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APRIL 24, 2017
BROOKHAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP

At 7:00 PM, Council President, John J. Wilwert, called the regularly scheduled Workshop Session of Council to order. He welcomed all present and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

The record shows everyone on Council, Mayor Hess, Charles Catania, Jr., James Halligan (substituting for Michael Maddren, and Mrs. McKinley seated at the Council Table.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION - None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Halligan said Mr. Maddren had no report.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Hess said he had no report

COUNCIL REPORTS

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

Mr. LaPera said that approximately 100 children between the ages of months through 10 years participated in Photographs with the Easter Bunny prior to the Easter Egg Hunt on April 9.

Eaton Park construction is underway.

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

The Ordinance Committee did not meet in April but expect to meet at 6:30 PM on May 18.

Mrs. Fooks said she has distributed to Council a copy of the proposed amended Peddlers/Solicitation Ordinance which Mr. Maddren has advertised for adoption at Council's May 1, 2017 Meeting.

Mrs. Fooks continued her report by saying she, and Mayor Hess hosted a Business Association Meeting on April 20. The Association has a new Board of Directors.

Mrs. Fooks said that Ms. Sawicki and/or Mr. Donaway will discuss recent developments/meetings to figure out how to beautify the Edgmont Avenue business district, especially Brookhaven Shopping Center.

It appears the traffic signal at the intersection of Edgmont Avenue and Brookhaven Road is not working properly. Mr. Catania said the stop bars have been repainted. The Green Light Go Grant may be able to help solve this problem. Fire Chief Montella said there was a motorist who stopped up to the stop bar and two lights passed before it changed. It seems to go in intervals.

There is new graffiti at Garzia Park.

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 the Planning Commission did meet on March 21. They discussed 157 Virginia Avenue and Recommended approval pending recommendations/comments from Delaware County Planning.

On April 5, Karen Dauber was here at the Municipal Center to talk about planters. Ms. Sawicki, Mr. Donaway and Mr. Dukes will be reviewing information gathered. Messrs. Donaway and Ms. Sawicki did meet with Ben Nechemia, the nephew of the Brookhaven Shopping Center's owner. Mr. Nechemia is the Director of Property Management. At the meeting they counted the light fixtures there. There are 9. They agreed it would be best to have double-sided baskets. Ms. Sawicki will send Mr. Nechemia copies of whatever the committee gets. Mr. Nechemia will use his own vendors. The shopping center does have a budget and they are pretty much through their budget for this year. Most likely the beautification will take place in 2018. Ms. Sawicki said that Lowes has offered the Borough a 50% discount on whatever flowers, bushes, etc. we purchase for Borough use.

Ms. Sawicki also talked about the block of Edgmont Avenue between Edwards Drive and West Brookhaven Road. There seems to be some problems with handicapped accessibility because of a pole location. There is also a storm water drainage problem at the intersection of Edgmont Avenue and Trimble Boulevard on the Pep Boys corner.

Banners for along Edgmont Avenue were also discussed. If purchased they will be put up by Higgins Electric and would be up from June 4 until the beginning of November. Mrs. McKinley will contact Lane Signs from whom we have purchased banners in the past. Mayor Hess said he would like to see something other than American Flag type banners—something more seasonal.

CHAIR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION, CHAIR RECYCLING/TRASH COMMITTEE, CHAIR FIRE COMMITTEE AND CHAIR POLICE COMMITTEE – Ms. Leslie had no report.

CHAIR FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE, CHAIR LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT, MEMBER FIRE COMMITTEE, MEMBER CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND CHAIR CONDO ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE – Mr. Linowski will ask for approval of the bill list on May 1.

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 Mr. Swayngim needs more storage shed room behind the Municipal Center.

The Borough Public Works Employees are continuing to prepare Eaton Park for construction.

Gary Thompson is getting some prices to remove the trees that have fallen over the Chester Creek in the area of Bridgewater and Creek Roads. State Representative Leanne Krueger-Braneky may be able to help us get some funding for this project.

The Inspectors'/Council Workroom is a work in progress.

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Missing plans need to be scanned into the GEO System. If any inspectors have plans that have been taken out of the building they must be brought back in to be scanned.

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The Recreation Committee will be discussing the replacement of a piece of equipment in Garzia Park that has worn out. They will make their recommendation known to Mr. Thompson so the item can be purchased and installed.

The Holiday Parade Committee will sponsor two Youth Dances—May 5 and June 2 from 6:00-10:00 PM. He said the Holiday Parade Committee has a new member—Ms. Henderson. She has already become very active helping out.

A member of the part-time municipal center maintenance staff/park maintenance staff will be out for 3 months, possibly longer because of surgery. He's not sure whether the part-time employee will be able to return to work at all. For that reason, Mr. Donaway would like permission from Council to hire someone part-time if need be.

Harry Swayngim is moving furniture around and doing a great job.

The World War I Monument is in our possession.

He thanked Harry Swayngim and Dawn Jones for helping with the Holiday Parade//Town Watch Designer Bag BINGO fund raiser on Friday, April 21. It was attended by 150 people and was very successful. They are thinking about having another one in the fall.

Mr. Catania, Robert Hill's daughter Morgan and Mr. Donaway to discuss the condition of the new ball field.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Mr. Catania

Mr. Catania opened the two bids received for the Brookhaven Borough – Municipal Complex – Cambridge Road Decorative Lighting. Proof of Publication was provided for the bids.

AN Lynch Co., Inc. from Spring City, PA 19475 bid \$45,000.

Ford Brothers Electric from Norwood, PA 19074 bid \$47,100.

Mr. Catania took the bids to be tabulated and will make his recommendation to Council at their May 1 Meeting.

Requests for the Municipal Center Gymnasium Insulation Project met with no proposals. Mr. Swayngim might be installing paneling to correct the insulation problem.

Premier Concrete was scheduled to start in Eaton Park today.

Mr. Catania continued his report by saying that the outfield at the new ball field was stripped two weeks ago. The contractor and landscaper have a plan in place. It looks good now. It will be reseeded. We are not ready to accept the field. Mr. Catania will see what it looks like after two or three cuttings. The retention pond has been hydro-seeded. Mr. Wilwert said that part of the water problem over there is that they found an old storm sewer pipe that emptied on Mr. Hill's property.

Mr. Catania said Phase II of the Trimble Boulevard project will most likely be scheduled for the fall.

Mr. Catania asked Mr. Donaway to tell him when he wants the job advertised. The length of time it has taken for Phase I has been too long and too messy—an inconvenience to many residents. Mrs. Fooks asked if the job

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has to go to the lowest responsible bidder. Mr. Catania said if the job/purchase/contract is under \$10,500 no formal bidding or written/telephone quotation is required. If the job/purchase/contract is between \$10,500 and \$19,400 three written/telephone quotations are necessary and if the job/purchase/contract is over \$19,400 formal bidding is required. Solicitor Halligan confirmed that the figures given by Mr. Catania were correct. Mr. Catania said past performance could be considered as responsible or not.

The Charles Avenue Sanitary Sewer video inspection was been completed with televising the remaining sewer in rear yards.

Comstar Technologies has just about completed the Memorial Park CCTV Surveillance System.

CHAIR INSPECTORS AND FIRE MARSHAL, MEMBER FIRE COMMITTEE, DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR, CHAIR TRAFFIC CALMING, MEMBER TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE AND MEMBER HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – Mr. Wilwert
Had no report.

INSPECTORS' REPORTS

FIRE MARSHAL – Mr. Leslie

ZONING OFFICER – Mr. Hampton

Mr. Hampton said he had a meeting with people interested in occupying the old Wawa building. They want a drive through Dunkin Donuts on one side and a sushi restaurant on the other. Their attorney will be preparing the paperwork for a Zoning Hearing since they need relief from our Zoning Ordinances. The hearing will most likely occur in June.

Mr. Hampton spoke about all of the temporary signs at Plaza 352. He said Code Enforcement must do Something about them.

He also said he has heard about the possibility of another dentist coming into the Borough.

BOARD OF HEALTH – Mrs. Warfield had nothing to report

PUBLIC FIRE SAFETY – Messrs Montella and/or Bynum

Chief Montella said there would be a Memorial Service for Chris Kangas on Friday, May 5 at 7:30 PM. It will be at the firehouse.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None

No one from Council or the professional staff had any business to discuss nor did anyone in the audience. Mrs. Fooks made the motion and Mr. Linowski the second to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen McKinley
Borough Secretary