

MINUTES
BROOKHAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021

At 7:00 PM Council President Heller called the regularly scheduled meeting of Brookhaven Borough Council to Order. The record shows the meeting was held by Virtual Teleconference and the following people participated in the meeting by Zoom. The meeting was originally scheduled for Monday, February 1, 2021 but was moved to Wednesday, February 3, 2021 due to a snow storm on February 1, 2021. Mr. Heller led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Mayor Leslie read the names of the deceased in the month of January. There was only one name Lazarus Kirifides. A moment of silence was observed in his memory.

Mr. Wilwert took a Roll Call and the following were present: Council President Mayor Leslie, Council President Mr. Heller, Councilpersons Mrs. Fooks, Mr. Gilroy, Mrs. Heller, Mr. Pappas, Ms. Sawicki, Solicitor Mr. Wills, Engineer Mr. Catania and Office Manager Mr. Wilwert. Councilperson Mr. Vazquez was not present. The minutes were recorded from the Zoom Teleconference by Planning Commission Secretary Mrs. Boyle.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT - COEBOURN SCHOOL PRINCIPAL – THERESA FORD
Mrs. Ford was not present so there was no report. There was a scheduled PTL Meeting at Coebourn School that she had to attend.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION
There was none.

FIRE CHIEF – ROBERT MONTELLA
Chief Montella said he forwarded his report to Council and reported the following for January 2021:
2 fire incidents; 10 non-fire incidents; 29 calls for mutual aid; 4 drills for a total of 45; no fire fighter or civilian injuries; no loss on contents or structure in the Borough; our manpower was 45 calls with an average of 15 fire fighters; 595 hours of service for the month; 4 training sessions with an average of 26 fire fighters; 182 personnel hours for the month.

Brookhaven Fire Company responded to the following for the month;
2 building fires in the Borough – 3436 Edgmont Avenue at the GNC store; we had a light fixture in the ceiling that caught fire; 4901 Creek Road at Mack Hydraulics – we had an accidental welder’s fire; an accident at Dutton Mill Road and Preston Avenue; a gas leak in the rear of 5007 Edgmont Avenue (rear of the ShopRite). We assisted Upland Fire Company on 2 building fires – 801 Upland Avenue and at Crozer Hospital. Assisted Parkside Fire Company on 2 building fires – one at Parkside Terrace and the other at 240 Avon Road; assisted at an accident at Edgmont Avenue and Roland Road. We assisted Aston Township Fire Department on 2 building fires – one at Mildred and Seward Lane and the 3900 block of Mount Road. We assisted Garden City Fire Company at 17 Chestnut Parkway.

Our monthly training was forceful entry. We had a dual training session with Morton-Rutledge Fire Company; they came down and did training with us.

Our Covid-19 reports were submitted to Council and the Mayor. We are experiencing a steady transport of Covid patients. 62 members of the Brookhaven Fire Department were offered the vaccine shots; 54 received the first shot and 12 have received the second shot. Our storm totals for this past snowstorm during the three day event – we ran 19 EMS calls and 11 fire calls.

Our January EMS report for 2021 – the ambulance answered 182 calls for service; we transported 110 people to the hospital; 124 calls were ALS emergencies; 58 of them were BLS emergencies and the total for the month was 184.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – ACTING CHIEF JONATHAN ZEBLEY

Acting Chief Zebley reported the following for January 2021;

Brookhaven Police were assigned 645 CAD assignments through DELCOM. There was 1 robbery under investigation; 1 sexual assault under investigation with the assistance of CID; 1 burglary with an arrest made; 3 assault incidents with 3 persons arrested; 15 theft incidents – of those 4 were retail thefts; 4 were from unlocked vehicles at night; 2 were vehicle thefts; 2 fraud reports; 3 criminal mischief; 2 harassment complaints; 3 terroristic threats; 3 narcotics complain; 1 DUI arrest; 1 public intoxication arrest; 2 disorderly person arrests; 4 mental health responses; 22 suspicious conditions/persons were investigated; 24 disturbances/domestic disputes were resolved; 18 alarms; 16 hazardous conditions/fire company calls; 23 vehicle accidents; 31 assist other departments; 20 adults were arrested; 11 citations were issued or filed; 6 warnings were issued. Total loss to victims amounts to approximately \$23,219. Recovered property amounts are approximately \$5,253.

There were no issues in January with officers and COVID. Officers began receiving vaccinations. A stringent COVID mitigation plan and order remains in effect and will be so indefinitely. One personnel issued was addressed. James Kelso was sworn-in as a part-time police officer and is in the FTO Program. Upgraded portable radios from the county are ordered and we are awaiting delivery. These radios are no cost to us; they are funded by the County.

Officer Wetten attended 80 hours of training with Swat. There were 48 Drone training and pilot license hours; 24 hours of explosives breaching; 8 hours of team training. Officer Tuttle and August each attended 8 hours of patrol tactics training. Officers Tuttle, Duff, Subers, Kelso, Martin and Zebley received First Aid and CPR training and recertification. Sensitivity Training is being sought for officers. De-escalation training is being pushed back because of Covid In total, approximately 108 man-hours of training were received by officers. Departmental Shotguns are being converted to beanbag shells only. The beanbag rounds have arrived and training will be scheduled. A policy will be developed, reviewed and adopted. Once implemented, another layer of less-than-lethal force option will be available to officers. Brookhaven Police will be doing the Trading Card Program; we are beginning the process of scheduling photographs and getting biographies for production.

We will look to do prizes for juveniles regarding the cards. Mr. Heller asked about the Drone training entail? The Police had an incident where a subject was barricaded in the attic, With the drones, it will allow the Swat team members to fly a drone into such an area and to keep the officers safe.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – MR. JAY WILLS

Mr. Wills reported that he submitted a report to Council and the Mayor and is available for the public for their review. The following are some of the highlights:

Zoar Street Subdivison by the Arbor Developers – The Developer has recently submitted to the Borough an executed copy and recorded plan. Mr. Wills has begun the initial draft of Developer’s Agreement and Public Municipal Security Agreement and hopes to get this to the Developer in the next week or so.

4830 & 4832 Greenwood Street- This is basically a lot line relocation plan and subdivision application filed with the Borough in order for the lots to conform with Zoning. This application is currently scheduled for review at the Borough Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 2021. Mr. Wills will be in attendance along with a representative from Mr. Catania’s office.

Tax Assessment Appeals For 2021- We are technically monitoring a total of ten (10) property tax assessment appeal cases filed with the Borough for 2021. The deadline for filing was January 31, 2021. Mr. Wills has not received any additional cases since the January Workshop Meeting so we will be working with these ten cases.

2021 Increase In Bid Limits – These are the requirements for certain Borough products and services. The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry has announced the annually adjusted bid limits for Boroughs based on the change in the Consumer Price Index. Beginning January 1, 2021, the minimum purchase amount that requires advertisement for sealed bids will increase from \$21,000 to \$21,300. In addition, the minimum purchase amount required for telephone quotes will increase from \$11,300 to \$11,500. Borough purchases of less than \$11,500 require neither advertisement for sealed bids nor telephone quotes.

Mr. Wills has three different Resolutions for Council’s consideration this evening. The first Resolution is recognizing and awarding Officer Benjamin Kyler a service connected disability and an honorable discharge from the Brookhaven Police Department. Mr. Wills read the Resolution as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BROOKHAVEN, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, RECOGNIZING AND AWARDING POLICE OFFICER BENJAMIN KYLER A PERMANENT SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY AND AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM POLICE SERVICE.

***WHEREAS**, Officer Benjamin Kyler has been employed as a full-time police officer by Brookhaven Borough since February 6, 2012; and*

***WHEREAS**, on or about June 6, 2019, Officer Benjamin Kyler was injured while performing police officer duties, and*

***WHEREAS**, various medical documents and reports indicate that Officer Benjamin Kyler can no longer perform the duties of a police officer; and*

***WHEREAS**, Brookhaven Borough believes that such injuries have resulted in Officer Benjamin Kyler's total permanent service-connected disability; and*

***WHEREAS**, Brookhaven Borough desires to grant Officer Benjamin Kyler an honorable discharge and to permanently fix Officer Kyler's status as a recipient of a total permanent service-connected disability pension; and*

***WHEREAS**, Brookhaven Borough has entered into an agreement between Brookhaven Borough and the Delaware County Lodge No. 27, Fraternal Order of Police recognizing officer Benjamin Kyler's permanent service-connected disability wherein the appropriate pension and certain medical benefits, life insurance, and other retirement benefits will be established.*

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY** the Borough Council of the Borough of Brookhaven that effective February 28, 2021, Officer Benjamin Kyler shall receive an honorable discharge and a permanent total service-connected disability pension with appropriate medical benefits, life insurance, and other retirement benefits as attached hereto and incorporated herein.*

Mr. Wills asked the Council if it is their pleasure to adopt this Resolution. A motion was made by Mr. Gilroy and it was seconded by Mr. Pappas. The motion was unanimous. Mr. Wills said that we have an abundance of medical records on Officer Kyler indicating that his injuries are permanent and that he has not been working as a Police Officer for more than a year and he has been out on medical leave. Mr. Wills feels that this Resolution is in order.

Mr. Wills said that the second Resolution for Council's consideration is the authorization of a partial escrow release for the completion of certain public improvements by Franklin Brookhaven LLC for the residences at Brookhaven Glen. This is the 55 and over community that has just recently commenced construction and the resolution reads as follows:

***WHEREAS**, the Borough of Brookhaven and Franklin Brookhaven, LLC entered into a Development Agreement which provides effective security for the completion of public improvements associated with the development project; and*

***WHEREAS**, Franklin Brookhaven, LLC has established an irrevocable letter of credit with WSFS Bank in the amount of \$1,878,122.41 as security for completion of the public improvements; and*

***WHEREAS**, Franklin Brookhaven, LLC, by correspondence dated January 20, 2021, has requested a partial escrow release for the completion of certain public improvements; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer has reviewed the request for escrow release and recommends an escrow release in the amount of \$136,704.88.*

Mr. Wills said that if it is the pleasure of Borough Council to adopt this Resolution a motion would be in order at this time. A motion to adopt this Resolution was made by Mrs. Fooks and it was seconded by Mrs. Heller. The motion was unanimous.

Mr. Wills said that the third Resolution for Council’s consideration is the authorization of an application to the Delaware County Council for Liquid Fuel Tax Funds in 2021 in the amount of \$8, 910.00 to be used toward the Borough’s 2021 Road Resurfacing Program. Liquid Fuel Taxes are basically gasoline taxes imposed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for each gallon of gas that consumers pay at the pump. These taxes are then distributed by the Commonwealth to all the Counties which in turn distribute them to the various Municipalities within their jurisdiction. There is basically a formula that the Counties utilize to distribute these funds based on the number of roadways. Mr. Wills said that if it is the pleasure of Borough Council authorizing an application to the Delaware County for Liquid Fuel Tax Funds in the amount of \$8,910.00 a motion would be in order at this time. A motion to adopt this Resolution was made by Ms. Sawicki and it was seconded by Mrs. Heller. The motion was unanimous.

Mr. Wills said we have had an ongoing existing lease with State Representative Leigh Ann Krueger and prior to Representative Krueger’s election, we have had numerous leases for Representative’s offices. This is a “win win” for the Borough and also for Representative Kruger to have immediate access to the Borough residents. Mr. Wills has prepared a lease amendment that extends the lease for an additional two year period, which would cover the years 2021 and 2022. Mr. Wills said that if it is the pleasure of Borough Council to authorize and execute this lease extension a motion would be in order at this time. A motion to execute this lease was made by Ms. Sawicki and it was seconded by Mrs. Heller. The motion was unanimous.

MAYOR REPORT – MAYOR LESLIE

Mayor Leslie reported that Public Works did an excellent job plowing our streets with all the recent snow that we had. Mayor Leslie wanted to wish Officer Kyler the best of luck. Mayor Leslie said that we have conducted some interviews for part-time Police Officers and hopefully we will get some more Officers soon.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE, MEMBER PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE AND LIAISON TO ZONING BOARD – MR. VAZQUEZ

Mr. Vazquez was not at the meeting but Mr. Heller read his report as follows: Zoning has no news to report. The Sewer Jetter training was done on February 2, 2021 so everyone in Public Works is trained to use this machine. Mr. Vazquez had asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the cabin chassis for the utility bucket truck in the amount of \$52,168.47. This was ordered and approved last year but was held off by Covid due to manufacturer production. A motion to approve this purchase was made by Ms. Sawicki and it was seconded by Mr. Pappas. The motion was unanimous.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF HEALTH, CHAIRMAN BUILDING COMMITTEE, MEMBER BUSINESS REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE, MEMBER GRANT COMMITTEE, HISTORICAL COMMITTEE, MEMBER LONG TERM COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE, MEMBER POLICE COMMITTEE AND MEMBER PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – MR. HELLER

Mr. Heller said that we have a Personnel vote. Mr. David Evans has been in the role of Acting Public Works Supervisor since 2020. He has filled that role in a temporary basis when Gary Thompson retired. Council will vote tonight on making Mr. Evans a permanent Public Works Supervisor. Mr. Evans brings 26 years of experience in the Brookhaven Public Works Department. Council is fully satisfied with the job he does and the job that the Department does with all the employees under Mr. Evans. Mr. Heller asked for a motion to promote Dave Evans permanently to the role of Public Works Supervisor with a salary to meet the demands of the collective bargaining group.. A motion was made by Ms. Sawicki and it was seconded by Mrs. Heller. The motion was unanimous. Mr. Vazquez had passed along to Mr. Heller that if there was a vote for this, he would also vote for Mr. Evans to be the permanent Public Works Supervisor. Ms. Sawicki asked what date this would be effective. Mr. Heller consulted with Mr. Wills and it will be effective immediately, which will be February 3, 2021. Mr. Heller congratulated Mr. Evans. Mr. Heller wanted to thank Public Works for the great job they did with the recent plowing, and the Fire and Police Department for the job they did during the snow storm.

Mr. Heller reported that the application period for Round 4 of the Hometown Hero Banners is open to March 5, 2021.

Mr. Heller said there will be an Executive Session following this meeting to discuss a certain procedure and an additional item that is related to Personnel.

Mr. Heller said he is happy to report that a property maintenance issue we had on Greenwood Street has self-resolved and the resident was compliant with our request. We have some good news for Delaware County regarding Covid. There were 111 cases today in Delaware County and it has been as high as 400 cases. We are seeing about a 60% to 75% drop in Delaware County, mostly within the last few weeks.

Brookhaven has slowed but not at the same rate as the County. We have had 85 cases within the last 30 days for a total of 468 Covid cases with 10 Covid related deaths in the Borough.

Mr. Heller asked for a motion to approve the January 4, 2021 Council Minutes. A motion was made by Ms. Sawicki and it was seconded by Mrs. Fooks. The motion was unanimous.

Mr. Heller asked for a motion to approve the January 25, 2021 Workshop Council Minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Pappas and it was seconded by Ms. Sawicki. The motion was unanimous.

BUSINESS AND REVITALIZATION COORDINATOR, MEMBER FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, MEMBER GRANT COMMITTEE, CO-CHAIR HOLIDAY PARADE COMMITTEE, MEMBER LONG TERM AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE, CHAIR ORDINANCE COMMITTEE, CO-CHAIR RECREATION BOARD, SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON, MEMBER CONDO ASSOCIATION, CO-CHAIR TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – MRS. FOOKS

Mrs. Fooks reported that the Ordinance Committee will meet on February 18, 2021. Mrs. Fooks wanted to thank Stephanie Donaway and Shawn McKenna for devoting their time and valuable to the Committee. Due to their work schedules, they felt the need to resign at this time. Mrs. Fooks asked for a motion to accept Stephanie Donaway’s resignation from the Ordinance Committee. A motion was made by Ms. Sawicki and it was seconded by Mrs. Heller. The motion was unanimous. Mrs. Fooks asked for a motion to accept Shawn McKenna’s resignation from the Ordinance Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Pappas and it was seconded by Ms. Sawicki. The motion was unanimous. Mrs. Fooks again thanked Mrs. Donaway and Mr. McKenna for their time on the Ordinance Committee.

Mrs. Fooks said that she and Mr. Wilwert had a teleconference call with Mr. Michael Peters, our representative for E-Code, to discuss codification costs for next year’s budget along with the Ordinance updates. Mr. Wilwert is working on getting Mr. Peters the Ordinance changes that are needed. Mr. Wilwert said that the Zoning Ordinance that we presently have has changed since 2018 and the old Zoning Ordinance is still out there. We are going to make an indication on E-Code that the present Zoning is incorrect and there is a tab on the webpage that says “new laws” and it would have the new Zoning codes. Once all the codifications are done, the codes will be where they should be. Website modifications are in the works for this new section and will be finished by the Workshop Meeting this month. We are also working with Chief Zebley regarding their section on the website.

Mrs. Fooks said there were many questions regarding trash pick-up this week because of the snow storm. The trash schedule will always remain intact unless it is posted on the website or the digital sign. If there is nothing posted, please assume that it is business as usual.

MEMBER VETERANS COMMITTEE, MEMBER POLICE COMMITTEE, MEMBER TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – MR. GILROY

Mr. Gilroy wanted to thank Officer Kelso on his appointment and wanted to wish him the best and a safe career as a Brookhaven Police Officer. Mr. Gilroy wanted to give his best wishes to Officer Kyler. The Police Committee had interviews for part time Officers and there were strong candidates. Mr. Gilroy wanted to thank the Public Works Department. They did a phenomenal job through the whole town. All the roads were cleared.

MEMBER CONDO ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE, PLANNING COMMISSION LIAISON, MEMBER PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, COUNCIL LIAISON TO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, MEMBER POLICE COMMITTEE, MEMBER PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, CO-LIAISON TO ZONING – MR. PAPPAS

Mr. Pappas said there was a Workplace Safety Meeting in January. There were no safety issues; Mr. Swaygnim is still sanitizing the Borough Hall and doing all aspects for the safety of the employees; Borough Hall is still closed to the public. There is a Vacancy on the Planning Commission. We are looking for someone to take a position there. The applicant should be able to read developer drawings, read and interpret any type of Borough instruction codes. Any knowledge of the planning process in the Borough would be helpful. Any interest in improving the overall appearance of the Borough of Brookhaven would also be a plus. You do not have to be a Civil Engineer or have an Architectural Degree. If anyone is interested, please contact Borough Hall.

MEMBER PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, MEMBER BUSINESS REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE, MEMBER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, HOLIDAY PARADE COMMITTEE, MEMBER POLICE COMMITTEE AND MEMBER RECREATION BOARD AND MEMBER TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – MRS. HELLER

Mrs. Heller reported that the Technology Committee did meet in January and will meet again on February 11, 2021. There will be a Fire Committee Meeting on February 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Heller said that we have had some resignations from the Recreation Board. Sherry and Rob Waters have resigned and Mike Garvey, Vice President, has resigned. Both the Waters and Mr. Garvey have agreed to stay on the Board until their vacancies can be filled. Mrs. Heller thanked them for their service. Mrs. Hellers said that we have four new members and wanted to ask for a motion for them to come on the Recreation Board. Ms. Sawicki asked what their terms would be; their terms will be mentioned at the next legislative meeting. Mr. Wills suggested that the terms be staggered so that each year one of their terms would be finished. Mr. Dykes said we are working on this. A motion to appoint Jason Coleman as a member of the Rec Board was made by Mrs. Fooks and it was seconded by Ms. Sawicki. The motion was unanimous. A motion to appoint Jim LaPera as a member of the Rec Board was made by Ms. Sawicki and it was seconded by Mr. Gilroy. The motion was unanimous. A motion to appoint Charles Allen as a member of the Rec Board was made by Mrs. Fooks and it was seconded by Ms. Sawicki.

The motion was unanimous. Mr. Allen is one of the owners of Bateman Allen Funeral Home and we welcome any of our business owners to participate in the Rec Board. A motion to appoint Justin Howe as a member of the Rec Board was made by Mrs. Fooks and it was seconded by Mr. Pappas. The motion was unanimous. A motion to appoint Vawn Donaway as an alternate member of the Rec Board was made by Ms. Sawicki and it was seconded by Mr. Pappas. The motion was unanimous. Mrs. Heller said there was a meeting of the Rec Board on January 28, 2021 and the Easter Egg Hunt was discussed. We are looking for creative ways to conduct this during the Pandemic. We talked about possibly having it as a drive through like we did with the Trunk or Treat such as having pre-packaged candy for the children instead of the eggs. The Easter Bunny will be there and it is scheduled for Saturday, April 3, 2021; the time will be determined later. Mr. Heller said he hopes we can hold a regular Easter Egg Hunt. We discussed the DC&R Grant; we discussed possibly having a multi-purpose facility. Mr. Heller said that he did reach out to a company that builds these multi facility buildings. After we get some quotes we can submit these to Mr. Catania to submit with the Grant. This all will hinge on us receiving the Grant. We also discussed that Baseball and Softball have started on-line registration. There will only be on-line registration this year. The season is being pushed back until the end of April. The registration fees have stayed the same and we also have conducted field inspections. There are some infractions on some of the fields which are safety hazards. It will be about \$3,000 to fix these infractions. We need to make sure that anyone using these fields follow the Borough Ordinances and that Council is made aware of any use of these fields. Mr. Heller said that some of the electrical work has been fixed. Mrs. Heller said that the Police Committee met on January 20 and January 27, 2021 to hopefully resolve and get the Police Contract finished.

Mrs. Heller reported that the Baseball and Softball organizations wanted to ask Council if they could purchase hand sanitizer stands to put around the refreshment stands. Mr. Heller said that he would be in full support of this. We will look into this.

CHAIR ARBOR/SHADE TREE COMMISSION, CHAIR FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE, MEMBER LONG TERM AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANS, MEMBER FIRE COMMITTEE AND MEMBER GRANT COMMITTEE – MS. SAWICKI

Ms. Sawicki said that we have bills to pay this evening. The General Fund is \$33,501.67; the Trash Fund is \$600; The Sewer Fund is \$64,072.13 and the DELCORA bills is \$783,135. We are actually paying the 2020 bill. A motion to approve the bills was made by Ms. Sawicki and it was seconded by Mrs. Fooks. The motion was unanimous. Mr. Gilroy asked about the item on the bill that said the Memorial Park camera was replaced. Mr. Heller said the camera there was put in during the 1990's and it was barely functional. We had been updating all of the cameras in the park.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – MR. CATANIA

Mr. Catania submitted his written report but wanted to discuss the following:

~ Traffic Signal Maintenance – Mr. Catania said that each year there is an inspection conducted of all the traffic signals and there are two areas that need repair.

The first area is to reset a faulty conflict monitor at Dutton Mill and Edgmont Avenue and the second one was to reset the Pedestrian signal at Whitely Road. The cost was \$1,210 for the conflict monitor at Dutton Mill Road and the cost to reset the signal at Whitely was \$500. Mr. Catania asked for authorization for this work. A motion was made by Mrs. Heller and it was seconded by Mrs. Fooks. The motion was unanimous.

~ Whitely Road Culvert – We are aware that this failed in the storm last year and we put steel plates on it and we were hoping to use the Mariner’s East Grant money but we cannot use it. Mr. Catania wanted to ask for authorization to get bids for this project. A motion for this was made by Mrs. Fooks and it was seconded by Mr. Pappas. The motion was unanimous.

~ DC&R Open Space Grant – There is a Grant application from the state for recreation open that closes in April. Mr. Catania suggested that after Council has discussed some ideas, he will set up a meeting with the local advisor to give us some points about what will score the highest. Mrs. Heller asked if we just have to pick one project or to pick more. Mr. Catania said that with the initial meeting you could have as many ideas as you want. This is a 50% match. Ms. Sawicki voiced a concern that she is wondering where the money will come from out of our budget. Mr. Heller said this would be a three year project and we are just looking into things. The deadline to submit for this Grant is April.

FIRE MARSHALL – MR. LESLIE

Mr. Leslie reported that the Verizon Building is now completely empty. 4117 Edgmont Avenue building was sold to the owners of the Beer Barn. 4104 Edgmont Avenue, S&S building , the second floor is now being rented out to Section 8. The state was there for inspection. There was a water main break at Hilltop and we were not notified. We believe that this has been resolved that we have to be notified whenever there is a water break. 4236 Edgmont, TD Bank, is in the process of being sold. The new owners will let the Fire Department use the building for training before it is torn down. Mrs. Heller said that since the Verizon Building has been vacant the lights around the building are off and she feels it should be more lit up at night. Mr. Leslie said that he will reach out to the property owner to take care of it. Mrs. Heller said that Lowe’s will be doing their corral (garden corral) and they will be reaching out for inspection soon.

BOARD OF HEALTH

There was no report.

ZONING OFFICER –

Mr. Gavin said that he has had four Zoning Reviews this month. All four reviews were approved. He received the review for Brookhaven Storage on February 1, 2021.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Dykes, W. Brookhaven Road, wanted to thank Council for approving our four new members to the Rec Board. Mr. Dykes has given them a charge to come up with new ideas to include things for our pre-teens, teens, young adults and adults so we will include programs for all ages. The new members were already coming up with new ideas at the meeting. Mr. Heller said that he believes the Rec Board terms are for five years.

Mr. Dykes said we are looking into the drive-through Easter Egg Hunt and will hopefully be getting the summer concerts back this summer. Mr. Dykes said that the state did a great job during this last storm on Brookhaven Road.

Maureen Bail, Williamson Avenue, said she had a question at the January meeting about the Brookhaven Glen development behind Wendy's. She was able to look at the plans as to where the landscaping was going to be and she noticed there was a dumpster in the buffer zone which is behind her house. She thought that buffer zones should only have shrubs and trees located there. She said that according to the plans the dumpster is in the 20 feet that is in that section. The other dumpsters look like they are away from the buffer zone. Mr. Heller said that he will take care of this. Ms. Bail asked who she can speak to when the development is getting closer if she has questions. Mr. Heller said that she can call John Wilwert or email him.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Fooks wanted to thank the Public Works Department for a job well done during the recent snow storm. Mr. Heller wanted to congratulate Mr. Kelso for his hire as a part time Police Officer and to wish Officer Kyler all the best in the future and to thank him for his service to the Brookhaven Police Department.

ADJOURMENT

There was no other business to come before Council. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Sawicki and it was seconded by Mrs. Fooks. The motion was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Joan Boyle
Brookhaven Planning Commission Secretary