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BROOKHAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2015

At 7:03 P, Council President Linowski called the regularly scheduled Brookhaven Borough Council Workshop to order. He welcomed all present and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

The record shows everyone on Council and the Mayor were present and on time as were Solicitor Maddren, Engineer Catania and Secretary McKinley.

Public Discussion

David Schlott, 3551 Edgewater Lane said the Borough Public Works Department has persevered with a lot of extra work over the past couple of months because of the June 23 storm. The community really came together too. He spoke about 3540 Edgewater Lane and the fact that the house was up for Sheriff Sale and there are a lot of branches on the sidewalk causing a hazard. Mr. Wilwert said it is his understanding that the house is occupied so we can't go on this private property. In the past one of our police officers was shot, There are two other properties where we don't want to put our people in a dangerous position. Mr. Schlott said it is his understanding that the power was shut off at 3540 Edgewater Lane back in March. Mr. Maddren said maybe we can get an administrative warrant. No one purchased the property at the Sheriff Sale so the bank bought it. We will stay on the bank about the property. If it is uninhabitable, maybe we should go there with a police officer. Mr. Maddren said we have to wait until the deed is transferred too. Mr. Maddren spoke to Mrs. Warfield saying we should confirm with PECO there is no electricity and then go to District Justice McCray. We should also check to see if Chester Water Authority to see if the water is on or not.

Fire Chief Rob Montella said he will be going to a Delaware County Fire Chiefs' Meeting next Monday. The Chiefs are being encouraged to bring a fire truck to Philadelphia during the Pope's visit next month. This would only involve 4 or 5 firefighters from Brookhaven. Mr. Maddren said from what he understands from the County standpoint that 75% of the practicing Catholics live within driving distance to Philadelphia. Initially he was told that the County was making a commitment for the Pope's visit. Chief Montella said our ambulances are committed here. Mr. Maddren said let's make sure we are covered here first. There could be Workers Compensation and Heart/Lung issues involved. He recommended that we not commit. If anything changes between now and the September 14 Council Meeting, we will address it at that time. Mr. Wilwert aside who is paying for all of the things involved with this Papal visit? Is it the Catholic Church? Mr. Maddren said there is still not a lot of "clarity" on that. He knows some Counties are doing Emergency Declarations. He has heard that the House of Representative has some money.

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Maddren

Mr. Maddren said we have a lot going on ordinance-wise. He needs authorization to advertise three ordinances.

The first one is the Flood Plain Ordinance. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved our updated ordinance so we must advertise it for adoption at the September 14 Council Meeting. Mrs. Fooks made the motion and Mrs. Truesdale the second to authorize the advertisement. Motion carried unanimously.

The second ordinance would adopt the Commonwealth's Food Code at the September 14 Council Meeting. Mrs. Fooks made the motion and Ms. Leslie he second to authorize the advertisement. Motion carried unanimously.

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The third ordinance would address would amend the Police Pension Killed in Service Benefit. We did negotiate it out of the contract but it has to be removed from the Pension Ordinance. Mr. Camma made the motion and Mrs. Truesdale the second to advertise this ordinance for adoption at the September 14 Council Meeting.

Mr. Maddren spoke about the proposed Shed Ordinance update. Our Planning Commission and the Delaware County Planning made some recommendations. Among those recommendations were not only the height of the shed but also an increase in size and no need for a 4" thick concrete pad under a shed. Do we want to eliminate (b) in the proposed ordinance? Mrs. Fooks agreed that these proposed amendments need to come back before the Ordinance Committee.

Mr. Maddren said he is working on a lease with the new State Representative. It's pretty close to being finished. The rent will be \$150.00 per month—the same as the rent paid by State Representative Hackett. Mrs. Truesdale made the motion and Mr. Wilwert the second to approve the proposed lease subject to Mr. Maddren's approval. Motion carried unanimously.

As an update on 133 Charles Avenue, Mr. Maddren reported that the new owner will close on the property on August 26. The new owner has applied for a Demolition Permit. There may be asbestos issues involved.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Hess had no report.

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

Final Bills for Approval List will be presented for approval at the September 14 Council Meeting.

The Zoning Hearing did meet on August 11 and approved Lowe's signs variances.

The Zoning Hearing Board will be meeting on September 8 for a variance at 217 Upland Road. The homeowner wants to build an addition.

At the September 14 Meeting Mr. Linowski will be asking for a motion to accept RICHO's proposal for scanning records into our new GEO Program.

Mr. Linowski announced that Bob Grant has passed the test for his Residential Building Inspector's Certification. Congratulations!!

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

Mr. Camma reported that the Holiday Parade Committee's Tag Day last Saturday was successful. He, Mr. Donaway and another younger man did the collections.

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

Mrs. Truesdale said Family Day Ticket distribution began today. Monday through Friday tickets can be

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picked up between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM and this evening from 7:00-8:00 PM. The other evening distribution will be from 7:00-8:00 PM on September 14. Last day for tickets is Friday, September 18 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

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 announced that at 6:30 PM on Friday, September 11, town Watch will be having their annual September 11 Memorial Service behind the Municipal Center. If the weather doesn't cooperate, it will be held inside. He said that Town Watch is 20 years old this year.

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 that the Ordinance Committee met on Wednesday, August 19, to discuss adopting the Pennsylvania Food Code. It was agreed by all to do so in order to remain consistent with State Regulations here in the Borough.

They also discussed the possibility of creating a generator operating ordinance. The Committee decided that it would be in their best interest to create guidelines and post them in the newsletter and on our website. A copy of the guidelines was provided to Solicitor Maddren, Fire Chief Montella and Fire Marshal Leslie for their review and approval. Once approved, Mrs. Fooks will post them so residents have access to them.

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 said Planning didn't have anything on their agenda so they did not meet in August. She will give the rest of her report at the September 14 Council Meeting.

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

On September 5 from 9:00 AM until Noon there will be an electronic recycling drop off here at the Municipal Center Parking Lot. Bring anything with a plug and it will be recycled.

The Vietnam and Korean Veterans' Parade is Sunday, September 13. The Albert Merlino Memorial Post 94 is hosting this along with a committee that has been formed. It will be forming at The Christian Academy at 11:00 AM and will step off at 12:00 Noon. This is for veterans who served in the Theater of Operations. Contact Councilwoman Leslie or retired Police Officer Rick Fuller to participate or attend the reception to be held at the Municipal Center after the parade. Mr. Linowski said that we would like to see a lot of people— children as well as adults-- lining the streets on parade route to honor these veterans. Ms. Leslie said that Chief McGoldrick did approve the Parade Permit. She made the motion and Mr. Camma the second to waive the permit fee for the parade. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Engineer's Report – Mr. Catania

Mr. Catania opened the only bid received for the spectator access improvements at Field #2 in Memorial

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Park. The bid was from JMC Contractors, Inc. 38 Stephen Drive, Glen Mills, PA 19342. Their bid was \$74,495.00. Mr. Catania will take the bid back to his office for tabulation. He will make his recommendation to Council at their September 14 meeting.

On Thursday, August 27 at 9:00 AM, Mr. Linowski, Mr. Wilwert, Mrs. McKinley and Mr. Catania will be meeting with a representative from FEMA to discuss the steps necessary for the Borough to qualify for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). She will be going over the necessary paperwork and things the Borough can do that would qualify residents and businesses in the flood plain to save money on their Flood Insurance premiums.

At the September 14 Council Meeting Mr. Catania will be asking Council to ratify two necessary expenditures at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. One is for \$2,871 and the other is for \$3,000.

Inspectors' Reports

Code Enforcement and Electrical – Mr. J. Grant

Mr. Grant spoke about the proposed generator guidelines and recommendations. He said he is “hooked up in the electrical end”. He said some other municipalities have noise problems with generators. He offered to get copies of ordinances other municipalities have adopted. He’ll give a copy to Mrs. Fooks for the Ordinance Committee. Mrs. Fooks asked how we are going to enforce it. Mr. Grant said permanent generators will require an electrical permit be issued.

Fire Marshal – Mr. Leslie

Mr. Leslie he will give his report at the September 14 Council Meeting.

Board of Health – Mrs. Warfield

Mrs. Warfield said she has nothing new to report.

There was no other business to come before Council. Mrs. Truesdale made the motion and Mrs. Fooks the second to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen McKinley
Borough Secretary