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BROOKHAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015

At 7:00 PM, Council President Linowski called the meeting to order. He welcomed all present and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

The record shows the meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Brookhaven Municipal Center. The following people were seated at the Council Table: Mr. Camma, Ms. Sawicki, Mr. Wilwert, Secretary McKinley, President Linowski, Solicitor Maddren, Ms. Leslie, Mayor Hess, Mrs. Truesdale and Engineer Catania. Mrs. Fooks was absent because of her employment.

Presentation to Council – Dr. Kwon – Brookhaven Veterinary Hospital spoke to Council about the wild/feral cat population and the need to harmlessly trap them, have them spayed or neutered, give them a rabies shot and return them to the area from which they came. Cats are territorial. He said he has done this for several of his clients. He spoke about funding available and the Chester County SPCA's program to trap, spay or neuter, administer a rabies shot and put a tiny notch in the cat's ear to signify that the cat has been taken care of reproduction-wise. Chester County SPCA calls these cats "Community Cats". He spoke about the Delaware County SPCA not taking in cats for the past several years. Mr. Maddren said the Delaware County SPCA goes to the Chester County SPCA and gets cute kittens so they can put them up for adoption. The funding is from a Pet Smart "\$305K" grant that will be spread out over several states and counties, including Chester and Delaware for a period of approximately 2 ½ years. Chester County SPCA is going to hire one person for this program and they are looking for volunteers. There are harmless traps that can be borrowed. Dr. Kwon spoke about the pros and cons of trapping cats and delivering them to be taken care of. He does not advise transporting them in cars because in their excitement and wildness they "pee in your car and once that happens you can't get rid of the smell". He recommends transport in pick up type trucks but that can only be done if it's not raining or snowing. He asked if Brookhaven Borough would become actively involved in the program and gave two options. Mr. Linowski thanked Dr. Kwon for his presentation and asked Mrs. McKinley to contact Al Strickler to set up a meeting between Dr. Kwon, Mr. Strickler, himself and any other councilperson interested.

Public Discussion

George Scarino, 4112 North Gray Street was welcomed back by Council and told he's always welcome. He said that last month he asked if there was any plan for continuing the storm sewer project near his home. Does Mr. Catania have an answer tonight or anyone from Council? Mr. Linowski asked Mr. Catania to speak on the matter. Mr. Catania said that we are still working on it. We came up with a secondary design. We actually got some information on the storm sewer system from The Christian Academy. Hopefully by the next Council Meeting we'll be able to give Mr. Scarino the information he is looking for.

John Coleman, 714 Adams Drive said he was curious to know if there was any new movement from Phatso's Bakery possibly going into the old Wawa store and the Mickey Vernon meeting. Mr. Maddren said Phatso's is having a problem getting people together. They tried to get Wawa and the phone number they have for them is bad.

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Maddren

There will be a Public Hearing at 7:00 PM on April 6 to receive input on the Proposed Group Home Ordinance. This has been properly advertised.

Ready for the next Council Meeting will be an amendment to the Code that will enable the Public Fire Safety Officials to write tickets.

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Mayor's Report – Mayor Hess

Mayor Hess said that from time to time he is asked to officiate at weddings. He said he never asks for a fee but suggests a donation to the Fire Company, Police Vest Fund or the Butterfly Garden. He asked Fire Chief Montella to step forward. He presented him with a check for \$150 from the bride and groom for whom he officiated a couple of weeks ago.

Mayor Hess said he would like to meet with the Police Committee. One of the things he would like to discuss is cameras as part of their uniform. Ms. Leslie said she will set something up as soon as possible.

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 said a current Bill List for Payment will be prepared for the April 6 Council Meeting. He will be asking for a motion to approve it.

He said the Zoning Hearing Board did not meet on April 10 nor will they be meeting on the 25th of April—the new date for Zoning Hearings. Zoning will now meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM. It doesn't look like there will be anything on their agenda for April.

He brought attention to the fact that he, Ms. Sawicki and Mrs. McKinley were wearing 70th Anniversary Sweatshirts. He asked everyone to support the Committee by purchasing what they have for sale. Mr. Wilwert said he has already purchased a hat. Does that count? Mr. Linowski said yes. The more funds the Committee raises the less the Borough will have to contribute.

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 was absent and will give her report on April 6.

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

The Planning Commission did meet on March 17 to discuss Retail Sites' Final Sub-Division/Land Development plans.

Ms. Sawicki read the schedule of events for the 70th Anniversary of the Borough. She encouraged everyone to pick up a copy of the schedule in the back of the Council Room It's easy to find because it is printed on green paper. The closest event to today will be on Saturday, April 4, the actual anniversary of the Borough, there will be a Prayer Service at 9:00 AM. Light refreshments will be served in the Community Room after the service.

The Butterfly Garden will be weeded and/planted on April 19 or 26. Mrs. McKinley has written to the County asking to have some Community Service Workers help with this project. Mrs. Truesdale said she will talk to the gentleman in charge of the workers about it and get back to Ms. Sawicki with the date. We have to have enough work to keep the workers busy for the whole day.

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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 announced that the Holiday Parade Committee will be having a Youth Dance this weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Donaway will be out of town and have asked for chaperones to volunteer for this dance. Their next dance is April 17. Mr. Camma said that the Holiday Parade Committee can use as much volunteer help as they can get. It takes a lot of people to plan and put this parade on every year.

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

Among other Recreation Committee sponsored events, Mrs. Truesdale mentioned that the 5,000+ plastic Easter Eggs will be stuffed with candy tomorrow night at 6:00 PM. The stuffing will take place in the gym. Our firefighters said they will be there to help. Photos with the Easter Bunny will be on April 5 from Noon until 1:00. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place at 1:00 PM sharp. It usually lasts less than 5 minutes so please be on time.

Psychic Day is on Saturday, April 11 from Noon until 5:00 PM.

There is a Spring Designer Bag BINGO on the horizon—date has yet to be determined. Get your tickets early—they sell out fast.

On July 24 the Theatre in the Park returns. We don't know what the play will be yet.

Mrs. Truesdale made the motion and Ms. Leslie the second to retain the services of Luongo Towing as the Borough's towing service. Mrs. McKinley asked when this will be effective. Mrs. Truesdale said immediately. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Mayor Hess will notify the Police Chief and our Police Officers about this change.

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

Ms. Leslie reported that the Electronic Recycling Collection on March 7 was very successful. 3.96 tons of material was recycled.

Ms. Leslie thanked Yeadon Fire Company for bringing their new truck here for the Fire Committee and others to see. Their truck is similar to what we are purchasing but ours is "bigger and better" than theirs. Ms. Leslie and others will tour the KME Plant where our truck will be built.

Ms. Leslie thanked John Elmore who did the two sessions of training to get Borough employees who chose to become recertified in CPR, AED and choking recertified. He did a wonderful job with both groups.

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 said he will give his report at the Council Meeting on April 6.

Engineer's Report – Mr. Catania

Mr. Catania began his report by saying at the April 6 Council Meeting bids will be opened for the 2015

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Road Resurfacing Program.

He reported there was another issue at the Wastewater Treatment Plant—the mixer is broken and it needs to be fixed.

Mr. Catania spoke about the DCNR Grant for which the Borough may want to apply. We must figure out for what we want to apply and there is a resolution necessary to be included with the application. Mr. Catania spoke about the cameras grant for which we were turned down last year. He was advised by DCNR that it would be best to handle one park at a time and include the camera equipment as part of that particular grant application. Mrs. McKinley asked about wording for the Resolution. It was suggested that Eaton Park is the park that needs the cameras and other things the most but this will be discussed with Chief McGoldrick.

Inspectors' Reports

Board of Health – Mrs. Warfield reported that empty houses must be maintained either by the realtor or someone else. She is working on that to make sure they are being properly maintained.

She also said there are barrels of waste behind the Brookhaven Shopping Center as well as potholes galore.

Code Enforcement, Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical – Neither Mr. J. or R. Grant had a report.

Fire Marshal – Mr. Leslie

Mr. Leslie reported on the following items:

225 Upland Road—the Group Home on the property of Our Lady of Charity—the inspection has been done. There are issues with domestic water and the sprinkler supply. They run on the same line. Mr. Catania will handle this issue with Chester Water Authority. Jeff Gentile from Catania Engineering was on the site.

CRA-World Wide Engineers Consultants and IT Services is extracting ground water and soil samples from the Mobile Station and Coebourn School property. They will forward all of the results to Mr. Leslie and Mr. Catania's office via e-mail.

AccuMeasure/Crompco is a third party contractor working at Wawa checking their weights and measures to make sure a gallon of gas is a gallon of gas. It is—all is good.

McKean Painting is working at the former Blast for Maguire Products, the new company. The place looks good. The entire inside has been painted, walls have been taken down, the bathrooms have been gutted and the electrical fixtures have been removed. The new owner said that ADA compliant prints have been turned in to the Borough and Mr. Catania's office. Mr. Leslie has been in contact with Joseph Stong about the meter pit and sprinklers. Mr. Leslie is also exploring the possibility of a fire hydrant for water supply so there will be a fire department connection to hook up to. This could be done via a "jockey pump".

There is a gun dealer at 3303B Edgmont Avenue. It has been inspected again by Mr. Leslie as well as Messrs. Jon and Bob Grant. Messrs. Grant still have some issues. He said "somehow we always get in a predicament".

Mr. Leslie said the rear of Brookhaven Shopping Center is a mess. There is trash, drums of dirt, grease spilled

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all around the receptacles. 7-Seas has tanks piled up as well as sinks and vanities. The whole shopping center needs a good clean up. Mr. Linowski said cite all of them immediately and make them get the cleanup done.

There has been a lot of illegal dumping on Chester Creek Road. He asked that our police and residents be more vigilant noticing this dumping. If anyone sees anyone dumping anywhere in the Borough, try to get a license plate number and/or description of the vehicle and call 9.1.1.

Mr. Leslie asked Mr. Maddren for a progress report on a Propane Ordinance. Mr. Maddren said if we did an Ordinance it would be preempted by State Law. Ms. Sawicki asked if the Borough could ask State Representative Hackett to explore this for us. Mr. Leslie said it is important that first responders know where tanks are located. Someone said maybe the companies that refill the tanks can let us know where they are.

There was no other business to come before Council and Mr. Linowski adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen McKinley
Borough Secretary