdale handed the gavel over to him.

Mr. Wilwert said his vote had nothing against Mr. Linowski; rather, his vote was based on anyone sitting in that seat.

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Chair Public Works Department, Co-Chair Inspectors and Fire Marshal, Member Fire Committee, Deputy Emergency Management, Chair Building/Rental Committee, Member Grant Committee and Member Police Committee – Mr. Wilwert

Mr. Wilwert reported that our Public Works Department collected and chipped Christmas Trees, had one sewer call that they could not clear—the homeowner needed a plumber, salted and plowed three minor snow events, filled potholes and installed a bench at the Borough Municipal Center to try to prevent people from walking off the end of the walking and falling off the curb. He said that potholes can be reported via the Borough Office or pothole@brookhavenboro.com.

He congratulated Chief McGoldrick and Chief Dave Montella on their recent elections at the Delaware County Chiefs of Police Association.

The following updates were made to the Municipal Center infrastructure:

New LED lights were installed around the perimeter of the gym and around the side of the Municipal Center facing the parking lot. Electrical Inspector, Jon Grant, said that the current load on the generator is low because of the installation of the LED lights. Since that is the case, he said we will be able to add more devices/rooms to be serviced by the generator.

The water pump in the attic needed replacement. Mr. Swayngim had available a replacement motor salvaged three years ago. This resulted in a savings to the Borough of \$750.

Mr. Wilwert made the motion and Mr. Linowski the second to extend Eastern Generator’s Contract with the Borough for two years at a cost of \$1,227. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by Town Watch will be rescheduled. Mrs. Fooks asked who makes the gravy. Mr. Wilwert said Joe Kurman.

Engineer’s Report – Mr. Catania

Mr. Catania recommended a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-02—the Borough’s application for County Aid in the amount of \$8,910. Ms. Sawicki so moved and Mr. Wilwert made the second. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

At 4918 Jackson drive, Gary Thompson and his crew will cut up the fallen tree from Borough property on to the 4918 property and they will push it back onto Borough property.

There is an icing problem at the intersection of Coebourn Boulevard at Shepherd Street. It is recommended that the storm sewer be extended.

The PaDOT Green Light Go Round 2 deadline is February 27. The new round expands eligible projects. This is a matching grant. Eligible projects can be controller upgrades, detection upgrades and modernization upgrades.

Other items on Mr. Catania’s written report to Council include: Catania Engineering is reviewing the revised Plan at the proposed development at the Chester Water Authority property; at Coebourn School they have performed periodic inspections and the Temporary certificate of Occupancy has been extended; Borough Hall Audio System Replacement – Comstar Technologies has given COSTARS pricing \$17,736.21 for the Council

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Room and \$2,932.65 for the Gym; For the Borough Hall CCTV Security System the Comstar Technologies COSTARS price is \$8,288.

Mr. Camma asked Mr. Catania for an update on What-A-Crock. Mr. Catania said that the owner filed an application to include a deli. The plans were reviewed and the owner is revising his plans.

Inspectors' Reports

Board of Health – Mrs. Warfield

Mrs. Warfield said that the hearing regarding the Simon Carmen property at 115 East Brookhaven Road has been postponed.

At the Simon Carmen Shopping Center on Edgmont Avenue, the ceilings have collapsed and mold on the walls could be seen through the windows. Mr. Maddren said maybe the police can help getting into the center. He will research it.

In the last month, we have received \$870. This was for back trash or sewer fees on two properties.

Fire Marshal – Mr. C. Leslie said he would give his report at the next Workshop.

Code Enforcement and Electrical Inspector – Mr. J. Grant

Mr. Grant said that Mr. Carmen wants us to take back the citation we issued because he is in the process of selling; however, Mr. Carmen didn't have any concrete information go give Mr. Grant.

Mr. Grant said he is negotiating with PECO Energy for getting lights at Garzia Park.

Liaison to Recreation Committee, Chair Personnel Committee, Member Finance Committee, Member Fire Committee and Member Police Committee – Mrs. Truesdale

Mrs. Truesdale made the motion and Mr. Camma the second to waive the permit fee for the Girl Scout Cookie Sales at various locations in the Borough. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Leslie made the motion and Mr. Wilwert the second to waive the permit for our American Legion Post #94's Poppies Campaign May 15, 16 and 17 at Pathmark. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilwert made the motion and Mr. Camma the second to authorize the expenditure of \$400 for the Recreation Committee to sponsor a Teener and Major Division Baseball Team. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Truesdale congratulated Mr. Linowski on his appointment as Council President and wished him the best.

There was no more business to come before Council so Mr. Wilwert made the motion and Ms. Leslie the second to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen McKinley, Borough Secretary