

MINUTES
BROOKHAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015

At 7:00 PM Council President, Ben Linowski, called the regularly scheduled meeting of Brookhaven Borough Council to order. The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Brookhaven Municipal Center. Mr. Linowski led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Mayor Hess read the names of the Borough residents who passed away in November—Rev. Joseph C. Dalton, Jr., Florence Lapchuk, Louis Seiler, Angeline McNelly and Stelios Karagianis. In their memory, a moment of silence was held.

The record shows the following people seated at the Council Table (from my right to left): Mr. Camma, Ms. Sawicki, Mrs. Fooks, Mr. Wilwert, Secretary McKinley, Mr. Linowski, Solicitor Maddren, Mayor Hess, Ms. Leslie, Mrs. Truesdale and Engineer Catania.

Presentations

Mayor Hess, Mr. Linowski and Mr. Kuminka presented Million Word Reader Certificates to Mary Skyler Park, Julia DiNicola who was not able to be present last month to get her certificate, Benjamin DiPasquale and Tyler Troutman. Mr. Kuminka explained what it takes to read 1,000,000 words and said that some of those receiving certificates tonight are return students. Even though these students have reached their goal, they will continue to read.

Mayor Hess read a Resolution of Brookhaven Borough Council honoring Cassey Optical, 4590 Edgmont Avenue 51 years in business. Mr. Wilwert made the motion and Mr. Camma the second to adopt the Resolution. Motion carried unanimously. This is Resolution 2015-13.

Mayor Hess introduced Gary Subers from S&S Remodeling Contractors, 4402 Edgmont Avenue. Resolution 2015-10 was presented to them last month for 61 years in business. Mr. Subers was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Hess read the Resolution again and presented it to him.

Mayor Hess and Councilwoman Leslie, representing State Representative Leanne Krueger-Braneky presented the following World War II Veterans with a Resolution honoring them for their service:

Ignatius J. Bail – Army
James C. Clark – Navy
Anthony A. Corradetti – Army Air Corp
Albert N. Montella – Navy
Gerald Towe – Royal Canadian Air Force
Alfred B. Whittington, Sr. – Marines

These World War II Veterans were given a very long and loud standing ovation. Mayor Hess said this happens to be Pearl Harbor Day.

Mayor Hess and Chief McGoldrick

Chief McGoldrick began by thanking the Holiday Parade Committee for the wonderful job they did planning and having the Holiday Parade. He also thanked them for dedicating the Parade to Law Enforcement.

Chief McGoldrick said that all of our police officers have been trained to reverse opiate overdoses via Narcan. Our police carry two doses in each car. Since October 2014 when District Attorney Whelan initiated the Narcan

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Program, over 300 lives have been saved. Two of our police officers received awards from the County at the end of October for their life saving efforts. Brookhaven has “three saves”—one by Officer Joe Fuller. His save was in Marcus Hook. He was called to the “Star Bar” to help someone who had overdosed. He was able to save the man by using Narcan. Officers Matt Hughes and Bob Barth were called to a situation on Chandler Drive and they were able to administer Narcan bringing the man back. Officer Hughes has been on the Brookhaven Police Force for 2 years and has five saves under his belt. Officer Bob Barth is a 20 year veteran on the Brookhaven Police Force and was honored by the American Legion Post 92 in 2014 as Police Officer of the year. Officer Barth and has helped Officer Hughes while Officer Hughes was administering Narcan. Mayor Hess said that we have the best Police Department in the County.

Mayor Hess read a memo he had written to Chief McGoldrick concerning Officers Dave Wetten and Matt Hughes.

Chief McGoldrick, Officers Wetten and Hughes were all involved in saving a man’s life by talking him out of committing suicide and disarming him of the razor knife he intended to use to take his own life.

Mayor Hess handed out plaques to the officers. Mrs. Truesdale presented her nephew, Matt Hughes, with his plaque.

Public Discussion

James LaPera, 512 Camelot Drive, spoke about his past 15 years on the Recreation Committee. He thanked present and past Councils for their support over the years. He also thanked the members of the Recreation Committee who have or are currently serving for their help and cooperation. Because of his recent election to Council, he will not be able to be a member of the Recreation Committee. Mr. Linowski and others on Council thanked Mr. LaPera for his dedicated service.

School Board Report – Mr. Kuminka

Mr. Kuminka thanked the Coebourn PTL who sponsored a Holiday Shop for the students. The students were able to shop for gifts and have them wrapped.

The word of the month at Coebourn is compassion. The students are showing compassion by, among other things, being compassionate toward others and taking up a collection for UNICEF which totaled \$796.15. The Student Council held “Operation Christmas Child”. They filled 93 shoe boxes to be given to needy children. They are collecting hats, gloves, mittens and scarves to be donated to Home of the Sparrow. Donations will be accepted through December 18.

There is a district-wide food drive sponsored by the National Honor Society going on. It is called the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Drive.

Mr. Kuminka wished everyone happy holidays.

Fire Chief’s Report – Chief Montella

For the month of November, Chief Montella reported the following statistics:

3 fire incidents, 11 non-fire incidents, 20 mutual aids and 4 drills for a total of 34. On those 34 calls there was

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an average of 17 firefighters participating for a total of 411 hours. On the 4 drills there was an average of 29 participating for a total of 131 hours. There were no losses to structures, contents, vehicles nor was there any property endangered nor were there any firefighter or civilian injuries or deaths.

Brookhaven Volunteer Fire Company responded to 1 building fire, 2 motor vehicle accidents—one for an overturned vehicle on Chester Creek Road and the Emergency Medical Services had to rescue a man who became ill while on his roof. They assisted Aston Township on 1 building fire. They assisted Parkside on 1 building fire. Assisted Chester Township on 1 building fire and an accident involving a train and overturned tractor trailer. They assisted Upland on 1 building fire and 1 motor vehicle accident. They assisted Middletown Township on 1 building fire.

Santa will be out on the fire trucks on Saturday, December from noon until 4 PM going throughout the Borough handing out candy canes to children and their families.

The Ambulance Report for November shows there were 65 transports, 19 refusals, 11 assists for a total of 95.

Chief Montella wished everyone a safe and Merry Christmas.

Police Chief's Report – Chief McGoldrick

Chief McGoldrick thanked Officers Wetten, Fuller, Subers and Jenkins who helped with the Holiday Parade. He also thanked the Fire Police for their help with the parade. Councilman Wilwert was thanked for lending the police the Town Watch walkie-talkies. He thanked the Holiday Parade Committee for their tribute to the police. Chief McGoldrick thanked the residents for coming out to watch the parade and for the many who are displaying blue lights recognizing the police.

Chief McGoldrick thanked Mr. Camma and Mrs. Truesdale for their service on Council.

He continued his report complimenting Chief Montella and Mr. Bynum, the Borough's Public Fire Safety Officials. They have even helped with manning the school crossings when the regular person was unable to be there.

Chief McGoldrick said UPS and USPS as well as other delivery trucks are being followed and watched. When packages are dropped off, they are being stolen. If you are not going to be home, ask a neighbor to take your package in or you can even have it delivered to our Police Department. These thieves also watch vehicles at the malls. Don't leave anything in plain sight. Lock it in your trunk.

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Maddren

Mr. Maddren said that the proposed revised Shed Ordinance had been further revised. Because of this, it must be sent back to Delaware County Planning and our Planning Commission. Mr. Maddren said he would take it to Delaware County Planning and Mrs. McKinley said she would take care of distributing it to Brookhaven Planning Commission and everyone else from the Borough who needs to see it.

Minutes Approval

Mrs. Truesdale made the motion and Mr. Wilwert the second to approve the Minutes from the October 26, 2015 Council Workshop. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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Mrs. Truesdale made the motion and Mrs. Fooks the second to approve the Minutes from the November 9, 2015 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Hess

Mayor Hess said he would defer to Mrs. Truesdale so that later in the meeting she could bring up Recreation Committee activities on the horizon.

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 read the 2016 Proposed Budget by Subtotals for the second time. The only difference between the first reading and this one is the General Fund Revenue Opening Balance is now \$1,600,000. The record shows that the first reading is recorded in the November 23, 2015 Workshop Minutes.

Mr. Wilwert made the motion and Mrs. Truesdale the second to approve the bills for payment. The record shows the list is dated 4:04 PM 12/07/15 and totals \$65,129.77. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Leslie made the motion and Mrs. Fooks the second to authorize Mrs. McKinley to advertise the Special Meeting on November 21 and the Tax Enabling Ordinances. Motion carried by unanimous vote

Ms. Leslie made the motion and Mr. Wilwert the second to authorize Mrs. McKinley to advertise the 2016 Meetings Schedule. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Linowski thanked the Recreation Committee and all others who worked on and/or at the Senior Holiday Luncheon. There were 240 people in attendance and it was very well run. He said the Recreation Committee “just does one wonderful thing after another”.

Council Reports

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

Ms. Leslie thanked the Holiday Parade Committee and all of the parade participants for the wonderful parade.

She said that she is an officer of the Delaware County Association of Boroughs. The DCAB has a few vacant spots. Council members, Mayors and others are eligible to serve. Of course, it is volunteer. Please contact her for further information. The Board meets monthly at various locations throughout the County.

Ms. Leslie wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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 spoke about the Holiday Parade and how wonderful it was, especially since it was dedicated to Law Enforcement. He compared our parade with that of Macy's in New York. Theirs started at 9:00 AM and we were able to sleep in because ours didn't step off until 2:00 PM. Macy's had marching bands but we had the #1 Marching Band in the State—Sun Valley. Macy's had lots of characters on foot and in balloon form. We had Elmo, Sponge Bob Square Pants and even McGruff walking in our parade. Mr. Camma said he was walking to church but wound up in the back of a police car. The Holiday Parade Committee does a great job.

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He ended his report by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

With Mr. LaPera's recent election to Council there will be a vacancy on the Recreation Committee. Mrs. Truesdale made the motion and Mr. Wilwert the second to authorize Mrs. McKinley to advertise this vacancy and ask that Letters of Interest be directed to the Recreation Committee. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Truesdale said that about 240 senior citizens attended the Recreation Committee sponsored luncheon on December 6.

The next thing on the horizon for the Recreation Committee is photos with the Easter Bunny and the Easter Egg Hunt on March 19.

Mrs. Truesdale wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a great 2016.

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

During the month of November, the Public Works Department started the 2015 leaf collection, removed graffiti from the Memorial Park building, painted over graffiti on Hilltop Drive, winterized buildings in Memorial and Sampson Parks, installed a No Parking sign on Greenwood Street, filled potholes along the Holiday Parade route, started maintenance on snow plows and salt spreaders, and moved the bleachers and stairs for the Holiday Parade. The 2015 leaf collection is going smoothly and is on schedule. He thanked Council for permission to hire the temporary employee to assist with leaves, snow and whatever else he can help with.

Mr. Wilwert said the Town Watch Craft Fair was very well attended. He thanked the Town Watch Members and everyone else who helped with it.

He ended his report by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New 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 the Ordinance Committee did meet on November 18. They discussed adopting next year the most current International Property Maintenance Code--2015. She will be recommending to Mr. Catania that we adopt the 2015 ICC Property Maintenance Code. The next meeting of the Ordinance Committee will be on December 16. Mrs. Fooks made the motion and Mr. Wilwert the second to authorize the Solicitor to prepare the necessary paperwork to adopt the 2015 ICC Property Maintenance Code. Motion carried unanimously. Under Business Revitalization, she and Mayor Hess are working with the Brookhaven Community Business Association to assist them with hosting their second Business Owner Luncheon to be held early in 2016.

ShopRite requested an introductory meeting with us. We have learned from that meeting that ShopRite plans to open in 90 days or so. The store will be slightly larger than Pathmark. They are taking the store all the way

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down to the end where the Chinese Restaurant was. There will be an outdoor Café, beer garden and a takeout section with reasonably priced hot food. They'll be in contact with the Borough when they are ready to interview for available positions. She will update everyone as ShopRite shares information.

Mrs. Fooks contacted the realtor for the vacant old Wawa building. She's happy to report that movement has finally occurred with that building. Scott Realty Group said four offers have come in within the last week and a developer purchased the property.

Construction has begun for the Shoppes at Brookhaven.

Lowes is planning on opening their store to the public at the end of May 2016. She has requested that they update us on hiring for available positions. She will keep everyone informed.

Mrs. Fooks spoke with the owner of Dairy Queen. Dairy Queen requires a stand-alone building with a drive-through for their Grill and Chill. They are no longer permitted to sell just ice cream. That makes it a bit difficult for them to find a place to locate but the Committee will do their best to find them space.

She said thanks to the Parade Committee, the parade was wonderful. Thanks also to our Recreation Committee for hosting another successful Senior Luncheon and tree lighting service.

Mrs. Fooks wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

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

The Skulski sub-division at 203 Upland Road came before our Planning Commission on October 20, Delaware County Planning Commission on November 19 and before our Planning Commission again on November 24. Our Planning Commission recommended getting an opinion on the Borough's Planning and Zoning Section 1276 regarding Open Space but recommended approval of the plan.

Ms. Sawicki wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Engineer's Report – Mr. Catania

Mr. Catania said bids were opened at the November 23 Workshop Session of Council for the 2016 Sewer and Street Maintenance Contract. The bids have been tabulated and it is Mr. Catania's recommendation that the Storm and Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Contract be awarded to Ridley Excavating, Inc. at their bid unit prices with the Alternate Contractor A to U Services. Mr. Wilwert made the motion and Mr. Camma the second to accept Mr. Catania's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

For the 2016 Street Maintenance Mr. Catania recommended Ridley Excavating, at their bid unit prices with the Alternate Contractor A to U Services. Mr. Wilwert made the motion and Mr. Camma the second to accept Mr. Catania's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

Inspectors' Reports

Board of Health – Mrs. Warfield and/or Mr. R. Grant.- Board of Health Secretary, Helen Elmer reported that the Board of Health is providing assistance to residents who need help with Christmas. They are coordinating

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this effort with the help of Mrs. Jones, Assistant Borough Secretary.

Fire Marshal – Charles Leslie

Mr. Leslie began his report by saying Chief McGoldrick has a Knox Box key for the Borough and will help out at Traditions at Ridley Creek and anywhere else it is needed. Chief McGoldrick is writing a policy for his officers on the use of this key.

E-Footwear at the corner of Shepherd Street and Dutton Mill Road will be upgrading their fire alarm. Mr. Leslie informed them they will need a permit to do this and the contractor doing the work will need a Borough License as well.

Lowes with the help of RJM Automatic (Doug Goyton) will be moving their sprinkler room to the front of the building. They are still working on asbestos abatement.

A Fire Alarm Test was done at the old Pathmark was good. All sprinklers passed.

Coebourn Elementary School still does not have a Permanent Certificate of Occupancy. Dr. Steinhoff and others are hoping to have it by January 2016. The new Safe Haven for handicapped children will be moved out of the Faculty Room into the stair tower, depending on the fire location. In the event of a fire or emergency one person is to meet the officer at the front door with a radio.

Mr. Leslie said he was in Wawa and again there was the smell of something burning and none of the employees pulled the fire alarm. Mr. Leslie was informed it was Wawa's policy to call maintenance first to check out the situation. In the meantime and very quickly the whole business could go up in flames or fill with smoke. Mr. Leslie called 9.1.1. to report the smell of smoke. Wawa needs to change their smoke/fire policy.

Wells Fargo bank upgraded their fire alarm software and tested it. All is well.

The fire hydrant on the Chester Water Authority Property that was near the old log cabin will be moved or left as an eyesore with balusters around it. Right now it is being fed by two little lines. It must have two 20" mains.

The fire hydrants in the new shopping center will be 800' apart. The property owner will pay the rental fee.

Mr. Leslie wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He said please make sure to use Christmas Tree Safety Rules. They are on the fire company's website.

Mrs. Fooks said Wawa will not be selling beer and they will not be closing for 30 days. That puts an end to that rumor.

Mr. Linowski thanked everyone on Council for their support as Council President. He's looking forward to working with them in the new year. He thanked to public for taking time from their busy schedules to attend Council Meetings.

With no other business to come before Council, Mr. Wilwert made the motion and Mrs. Fooks the second to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen McKinley, Borough Secretary