

MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 2019
BROOKHAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

At 7:02 PM, Council President, Vawn Donaway, called the regularly scheduled meeting of Brookhaven Borough Council to order. He led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Mayor Hess read the names of the Brookhaven residents who passed away during the month of November—Nathaniel Stinson, John Greenjack, Jr., Elaine Russell, Michael Ruggieri, Jr. (former Councilman), Joseph Schum and Adam Slezak. A moment of silence was held in their memory.

The record shows that the following people were seated at the Council Table: Mr. Donaway, Mrs. Fooks, Ms. Leslie, Mr. Pappas, Ms. Sawicki. Also seated at the Council Table were Mayor Hess, Solicitor Stone, Engineer Mulvena, and Secretary McKinley. Councilman Heller was absent because of illness and Councilman LaPera was absent because of his employment.

Police Chief, Matthew Kurten and Mayor Hess called Officers Barth and Eastman forward. He gave them each a Certificate of Appreciation for the safe and healthy recovery of Batman the Black Cat who was abducted from PetSmart two weeks ago. Also in the front with the other officers and the chief was Officer Dave Wetten who was wearing the new black police uniform. Chief Kurten pointed that out.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT – Mrs. Ford

Mrs. Ford said that Coebourn Elementary Student Council and their adviser, Mr. Lindsay Kuhn, hosted a Veteran's Day ceremony at Coebourn Elementary School. Veterans from the community were invited to attend the ceremony and a breakfast in their honor. As one of our veteran's commented "I've been retired from the military for decades and this was the first honor I've been to. I'll remember it for life." It was an Amazing ceremony and a small token of our appreciation for all who have served.

Coebourn Student Council hosted a Candy Drive for Operation Gratitude and collected 400 pounds of candy for troops, veterans and first responders. The students also participated in a school wide read about service and then made thank you cards to send along with the candy.

Coebourn Student Council hosted a canned food drive where they collected hundreds of non-perishable items donated by Coebourn families. The food drive benefitted a local City Team outreach program.

Coebourn Elementary School celebrated American Education Week. Parents were invited to visit classrooms to experience the excellence in education that happens daily at the school. Hundreds of parents of students in Kindergarten through fifth grade were able to attend the visitation and celebrate with them. American education at its finest!

Coebourn Elementary students and staff participated in the first annual Turkey Trot hosted by PE teacher Mr. Clark. Thanks to the Brookhaven Police Department for stopping by to participate in the turkey trot. Everyone burned a few calories before the big meal.

During December Coebourn Student Council will be working in conjunction with Second Chance Toys to collect gently used, intact, plastic toys. A collection bin will be located in the school lobby through December 13.

Follow Coebourn Elementary School on twitter@CoebournES to receive daily updates of school events!

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POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Kurten

Chief Kurten's Statistics Report shows 2 persons arrested both were adults and 1 arrest for traffic offenses. There were 10 thefts—3 retail, 6 other various thefts and 3 attempted thefts. There were 4 municipal ordinance warnings, 29 false alarms resulting in no citations. 431 security/business/property checks performed—two of them residential while the homeowners were on vacation. 6 9.1.1. hang-ups.

Traffic Enforcement shows 30 citations issued, 5 parking tickets, 32 traffic warnings, 20 vehicle collisions, 21 hazard complaints, 26 motorist assists rendered and 8 vehicles towed and impounded.

Training shows Chief Kurten, Detective Habich and Officer Wetten attended the monthly Workplace Safety Meeting on November 26 where an Active Shooter class was given, 10 officers conducted firearms qualifications on November 25, 8 hours of SWAT training was completed by Officer Wetten on November 19. Officer Wetten instructed active shooter ALERTT Training on November 4, 5, 6, 7 at Our Lady of Charity. Officer Duff attended on November 4 and 5. Detective Habich attended Wire Tap School in Harrisburg from November 4 through 8. Chief Kurten attended Pelras Public Employee Relations Training in Malvern on November 12, Officer Wetten attended Woodland Ops at Williamson Trade School on November 19. Total training and/or instruction hours for November = 100.

Community Relations – Chief Kurten and Officers Barth, Wetten, Eastman, Habich, Duff, Subers and Martin assisted with the Holiday Parade on November 23. Chief Kurten attended the Veterans' Day Service at the Municipal Center on November 9. On November 27, Chief Kurten, Detective Habich, Officers Martin and Wetten did the Turkey Trot with all of Coebourn Elementary School's children.

Personnel – Officer Kyler remains on injury leave from the June Walgreen's Robbery.

Appreciation Thank you card and cookies were dropped off for officers from Hilltop residents for keeping their community safe. Lunch was brought for officers from Forgotten Cats, for the investigation Officers Barth and Eastman conducted in recovering the stolen cat "Batman".

All vehicles and radio equipment are operational.

The Crime Report shows 9 thefts, 2 vandalisms, 3 frauds, 1 DUI, 1 narcotics, 10 animal complaints, 1 other animal complaint, 2 solicitation complaints, 4 noise complaints, 1 open burning complaints. 2 adults were arrested, \$250 worth of property was recovered and \$11,805 was stolen. 27 suspicious conditions, 3 harassments, 8 disturbances, 21 domestic, 10 civil, 72 medical 1 302, 45 assists to other departments, 58 Brookhaven assists, 15 miscellaneous assists, 6 9.1.1. calls, 29 alarms, 431 security checks 1 security violation 4 alarm warnings, 30 citations, 5 parking tickets, 32 warnings, 20 accidents, 21 hazardous vehicle complaints, 26 assists to motorists and 8 impounds.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Montella

Chief Montella gave the following information on his November written report to Council: 2 fire incidents, 23 non-fire incidents, 27 mutual aids and 5 drills. The Loss Report shows no losses to structures, contents, vehicles and no property was endangered. No firefighter or civilian injuries or deaths. The Manpower Report shows that on the 57 fire calls, an average of 13 firefighters participated for 463 hours. On the 5 training sessions there was an average of 26 firefighters participating for 247 hours.

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Brookhaven Fire Company responded to the following incidents in Brookhaven Borough: Odor investigation at 4906 Edgmont Avenue-hair chemicals. Building fire at Trimble Run Condominiums Building A. Fuel spill at 4619 Edgmont Avenue, 2 accidents, one at Edgmont Avenue at Trimble Boulevard and the other on Edgmont Avenue in front of Wendy's Restaurant. Brookhaven Fire Company assisted Chester Township on a building fire in the 1300 block of Powell Road in Toby Farms; assisted Upland Fire Company on a building fire on Crozer Campus trailer and an out building fire on Pusey Plantation; assisted Chester Fire Department with covering the city while they operated to put out a building fire; assisted Garden City Fire Company on a building fire on Kincaid Mills Road; assisted Concordville Fire Company covering their area while the operated at a tornado strike area in Glen Mills; Brookhaven Fire Company handled 2 calls while covering the Glen Mills area; Assisted Parkside Fire Company on a building fire on Park Valli Lane.

Brookhaven Fire Company Fire Training for the month included a life drill at Traditions at Ridley Creek Building 3 which included hose line advancement in stair tower, ladder rescue from balconies, elevator rescue operations, PennDelco School Bus emergencies demonstration, life drill at Plush Mill Senior Center and cold weather emergencies.

Candy Cane Day is Saturday, December 14 with Santa on the fire truck. It begins at 12 Noon.

The November Ambulance Report shows 101 transports, 1 Dead on Arrival, 9 fire and 31 cancellations Enroute or refusals. There were 3 second emergencies. Broken down, the 101 transports show Brookhaven 52 – 87; Aston 17 – 4; Chester City 81/82/100 24; Chester Township 47 – 1; Media 23 – 13; Middletown Township 50 – 5; Nether Providence 65 – 5; Parkside 45 – 2 and Upland 57 – 1.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Harry Seth from North Clearwater Lane said TD Bank in Brookhaven is moving. There is a mural of the Borough on the wall in there. Can we save that? Charles Leslie made the motion to put Mr. Seth in charge of the project; however, the motion was not carried because there was no second.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Stone

Solicitor Stone reported that the tax enabling Resolution and Ordinances had been made available for public inspection and properly advertised for consideration at the Workshop on December 16. He also summarized the situation at Carman's for the public, noting that the Court of Common Pleas appointed a Conservator for the property in response to a Petition filed by the Borough, that the Conservator is a third-party appointed to remedy the conditions at the property and that when the public sees work occurring at the property it is the Conservator doing the work-not the Borough or the property owner.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Ms. Sawicki made the motion and Mrs. Fooks the second to approve the October 21, 2019 Workshop Minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Hess

Mayor Hess said he has nothing new since Workshop.

COUNCIL REPORTS

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PRESIDENT PRO-TEM, CHAIR ARBOR/SHADE TREE COMMISSION, CHAIR FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE, MEMBER LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANS, MEMBER FIRE COMMITTEE AND CHAIRMAN GRANT COMMITTEE – Ms. Sawicki

Ms. Sawicki presented the Bills for Approval which total \$185,208.52. She made the motion and Ms. Leslie the second to approve the bills for payment. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Sawicki said she will read and explain the proposed 2020 Budget later in the meeting.

CHAIR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION, CHAIR RECYCLING/TRASH COMMITTEE, CHAIR FIRE COMMITTEE, CHAIR VETERANS' COMMITTEE AND CHAIR POLICE COMMITTEE – Ms. Leslie

Ms. Leslie announced that we will have paper shredding and electronic recycling twice in 2020. The first one will be on March 28 and the second will be October 24. They will be from 9:00

Ms. Leslie said she will be collecting items for the Homeless Veterans with a group called Welcome Home. Boxes will be placed in the vestibule for donations. They are looking for new socks, new hats, new gloves, personal care products, non perishable food, puzzle books, chess sets, or tic-tac-toe games They will also accept men's and women's gently used clothing (tops and pants), coats, shoes, twin size bed linens, towels and blankets. The deadline for donations is December 12. Ms. Leslie will be going along with the Welcome Home Members on December 14 and help deliver the items.

There is a Police Meeting scheduled for December 5, 2019 at 6:30 PM to discuss the contract.

Ms. Leslie thanked the Fire Company cooks and members for their hospitality at the wonderful breakfast they cooked and served borough employees and volunteers. It was greatly appreciated.

There was nothing to report on Emergency Management.

Delco Cruisers will be coming through the borough this Sunday (Dec. 8) about 11:30-12:30 with Santa and the toys they collected to drop off at Riddle Memorial Hospital and Crozer Chester Medical Center. They will be coming down Edgmont Avenue with the old cars and motorcycles. The Police and Fire Department always help out with the traffic control.

CHAIR TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE, CHAIR BOARD OF HEALTH, LIAISON TO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, CHAIR HISTORICAL COMMITTEE AND MEMBER POLICE COMMITTEE – Mr. Heller

Mr. Heller was absent because he is ill; however he left the following report for Mr. Donaway to read:

The Zoning Hearing Board will meet in session on December 10 at 7:00 PM to review the request for a storage facility being proposed for East Brookhaven Road.

They are also asking for a nomination for William F. Hasse to be an Alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board.

The Recreation Board's Senior Luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 8 at 1:00 PM. The doors open at 12:30 PM and lunch is served at 1:00 PM. Free tickets are available at the office. This is for

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Brookhaven residents only.

The holiday tree lighting and pictures with Santa on December 8 will begin at 6:00 PM. Refreshments will be served.

Also on December 8 at 6:00 PM Horse and Carriage Rides will be given for a nominal donation.

The Ginger Bread House Event will begin at 6:30 PM on December 8. The cost is \$15 for those over 6 years of age and up. Age 6 and under is \$5.00

PLANNING COMMISSION LIAISON, CONDO ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN, FIRE COMMITTEE MEMBER AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEMBER – Mr. Pappas

The Planning Commission will not meet this month. There is nothing on their agenda.

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

Mrs. Fooks said instead of having their Ordinance Committee meeting this month, they will have a holiday get together with the Historical and Tech Committees.

Business Revitalization News shows that Chick Fil A's Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting will be on Wednesday, December 4 at 9:00 AM. You may or may not have heard that the night before many will line up over night for the Chick Fil A chicken give away special, beginning at 6:00 PM and ending at 6:00 AM on the 4th.

Tech Committee shows their new website will be turned over to them within a week. Mrs. Fooks said she is so excited for everyone to see the finished product.

Community News says mark your calendar because the Providence Animal Center will be here on May 19 for the chip/vaccination clinic.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, CHAIR LONG RANGE AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANS, MEMBER GRANT COMMITTEE, LIAISON TO ZONING HEARING BOARD, LIAISON TO RECREATION COMMITTEE AND CHAIR INSPECTORS – Mr. LaPera

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Mrs. Mulvena

Mrs. Mulvena introduced a Resolution of Brookhaven Borough Council, Delaware County, PA requesting grant funding in the amount of \$424,524.00 from the PA Small Water and Sewer Program administered by the Commonwealth Financing Authority. The Borough match will be 15% and that amount is \$74,916.00. The total project cost is \$499,440.00. The grant funds will be utilized to replace a portion of the sanitary sewer main and laterals that is located in the rear yards on Charles Avenue between Mount Vernon Avenue and Victor Avenue.

Be it further resolved that the Applicant does hereby designate Mary McKinley, Borough secretary, and

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Vawn Donaway, Council President as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Brookhaven and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the required grant. Ms. Sawicki made the motion and Ms. Leslie the second to adopt this resolution. Ms. Sawicki said that Ms. Porter explained this very well at Workshop and the funds are “pretty much in the 2020 Budget”. Mrs. Mulvena said we can do it in the end of 2020 or in 2021. Mr. Donaway said he is 100% for it. Motion carried by unanimous vote. This is Resolution 2019-08.

Mr. Donaway said when we pave we should go curb to curb. Traps are the homeowner’s problem from the curb in.

Mr. Pappas spoke about plumbers getting snaking tools stuck in the lines and leaving them there. It does cause problems. Ms. Sawicki made the motion and Mr. Pappas the second to adopt this trap policy. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, CHAIRMAN PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDING, HOLIDAY PARADE LIAISON, MEMBER POLICE COMMITTEE – Mr. Donaway

Mr. Donaway read the November Public Works Report.

Mr. Donaway said, among other things, as much as he would have preferred a different result from the 2019 election cycle, he is aware it was a very different set of circumstances than the normal average local election. For the first time since the Civil War, the County faced the prospect of being flipped from onepolitical party to the other. He said he grew up in Brookhaven but more importantly, Delaware County and as a kid the War Board Era. As a kid, he had a little more exposure to politics due to his family being involved. For those who don’t know, the “War Board” was a group of tightly knit republicans who ran the country with an iron tight fist. You didn’t do anything without a blessing from the powers that be. As he campaigned he found there was discontent of what was happening on the national level. Party registry meant nothing to him—he cared more about substance and the concerns being expressed by the constituents. He spoke about a piece of literature that showed up two days before the election. He said that November 2021 will look very different than November of 2019. He spoke about the need for patience, perseverance and tolerance. He wished Mrs. Fooks, Mrs. Heller and Mr. Vazquez and all who will be here for at least the next two years a successful journey. He thanked Mr. LaPera for being a reliable work partner. He thanked Councilman Pappas for the good grasp of the core of what we do here in the Borough. He thanked Councilwoman Sawicki for stepping up when we needed help around the office. He said it has been his privilege to serve as Council President. He said common sense must prevail. He keeps in his daily prayer all of the employees, elected and appointed officials, fire and police departments, volunteers, businesses and constituents in the Borough. This Borough has given him Many blessings and for that opportunity he is forever grateful.

INSPECTORS’ REPORTS

FIRE MARSHAL – Mr. Leslie

Mr. Leslie said that during Fire Prevention Week they taught over 800 children plus teaching staff about fire prevention.

BOARD OF HEALTH – Mr. Bynum had no report

ZONING – Mr. Hampton

Mr. Hampton said he had 94 phone calls last month and he expects at least 75 this month. He thanked the Fire Company for the wonderful breakfast they recently provided.

PUBLIC FIRE SAFETY OFFICIALS – Chief Montella and/or Mr. Bynum

Chief Montella spoke about there not being enough time for emergency vehicles to get through the traffic light at Edgmont/Cambridge/Coebourn Boulevard. Ms. Sawicki thinks that the high winds may have affected the device on the traffic light. A letter from Mayor Hess will be sent to PennDOT.

Chief Montella thanked Council for the opticon device at the intersection of Whitely Road and Edgmont Avenue.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – Mr. Jon Grant had no report.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None

Ms. Sawicki said Workshop is on December 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM at which time the proposed 2020 budget and tax enabling ordinances will be adopted. She said there is no tax increase. She reviewed the Proposed 2020 Budget dated 12/02/19 by line item and/or sub-total, explaining as she went along. She said she would meet with anyone who had questions. She spoke about the Sewer Fund Zones and the Proposed 2020 amounts. At Workshop on December 16 she said the Depository for Borough Funds, Automatic Pay Bills, Salaries Resolution and Trash Rebate Resolution will be presented for adoption. She explained the Trash Rebate Resolution.

OTHER MATTERS

Councilman Pappas thanked Mr. Donaway for serving as Council President. He said he knew Mr. Donaway spent a lot of time here in the municipal Center.

There being no other business to come before Council, Ms. Sawicki made the motion and Mrs. Fooks the second to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted
BROOKHAVEN BOROUGH

Mary Ellen McKinley
Borough Secretary