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JUNE 5, 2017
BROOKHAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Council President, John J. Wilwert, Jr., called the regularly scheduled meeting of Brookhaven Borough Council to order at 7:00 PM. He welcomed all present and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Ms. Sawicki read the names of the Borough residents who passed away during the month of May—Alexander Quaciari, John Hart and Mary Hampton (Zoning Officer Harold Hampton’s wife). Ms. Sawicki asked for a moment of silence in their memory.

The record shows the following people seated at the Council Table (from my right to left): Ms. Sawicki, Mr. LaPera, Mrs. Fooks, Mr. Wilwert, Solicitor Halligan substituting for Mr. Maddren, Ms. Leslie, Engineer Catania Engineering and Secretary McKinley. Messrs. Donaway and Linowski are absent because of illness. Mayor Hess is on vacation.

PRESENTATIONS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Kuminka and Mr. Wilwert gave Million Word Reader Certificates to the following Coebourn Elementary School Students: Morgan Boyer, Aidan Cook, Emerson Coleman, Juliette Cummings, Drake Graham, Sebastian Graham, Lucas Habich, Aleksandra McKeown, Robert Newmann, Raymond Riggins, III and Emily Thompson.

Mr. Kuminka explained the Million Word Reader Program and challenged parents to read as much as their children do. He said that this school year 38 children have achieved the Million Word Reader status.

Mr. Kuminka said he had wonderful news! Coebourn Elementary has been awarded a 2017 Nation Green Ribbon Award by the U. S. Department of Education. Coebourn is one of two schools in the state of Pennsylvania and one of sixty three schools in the nation to receive such a prestigious award. Coebourn’s Green Ribbon Journey began during the planning phase of the construction of the new Coebourn Elementary school facility. The new geothermal and energy efficient school facility has been inspiring to Coebourn’s School Community. This journey has been a school-wide team effort by involving staff, students and parents. Mr. Kuminka thanked the faculty Green Committee consisting of Mrs. Wooleyhan, Miss Snyder, Miss Lydon, Mrs. McElhenney, Ms. Sullivan, Mrs. Kravatz, Mrs. Barry and Miss Musho for leading and bringing awareness of green initiatives within the school community.

Composting, recycling, unplugging, no idle bus zones, carton to garden project, jump rope for heart, monthly awareness activities and Coebourn’s new Kindergarten Garden that vegetables grown will go to local soup kitchens are just a few initiatives Coebourn Elementary conducted to bring awareness, reduce environmental impact and utility costs, improve health and wellness and ensure effective sustainability education.

On June 27, Coebourn Elementary will be recognized in Harrisburg and on July 19 they will be recognized in Washington, D. C. Mr. Kuminka said he is elated and proud of the school community’s passion and commitment to “going green”.

Mr. Kuminka thanked Mayor Hess, Borough Council, Chief McGoldrick and the Police Department, Fire Chief Montella and Fire Department and EMT’s for supporting Coebourn’s work.

Mr. Kuminka announced that just today they received a \$2,500 grant from Wawa.

Mr. Wilwert asked retired Borough Clerk, Mary Jo Ruth to step forward. He also asked her to bring her husband, John (Jack) forward too. Mr. Wilwert read Resolution 2017-11—A Resolution of Brookhaven

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Borough honoring Mary Jo Ruth for her dedicated service as an appointed part-time Borough Clerk in the Borough of Brookhaven. Ms. Sawicki made the motion and Ms. Leslie the second to adopt the Resolution. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Harry Seth, Commander of the Albert Merlino Memorial American Legion Post #94 presented Jack Ruth with a beautiful plaque honoring him for his many years of dedicated service to the Post.

Ms. Leslie asked Mr. Wilwert to join her in the front of the Council Table. She presented him with the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Thomas F. Chrostwaite Award in recognition of twenty or more years of dedicated service. Mr. Wilwert was unable to attend the PSAB Conference in May to accept this award so was mailed to him. The award is signed by Chuck Mummert, PSAB President and Christopher Cap, PSAB's Executive Director. The record shows Ms. Leslie First Vice President and Mrs. McKinley is Secretary Emeritus of the Delaware County Association of Boroughs.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Dan Gallo, 4390 Marianne Drive, among other things, spoke about the Borough's electronic recycling event held on April 1. He said the recycler was dumping things into the trash truck and crushing them. He spoke about "CRT's" and the fact that they are vacuum sealed but they can explode. Their dust contains phosphorus. He outlined the proper way to handle various items. Ms. Leslie said she was on vacation at the April 1 event and those running it did give her his card. She said that she and the hauler for the event on June 10 will be speaking on the phone tomorrow. He said he had sent an e-mail with photographs of the proper way to handle the materials. The record shows that Mr. Gallo is employed by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Christine Johnson, 815 Adams Drive, displayed a flyer announcing a Pipeline Awareness Forum to be held on Thursday, June 15 at 6:00 PM. It will be held at Northley Middle School. The flyer says there will be a Panel Presentation with speakers including State Representative Leanne Krueger-Braneky, as well as representatives from the Sierra Club, Middletown Coalition for Community Safety and Penn Delco Superintendent, Dr. Steinhoff who will answer school safety questions. Mr. Wilwert said he would get this on the electronic sign and Channel 5. Mrs. Fooks will put it on the Borough's web-site.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief McGoldrick was unable to attend the meeting. He did provide Council and the Mayor with his monthly report.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Montella

For the month of May, 2017, Chief Montella reported the following statistics:

4 Fire Incidents, 19 Non-Fire Incidents, 45 Mutual Aids and 5 Drills. There was no loss to structures or vehicles but \$4,000 to contents. \$350,000 worth of property was endangered. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries or deaths. The Manpower Report shows 50 calls with an average number of 13 people participating for 340 hours. There were 5 Training Sessions with an average of 28 people participating for 182 hours.

Brookhaven Volunteer Fire Company responded to 2 Building fires in Brookhaven—Deepwater Lane which was contained to the living room couch and a building on Forrestview Road contained to the kitchen; 4 motor vehicle accidents in Brookhaven—4420 Edgmont Avenue, 1 Coebourn Boulevard, Edgmont Avenue at Cambridge Road and Dutton's Mill Road at Creek Road; they assisted Chester Fire Department on cover call with rescue to City Station during a fire at Palmer House; assisted Upland Fire Company on a vehicle fire on 21st Street and a motor vehicle accident at Castle Avenue and Church Street; assisted Chester Township on a

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building fire on Rainer Road in Toby Farms; assisted Garden City Fire Company on a fatal motor vehicle accident at Routes 320 and 252.

Chief Montella asked that the residents and businesses support their EMS Drive which is currently going on.

Fire Company Members monthly training completed Lock Hydrant Training, Rescue Pump Training, Hose Line Advancement Training, Thermal Imaging Training and EMS Trauma Training.

The EMS Report shows 88 transports, 14 refusals, 26 assists for a total of 128. Broken down it shows 91 calls in Brookhaven 52 – 91; Aston 17 – 2; Chester City 100/82/83/81 – 3; Chester Township 47 – 3; Lower Chichester 39/40 – 1; Media 23 – 7; Middletown 50 – 3; Nether Providence 65/51 – 2; Parkside 45 – 5; Rocky Run 46 – 1 and Upland 57 – 1.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Mr. Halligan for Mr. Maddren

Mr. Halligan said he had nothing to report from Mr. Maddren.

Ms. Sawicki made the motion and Mrs. Fooks the second to approve the Minutes from the April 24, 2017 Workshop. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Sawicki made the motion and Ms. Leslie the second to approve the Minutes from the May 1, 2017 Council Meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Hess is on vacation.

COUNCIL REPORTS

CHAIR PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS, LIAISON TO HOLIDAY PARADE COMMITTEE, CHAIR COMPREHENSIVE PLANS, MEMBER TRAFFIC CALMING COMMITTEE AND MEMBER OF POLICE COMMITTEE - Mr. Donaway was absent because of illness.

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

Mr. LaPera said the Zoning Hearing Will meet on June 14 to hear two cases—A Dunkin Donuts and Sushi Restaurant at the old Wawa—4580 Edgmont Avenue and a Beer Distributor at 4101 Edgmont Avenue.

On Friday, July 21 at 7:00 PM Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company will perform William Shakespeare’s Romeo & Juliet here at the Municipal Center. Weather permitting it will be in the area of the Walking/Bike Trail; otherwise, it will be in the gym.

The Recreation Committee held its first Family Day Meeting last week.

The Recreation Committee’s 14th Annual Golf Tournament is coming up in October.

The work in Eaton Park is well under way. The Concession Stand is up and they are working on the finishes.

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The cameras in Memorial Park are operational. Mr. Wilwert asked if they can be accessed via the smart phones. Mr. LaPera said as far as he knows, not at this time

We need to look into getting lights and cameras in Sampson Park? Mr. Catania can check into that.

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 will meet on June 15 at 6:30 PM.

Business Revitalization shows Hollywood Nails is now open for business. The urgent care should be opening soon too. The Franklin Mint Credit Union will be opening within the next several months.

Mrs. Fooks said all Sunoco Logistics Pipeline Information provided to us can be found under the Documents and downloads tab on the main Home Page (upper right corner) then Environmental Topics.

The Brookhaven Business Association will hold their meetings the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 AM in the Community Room at the Brookhaven Municipal Center.

Mrs. Fooks congratulated Ms. Leslie and the American Legion Post 94 for the Memorial Day Ceremony remembering World War I. The flag presentation was very memorable and she was glad she was able to be a part of it. She asked Ms. Leslie to keep her posted when other events are going to happen so she can put the information on the web-site.

CHAIR ARBOR/SHADE TREE COMMITTEE, LIAISON TO HEALTH INSPECTORS AND HEALTH OFFICER, LIAISON TO PLANNING COMMISSION, MEMBER LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND MEMBER FIRE COMMITTEE – Ms. Sawicki

Ms. Sawicki said the new double-sided banners have arrived. Higgins Electric will be installing the hardware and banners on the poles along Edgmont Avenue as soon as possible.

Ms. Sawicki said she and her committee members will be going up and down Edgmont Avenue trying to get the business owners to beautify their business.

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

Ms. Leslie said that the Veterans Memorial Day Service held on May 27 was one of our best services yet. It was a beautiful, sunny, day. She thanked everyone that participated in it. She also thanked Harry Swayngim for setting up and breaking everything down for them. She also thanked the Albert Merlino Memorial Post #94 Commander, Harry Seth.

The Police Committee will be meeting on June 15 at 5:30 PM.

The Recycling/Electronics only event will be Saturday, June 10 from 9:00 AM until Noon.

Under Emergency Management, Ms. Leslie said practice swimming pool safety, stay cool from the heat and

check on the elderly residents during the summer months.

There was nothing to report under the Fire Committee.

Ms. Leslie said that Bill Smith (Boy Scout Troop 493) has informed her that there are several Boy Scouts who will be in need of an Eagle Scout Project. Please contact him with anything with which we could use a scout. Mrs. McKinley she has been working with Michael Wiciak, 4929 Grant Drive, with his proposed project along the Chester Creek. Mrs. McKinley said she has recently provided Council with the Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal. Mr. Wiciak attends Salesianum (Class of 2019). His project won't begin until the fall of 2017, once it is approved by all who need to do so.

CHAIR FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE, CHAIR LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT, MEMBER FIRE COMMITTEE, MEMBER CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND CHAIR CONDO ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE – Mr. Linowski is absent because of illness.

Mr. Wilwert asked for a motion to approve the bill list. Ms. Sawicki so moved and Ms. Leslie made the second. The bill list is dated 06/05/17 and totals \$109,378.46--\$107,674.09 from General Fund, \$1,685.17 from Sewer Fund and \$19.20 from the Trash Fund. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Mr. Catania

Mr. Catania recommended that the Municipal Complex Exterior Decorative Lighting award to AN Lynch Company be rescinded and Catania Engineering be authorized to put it out for rebid. Ms. Sawicki made the motion and Mrs. Fooks the second. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Catania recommended the Wall Renovations to the Gym Insulation be awarded to A. J. Paoella Construction—the lone bidder at \$38,095.00. Mrs. McKinley called the roll. The vote was as follows: Mrs. Fooks – Yes; Mr. LaPera – Abstained because does business with Paoella Construction; Ms. Leslie – Yes; Ms. Sawicki – Yes and Mr. Wilwert – Yes. Motion carried by 4 Yes and 1 Abstention.

Mr. Catania recommended that the Gym Ceiling Insulation Project be put out for bids by Catani Engineering. Ms. Sawicki made the motion and Mr. LaPera the second. A \$19,000 quote from Lantz Insulation necessitated going out for bids. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Catania recommended that authorization be given to have the street lateral at 3432 Commerce Avenue and 3734 Nathan Avenue repaired. Ms. Sawicki made the motion and Mrs. Fooks the second. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Sawicki made the motion and Mrs. Fooks the second to have the storm sewer at Chandler and Lister Drive repaired. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Catania recommended that LED Wall Fixtures be installed in the gym by Miller Lighting. The cost of these fixtures is \$4,137.70. Ms. Sawicki made the motion and Ms. Leslie the second. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Catania recommended Council's approval of an escrow release for Shoppes at Brookhaven—Phase 1-3 \$39,190.66, Phase 4-6 \$0.00 and Ballfield \$11,845.90. Ms. Sawicki made the motion and Ms. Leslie the Second to approve the escrow release. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Mr. Catania recommended taking over the ballfield subject to the solicitor's approval and retaining some escrow for the ballfield. Mr. LaPera said some places need to be re-seeded. The weeds on the hill need to be knocked down too. Mr. LaPera said it is

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his understanding that the irrigation system will be given to us when we take over. The field is looking nice.

Mr. Catania recommended adoption of the 7 Green Light Go Traffic Light PennDOT resolutions. Ms. Sawicki so moved and Mrs. Fooks made the second. Motion carried by unanimous vote. These are Resolutions 2017-12 through 18.

Mr. Wilwert asked if the Borough ever got a price to put cameras in Eaton Park. Mr. Catania said he will get someone to do that but we still have some time before we have to. Ms. Sawicki made the motion and Mrs. Fooks the second to get prices to put cameras in Eaton Park. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

INSPECTORS REPORTS

PUBLIC FIRE SAFETY OFFICERS – Mr. Wilwert

Mr. Wilwert said the Public Fire Safety Officials have issued 5 citations and 25 warnings in the Fire Zones. They have done 5 home fire safety checks and are keeping their eye on fire hydrants.

BOARD OF HEALTH – Mrs. Warfield

Mrs. Warfield said there are always new grass issues but she does have a handle on all those visible to her. A few of the businesses in the area need to cut their grass and manicure their landscape and gardens.

Fire Safety Officials- Chief Montella and Mr. Bynum – Had no report.

Fire Marshal – Charles Leslie

Mr. Leslie thanked Council for getting the Ricks Circle area paving situation taken care of. The paving makes safer for the emergency vehicles to have better access to the area.

The new Pet Smart in Plaza 352 is making progress and doing a good job.

There was a house fire on Deepwater Lane. The fire was contained to a sofa; however, the woman at the house had no intention of calling 9.1.1. She was going to throw the sofa out on the front lawn.

Pact One, LLC will be applying for blasting permits. Mr. Leslie said “they will be following the rules to the letter”. They wanted to deviate from the rules and Mr. Leslie said “no”. Mr. Wilwert asked if there was any other mode than blasting that could be used. Mr. Leslie said hammer.

ZONING OFFICER – Mr. Hampton

Mr. Hampton said he is just getting back from his wife’s passing and funeral. He is making a lot of phone calls. He said he is getting some incomplete applications and he would like this discussed at the Inspectors Meeting scheduled for 3:45 PM on Wednesday.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Christine Johnson, 815 Adams Drive asked who is doing the Sunoco language on the web-site because it was inaccurate. We need to hold Sunoco to the facts. Are we going to stop them from lying? Ms. Sawicki said the Borough should talk to our solicitor before anything goes on the web-site. Ms. Johnson also spoke about

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an area over the hill by the port- a-potty about which she had concerns. Mr. Catania said he would check into that.

There was no other business to come before Council. Ms. Sawicki made the motion and Ms. Leslie the second to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen McKinley
Borough Secretary