

MINUTES
BROOKHAVEN BOROUGH WORKSHOP
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015
7:00 PM

At 7:02 PM, Council President Linowski called the Workshop Session of Brookhaven Borough Council to order. The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Brookhaven Municipal Center. He welcomed all present and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Mr. Linowski asked everyone to remember in their prayers “our brothers and sisters in blue in Baltimore”. Being the father of a police officer, it hits home. Also remember those affected by the earthquake in Nepal.

The record shows the following people seated at the Council Table: Mr. Camma, Ms. Sawicki, Mrs. Fooks, Secretary McKinley, Mr. Linowski, Solicitor Maddren and Engineer Catania.

Mr. Linowski announced that because there are three Council Members absent—Mrs. Truesdale is on vacation, Ms. Leslie is at the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Convention in Lancaster and Mr. Wilwert who has had a death in the family—there would be no motions made this evening. Mayor Hess was also absent due to his employment.

Public Discussion

George Scarino, 4112 North Gray Street asked for an update on the solution to the water problem at his home. Mr. Linowski asked Mr. Catania to explain the next step. Mr. Catania said that continuing the project correction would begin in Mr. Scarino’s back yard and continue to Melvin Drive. The cost of this project is a little under \$50,000. Mr. Linowski said that we will see when the project fits into the budget.

Solicitor’s Report – Mr. Maddren

Mr. Maddren said that at the request of Council, he has been in contact with Chester Water Authority’s solicitor concerning getting a price for any remaining ground in Brookhaven that Chester Water Authority would like to sell. Their solicitor is reaching out to the Chester Water Authority’s officials. Hopefully we’ll have an answer for the May 4 Council Meeting.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Hess was absent.

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 the Zoning Hearing Board did meet on April 22 and granted the variance requested at 309 Melvin Drive because of the homeowner’s handicap.

At the May 4 Council Meeting, Mr. Linowski will ask for a motion to advertise for volunteer help—our Zoning Hearing Board is in need of two alternates. Alternate Celentino resigned at the April 22 Meeting.

Council Reports

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 was absent.

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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

The Ordinance Committee met on Wednesday, April 15 to discuss the door to door sales permit application addition to include background checks. Everyone; thought it was a good idea; however, all indicated these checks should be made by the police department—maybe once a week and utilize the free criminal background apps available. That section would include seller’s personal address and date of birth since both are needed to perform the background check. A process would need to be in place first and then we need to make sure it will work efficiently and effectively before modifying any procedures.

Coebourn Elementary School’s Open House will be held on Monday, May 11 from 5:30-7:30 PM. All are invited.

The Auto Zone, located in the Brookhaven Shopping Center next to CVS, is now open for business.

If anyone knows of a business that is interested in opening in Brookhaven, please send Mrs. Fooks an email and include the contact person’s name and phone number. Novatec (a subsidiary of Macguire Products) will be looking for potential employees. If interested, please see her so she can get your contact information to pass along to them.

Mrs. Fooks asked Mr. Maddren for an update on the vacant old Wawa location. Mr. Maddren said Wawa is out of the lease at this point.

The Delaware County SPCA had another successful vaccination/chip clinic here in our gym last week. Thanks to all who participated. In case someone missed the clinic here, the SPCA offers other clinics in the area. Check their website for dates and times.

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

On April 19 volunteers and a team of Community Service Workers worked at the Butterfly Garden. They dug up plants and shrubs that were no longer healthy, weeded, planted azalea bushes, black-eyed Susans and Vinca plants. When they become available, yellow tea rose bushes and some other perennial plants will be planted. Ms. Sawicki thanked Mrs. McKinley for writing to the County to ask for the services of the Community Service Workers and for the thank you letter she sent when the job was done.

Our Planning Commission did meet on April 21 at 7:30 PM to discuss Lowes plans for the existing K-Mart in Plaza 352. Because of Election Day, the Planning Commission will postpone their May meeting until 7:30 PM on the 21st. Mrs. McKinley will advertise the date change. Lowes will come before them again on the 21st so our Planning Commission can make their final recommendation. Lowes will be coming to the Council Meeting on May 4 to make a presentation.

The 70th Anniversary Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 PM. In the back of the Council Room are signup sheets for the Sand Castle Contest and Cake Baking Contest. On May 31, there will be a “1945 USO Victory Dance in the gym from 3:00 to 7:30 PM.

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Ms. Sawicki announced that at the Council Meeting on May 4, all present and past Mayors and Council Members will be honored by the adoption of a Resolution. Immediately following the Council Meeting she will cut an anniversary cake in the Community Room. The cake and coffee will be served.

Mr. Linowski told all present not to forget that there are 70th Anniversary t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats and ornaments on sale at the Borough Office during normal business hours.

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 this Saturday, May 2, in Rose Tree Park there will be a Walk for the Wounded. With two sons in the military this is a cause close to his heart. This is a worthy cause to support. It benefits the soldiers.

Youth Dances at the Municipal Center sponsored by the Holiday Parade Committee are a means of raising money to help offset the cost of the parade. There are several scheduled. Volunteers for the Committee are always welcome. Mr. Camma thanked the volunteers from Town Watch for their assistance at these dances. He continued his report by saying it takes a lot of time and people to bring this annual event about. The Parade Committee meets at the Municipal Center on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM.

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

Chair Emergency Management Administration, Chair Recycling/Trash Committee, Chair Fire Committee, Chair Police Committee and Member Personnel Committee – Ms. Leslie is representing the Borough at the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Conference in Lancaster, PA.

Engineer's Report – Mr. Catania

Mr. Catania spoke about an equalization tank pump failure at our Wastewater Treatment Plant. This had to be corrected.

He also spoke about Phase 2 of the Melvin and North Gray Street storm drainage improvements which has an estimated cost of \$47,500 and the 4808-4824 Shepherd Street drainage—storm sewer extension project which has an estimated to cost \$51,500.

Our Borough Public Works Department employees repaired damaged brick work in a storm sewer inlet. The inlet is located in the area of 207 Aucott Road.

Inspectors' Reports

Fire Marshal – Mr. Leslie

Mr. Leslie said it has been a slow month but he did find a contractor stripping top at Brookhaven Green Estates on Edgmont Avenue. Their paperwork is not in order and he stopped them. Working with the Chester Water Authority, he recommended that 5 fire hydrants be installed throughout this proposed development.

He informed all present that there is no open burning in the Borough.

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Mr. Leslie said he has heard that there are 3 people interested in buying the old Wawa building.

At the Retail Sites proposed shopping center across the street there will be 6 fire hydrants installed. This was the number of hydrants Mr. Leslie recommended. He also suggested the locations where the hydrants should be placed. The developer will be paying for the installation of them and will be paying the monthly hydrant fee to Chester Water Authority.

While passing Domino's Pizza in the Maple Plaza Shopping at 4:00 AM, Mr. Leslie noticed work being done in the store. There were no permits issued for this work and he stopped the job. He urged anyone who sees work being done during the night or on weekends to report it to make sure the proper permits for that work have been issued. This can be done via 9.1.1.

Code Enforcement, Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical – Messrs. J. and R. Grant had nothing to report.

Board of Health – Mrs. Warfield and/or Mr. R. Grant

Mrs. Warfield said that Mrs. Elmer emptied the container into which used eyeglasses are donated. She took the glasses to the Lions Club.

She asked about the 50 barrels of dirt behind the Brookhaven Shopping Center. Mr. Leslie said the soil in them is being tested. There is no hazard by storing them there.

Bob Grant has finished inspections at all of the food establishments in the Borough.

Mrs. Warfield said she has begun to get calls about grass and swimming pools. Do not empty your swimming pool into the street—it must be free of chemicals and go across your own property. There are DEP rules governing this.

She continued her report saying that the new 2013 Food Code must be adopted into our ordinances. Mr. Maddren said he and the Ordinance Committee are working on that.

There was no more business to come before Council and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen McKinley
Borough Secretary