

MINUTES  
BROOKHAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2015  
7:00 PM

Immediately following the Special Meeting of Council, Council President Linowski called the Workshop Session of Council to order.

The record shows the following people seated at the Council Table: Mr. Camma, Ms. Sawicki, Mrs. Fooks, Mr. Wilwert, Mr. Linowski, Ms. Leslie, Mayor Hess, Solicitor Maddren, Engineer Catania and Secretary McKinley. Mrs. Truesdale was absent.

Presentation to Council -Sterling Socoerby/The Flying Deutchman

Mr. Socoerby said it was recommended by Mrs. Warfield that he address Council about his food truck. He would like to bring it to Brookhaven and set up shop. He serves German food from his restaurant on wheels. Mayor Hess asked him where he would park his truck. He said at the Rebel Indian Tobacco Shop at the corner of East Brookhaven Road and Edgmont Avenue. Mr. Maddren asked what Council had done in the past with this type of business. Mr. Socoerby said he needs to firm up his plans with Rebel Indian. Mr. Maddren and Mayor Hess said there could be parking problems at that location. We will take a look at everything and try to have an answer for Mr. Socoerby at the first meeting in January. The fee schedule for sidewalk sales was also discussed as was the ice cream truck that traveled through the Borough this summer. After the investigation, Mrs. McKinley and/or Mrs. Warfield were asked by Council to get back to Mr. Socoerby. Fire Marshal Leslie expressed concern about propane tanks on food trucks. Chicago is putting pressure on the law makers to revise their food truck propane tank rules. This is being done because of the horrible explosion on a food truck there. He said all of our inspectors must go through the food related trucks, especially those with propane tanks.

Public Discussion – None

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Maddren

Mr. Maddren had nothing else on which to report. The Skulski Subdivision was handled earlier tonight.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Hess

Mayor Hess wished Mr. Camma well. Mr. Camma's term on Council will soon expire. Mr. Camma said he has enjoyed his time on Council.

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

All of Mr. Linowski's matters were handled at the Special Meeting earlier this evening.

Council Reports

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

Holiday Parade trophies will be given out at the Council Meeting on January 5, 2016.

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

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 said he's been in touch with Higgins Electric who have the maintenance contract on our street and traffic lights. He spoke to them about the light poles that remain on the baseball field on the Chester Water Authority's property. They have agreed to move them to a new location. That location has not been determined.

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

Wawa will be closing for 30 days in January or July. Mr. Linowski said the manager told him it will not be in January. They will be renovating the store.

Mrs. Fooks wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. She said be safe on the roads, especially on New Year's Eve.

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 wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. She said she'd see everyone at the Reorganization Meeting of Council on January 4, 2016.

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

Ms. Leslie announced that Mrs. McKinley has mailed out letters and the DEP Recycling Reporting Forms to all Borough businesses, churches, schools, Condo Associations, Stone Hill Apartments, etc. The letters were mailed on December 9. This mailing is required by DEP and must be done before December 31 of each year.

Ms. Leslie thanked Mr. Camma and Mrs. Truesdale for their time on Council.

Engineer's Report – Mr. Catania

Mr. Catania spoke about Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's Regional Streetlight Procurement Program. The Kickoff Meeting was on October 1. This program would provide funds to replace current street light bulbs with LED bulbs. There was to be no upfront cost to the participating municipalities. Payback would be over 4-5 years; however, they have now "back peddled" on some matters. Mr. Catania recommends that the Borough should get the DVRPC's team to come out and evaluate our lights and then compare their figures with what we are paying now.

Inspectors' Reports

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Fire Marshal – Mr. Leslie

Mr. Leslie asked Mr. Maddren for an update on the possibility of raising the fine for fire lane parking violations. Mr. Maddren said he's not sure if it can be raised via resolution or ordinance. He will research that.

Mr. Leslie wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Board of Health – Mrs. Warfield

Mrs. Warfield had nothing new to report. She wished everyone Happy Holidays too.

No other inspectors had reports.

Mr. Linowski thanked the public who come out to our meetings. He also thanked Council Members. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Mr. Camma made the motion and Mr. Wilwert the second to adjourn the Workshop. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen McKinley  
Borough Secretary