

**MINUTES**  
**BROOKHAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021**

At 7:00 PM Council President Terry Heller called the regularly scheduled Brookhaven Borough Council Workshop Meeting to Order. Mr. Heller led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Mayor Leslie read the names of the deceased in the month of May: Shirley Hollenbach, Joseph Kaminski, Thomas McGowan, Thomas Casey, Robert Ewing and Alfred Whittington, Sr. A moment of silence was observed in their memory.

The record shows the meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Brookhaven Municipal Center, 2 Cambridge Road, Brookhaven, PA 19015 and the following people were present: Mayor Leslie, Council President Mr. Heller, Councilpersons Mrs. Fooks, Mrs. Heller, Mr. Pappas, Ms. Sawicki, Mr. Vazquez, Solicitor John Wills, Engineer Charles Catania, Fire Chief Montella, Acting Police Chief Zebley and Office Manager John Wilwert. Mr. Gilroy was not present. The minutes were recorded by Recording Secretary Mrs. Boyle.

Mayor Leslie presented an Honorary 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Resolution to Thomas and Joan Boyle, residents of Brookhaven, on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. The Resolution was signed by all members of Brookhaven Council and dated June 7, 2021.

**SCHOOL BOARD REPORT - COEBOURN SCHOOL PRINCIPAL – THERESA FORD**

Mrs. Ford congratulated the Coebourn Elementary Million Word Readers for the 2020-2021 school year. She said that everyone was very proud of these students for “Accepting the Challenge” by setting a reading goal of one million words and working toward that goal to achieve. She said that Brookhaven Council was also proud of their effort by honoring them this evening. The students are: Matthew Cymbala, Anabell Wehmeyer, Carter Ruggeri, Jacob Daniele, Tayra Ribot-Rodriguez, Andrew DiPasquale, Thomas Gold, Anthony Preziuso, Monica Stasul, Eamonn Gervin, Ella Kania, Dylan Pothier, Audrey Habich and Matthew Shaw. Matthew Shaw read over 4 million words which is quite an accomplishment. There was a Reading Celebration on May 27<sup>th</sup> to acknowledge their school reaching their reading goals and to the students who have improved on reading goals. The theme for the day was “Take Me out to the Ball Park”. The students dressed for the day by sporting their favorite baseball team. The day began with an assembly to honor the students and they were treated to a movie and a ball park lunch was provided by the Coebourn food service. The PTL provided baseball raffles that were pulled throughout the day. The school library will be open on Thursdays during the summer for students. The students honored Veterans in May by making over 400 cards for veterans at StackUp.org. A school parent is involved in this organization and will ensure that all the cards are delivered to our veterans. On June 11<sup>th</sup>, students will wear caps for cancer. All dollar donations for caps will be collected and will benefit a local cancer society. On June 9<sup>th</sup>, Coebourn will be hosting an in-person moving up ceremony for fifth grade students. Due to strict safety guidelines the ceremony will look different this year but they are excited that the students can be honored. The Sun Valley Clap Out was held today (June 7<sup>th</sup>). The students and staff welcomed the Sun Valley High School seniors for the traditional in-person school clap out. The SVHS/Coebourn graduates walked the halls of the school in their cap and gown to cheers from the students. The SVHS graduation will take place on June 8<sup>th</sup> at the football field. All information for this will be updated on the web page. Mrs. Ford said everyone can follow Coebourn events on Twitter.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Kaitlin Binch and Billy Nawn, both of Chandler Drive, came before Council to discuss the radar detectors on Chandler Drive. They said they do not work. They said that the speeding on Chandler Drive is getting worse and they wanted to know if there was any current updates on the problem. Mr. Heller said that a traffic study costing \$12,000 was done on Chandler Drive a few years ago. At that time they were looking into putting speed humps down but there was a legal question regarding them concerning the liability of the Borough if anyone got into an accident while going over the humps. Mr. Heller said that he is for speed humps on Chandler and on Trimble Blvd. Mrs. Fooks asked how the neighbors on Chandler Drive feel about speed humps. Ms. Binch said that two years ago they approached the residents with a petition and the majority of them were fine with it. They have recently gone to the new neighbors and they were fine with it also. Mr. Heller said that Council will discuss this at an Executive session. Mrs. Heller asked if there could be additional police patrols, especially in the morning. Chief Zebley said that the officers have been stopping cars on Chandler at the stop sign. Ms. Binch and Ms. Nawn said that other towns, such as Aston and Springfield, do allow speed humps. Ms. Binch and Ms. Nawn thanked Council for their interest in this problem.

Ginnie McKee, Mt. Vernon Avenue, said that she thought they were going to put down lines on the road on Chandler and Trimble. Mr. Heller said that they did but it did not slow down traffic. Mr. Heller said that it is mostly residents that are speeding on these roads. Ms. McKee asked about the size of the humps; how high would they be. Chief Montella said that he appreciates the residents concerns about speeding but his problem is that these speed humps do a lot of damage to the fire trucks. They have caused snow chains to be ripped off and caused damage to the suspension of the trucks.

Mike Schiavone and his wife, Arlington Avenue, came before Council regarding some problems that still exist with the new homes. Mr. Schiavone said that the existing property lines are not marked correctly because of the existing fences behind the properties of the homes on Gray Street. The markers were placed two feet in on the properties of the new homes on Arlington. Another problem is the landscaping. He said that the builder took off the top soil and they are having trouble with starting their lawns. Mr. Schiavone said they are still waiting for the Certificate of Occupancy for their home. Mr. Catania said that he spoke to the Developer's representative today about some of these issues. He said that we are going to retain their escrow until the problems are corrected. The Developer is aware of the property lines not being correct. Mr. Catania said that the Developer is aware of the landscaping and they have to provide a good grass cover. Mr. Catania said he will check on the Certificate of Occupancy.

**FIRE CHIEF – ROBERT MONTELLA**

Chief Montella reported the following for May 2021:

5 fire incidents; 17 non-fire incidents; 32 calls for mutual aid; 4 training sessions for a total of 58 for the month and 273 for the year; we had \$60,000 loss for the month and \$1,500,000 property endangered; we have a \$1,100,000 loss for the year; we have \$2,700,000 property endangered for the year. Our manpower was 58 calls with an average of 13 fire fighters; 679 hours of service for the month, 3,773 hours for the year; 4 training sessions with an average of 29 fire fighters; 203 personnel hours of training for the month, 892 hours of training for the year.

Brookhaven Fire Company responded to the following for the month;  
We had a building fire on Memorial Day Weekend at the Garden Style apartments at Stone Hill Court Apartments. The Fire Company had a really good stop on the fire there.

We had six units in jeopardy from the original fire but it was contained to a bedroom. We had a couple residents that were displaced and they were taken in by the Red Cross. The loss was kept to the unit where the fire started and there was slight water damage in the apartment below. We also had a building fire at Trimble Run Apartments on Bridgewater Road.

We had three automobile accidents – 352/Whitley Road; 352/Cambridge Road and 108 Trimble Blvd. We had one gas leak inside at 4337 Zoar Street.

Brookhaven Fire Company assisted Aston Township Fire Company on a building fire at Worthhill Road and also on Convent Road (Neumann University Dormitory). We assisted Parkside Fire Company on an accident at 352/Chelton Road; we assisted Rocky Run Fire Company on a building fire at 248 Chestnut Street; we assisted Chester Fire Department on two alarm building fires – 343 Lamokin Street and 1121 Thomas Street; we assisted Concordville Fire Company on a building fire at Hitchcock Lane.

Our monthly training was fire scene size up, water supply and ladder operations. We submitted a Grant to EMS Foundation for new equipment for all of our ambulances at a value of \$50,000. We submitted our Covid-10 update report to the Mayor and Borough Council.

Our Ambulance Report for May 2021 was 212 total alarms; 125 of them were transports to hospital; 138 were ALS dispatches; 74 were BLS dispatches. We have answered 910 ambulance calls so far for the year.

Chief Montella said they participated in a Softball Tournament with the Delaware County Fire Fighters last weekend. BFC teamed up with Lower Chichester and the team came in second place.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT – ACTING CHIEF JONATHAN ZEBLEY

Acting Chief Zebley reported the following for May 2021:

We had 407 CADS; 3 assaults; 3 DOA's; 10 theft incidents; 4 fraud reports; 1 terroristic threat; 1 narcotic arrest, 2 public intoxications; 3 disorderly conducts; 1 harassment; 7 mental health responses; 29 suspicious conditions/persons were investigated; 28 disturbances/domestic disputes were resolved; investigated 14 alarms; responded to 6 hazardous conditions with fire company calls; investigated 19 vehicle accidents; assisted other departments 40 times; 12 adults were arrested; 2 warrants were served; 50 citations were issued or filed; 23 warnings were issued. Total loss to victims amounts to approximately \$12,005. Recovered property amounts are \$936.

There were no issues with Officers with Covid in May. A stringent Covid mitigation plan and order remains in effect and will do so indefinitely. Most officers have opted to receive the vaccinations. Officer Farid is nearing the completion of the FTO program and will be on the schedule in the next couple of weeks. Officer Brent Roler and Officer Trevor Johnston were hired and sworn-in as part-time police officers and they have begun the FTO Program. Chief Zebley discussed the Fireworks law and ordinances. Our ordinance incorporates Pennsylvania law and there are plenty of restrictions on fireworks. They are restricted to consumer grade only and are not to be discharged within 150 feet of any structure meant for occupancy. This includes businesses and residences. Fireworks cannot be discharged on any public property such as streets or parks. They cannot be discharged in a street. Fireworks can only be discharged by an adult who is not under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

They cannot be discharged after 10 pm. They cannot be discharged from a vehicle or aimed at vehicles or structures. Chief Zebley said that there are very few places in Brookhaven where Fireworks can be discharged.

If you are within the ordinance to discharge fireworks, please be considerate of your neighbors with pets and PTSD. There will be extra officers on all through July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

Officer Wetten conducted training and qualifications at the firing range on the duty weapon for Officer Barth and Officer Habich. Officer Wetten attended Swat training. Officer Zebley attended 80 hours of police executive development training virtually through Penn State. Officer Eastman completed 16 hours of mandatory in-service training. In total 112 hours of training were completed by officers in May. Chief Zebley wanted to say “job well done” to Officers Wetten, Jenkins and Farid with their response to a building at Stone Hill Apartments on Memorial Day weekend. The Officers entered a building where there was an active fire in a bedroom without personal protective equipment and assisted residents from the upper floors as the building was filling up with smoke. Chief Zebley received a letter today from one of the residents complimenting the actions of the Police during the fire. Also, a job well done to Detective Habich for spear-heading a Grant for the purchase of new top of the line computers for the police vehicles. The police department received \$32,000 in equipment that is now installed in all vehicles. Chief Zebley wanted to thank Chief Montella and the Fire Company for allowing the Police Department to host a defensive tactics, control tactics and use of force training class in September at the firehouse. This training will certify officers in becoming defensive tactics instructors for their departments. Brookhaven Police will be able to send two officers at no cost to receive this training because we are able to host the class for the training company. This is a \$2,500 savings. The training that will be provided to officers in the departments is now mandatory per PA ACT 59 and will be incorporated into mandatory in-service training (ACT 180). It will be cost effective to have in-house trainers to train and certify officers in the department. Chief Zebley said to follow the Brookhaven Police on Facebook for announcements, posts and updates for community and police information.

Councilman Pappas asked Chief Zebley about the 50 citations that were issued. He asked if that was a detail. Chief Zebley said it was officers randomly doing traffic checks. Residents in Trimble Run and Cambridge Square had asked about this. It was also done at Mt. Vernon and Chandler. Mr. Pappas asked Chief Zebley if he could break down the citations with the violations. He said we are spending money for the speeding control on Chandler and he would like to have it broken down. Mr. Pappas asked if we are going to have officers assigned there. Chief Zebley said he is just asking the officers to randomly do the check. A question was asked from the public as to how the batteries get changed in the speed control on Chandler. An officer is working on this. There are some that are solar powered. Mayor Leslie said that she gave a copy of all the citations to the Councilpersons last week.

#### SOLICITOR’S REPORT – MR. JAY WILLS

Mr. Wills submitted a written report to the Council members and the Mayor and reported the following issues:

Arbor Development – This is a 2 lot residential subdivision on Zoar Street. The Developer has executed the Developer’s Agreement and public improvement security agreement and paid all fees to the Borough for construction activities.

Brookhaven Storage – The Developer has filed revised Land Development Plans with the Borough for a self storage facility on a 2.4 acre property on undeveloped land on the south side of East Brookhaven Road. The Zoning Hearing Board met in April and denied the three story building in excess of 35 feet.

Because of that meeting, the Developer filed revised plans that are now in conformity with the Zoning Board. The Planning Commission is scheduled to review those plans at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Wills will be in attendance at that meeting.

Popeye's Land Development Project – This is the Developer that wishes to redevelop the former TD Bank building at 4236 Edgmont Avenue. The Developer did obtain conditional use approval from Borough Council at the meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to permit a fast food restaurant with drive through. The Developer is obligated to obtain multiple variances from the Zoning Hearing Board at the next meeting. The public is invited to attend.

Brookhaven Glen – This is a residential community for ages 55 and over on Edgmont Avenue and Radio Park Lane. Mr. Wills had two resolutions for Borough Council's consideration authorizing a partial escrow release for completion of certain public improvements. The first resolution is a resolution that authorizes the release of the fifth escrow release for public improvements in the amount of \$248,663.68. This escrow release has been reviewed by the Borough Engineer and he has recommended the approval of that particular escrow release. A motion to release the fifth escrow release in the amount of \$248,663.68 to Brookhaven Glen was made by Ms. Sawicki and it was seconded by Mr. Vazquez. The motion was unanimous. Mr. Wills had a second resolution for Borough Council's consideration authorizing a sixth partial escrow release for public improvements in the amount of \$268,767.12. This escrow release has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Borough Engineer. A motion to release the sixth escrow release in the amount of \$268,767.12 to Brookhaven Glen was made by Ms. Sawicki and it was seconded by Mr. Vazquez. The motion was unanimous.

Emergency Disaster Resolution- Mr. Wills said that the Borough declared an Emergency Disaster Proclamation due to the Covid-19 Pandemic on March 19, 2020. The Borough has been operating under the Declaration of Disaster for the past 15 months. The resolution for Borough Council's consideration this evening would terminate the Declaration of Emergency Disaster proclaimed by Borough Council on March 19, 2020. Mr. Wills read the Resolution. The former Mayor Michael Hess issued a Declaration of Emergency Disaster on March 13, 2020. On March 19, 2020 the Borough Council of Brookhaven declared, joined, and extended the Declaration of Emergency Disaster issued by former Mayor Michael Hess. At this present time the Borough Council of Brookhaven hereby terminates the Declaration of Emergency Disaster on this date, June 7, 2021. A motion to terminate the Declaration of Emergency Disaster proclaimed by Borough officials on March 13<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 was made by Mrs. Fooks and it was seconded by Mrs. Heller. The motion was unanimous.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Leslie reported that she swore in our newest Police Officer on June 4<sup>th</sup>, Trevor Johnston. We want to wish him good luck and welcome aboard. Mayor Leslie wanted to echo what Chief Zebley said about Officers Wetten, Jenkins and Farid for their response to the fire at Stone Hill Apartments.

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 asked for a motion to approve the May 3, 2021 Council Minutes. A motion was made by Mrs. Fooks and it was seconded by Mr. Vazquez. The motion was unanimous.

Mr. Heller asked for a motion to approve the May 24, 2021 Council Workshop Minutes. A motion was made by Mrs. Fooks and it was seconded by Mr. Vazquez. The motion was unanimous.

Mr. Heller said that we still have 25 Hometown Hero Banners down. We are waiting for the bucket truck arrival to install them. The Auto Show has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Heller announced three Executive Council Sessions. We had one on May 24<sup>th</sup> from 8 pm to 8:45 pm regarding Personnel. We will have one on June 21<sup>st</sup> from 6 pm to 8:15 pm regarding Personnel. We will have a brief Executive Session after this evening's meeting regarding speed humps.

Mr. Heller wanted to give Mr. Wilwert, Treasurer Mrs. McDade and Ms. Sawicki a thank you for getting the Rescue Fund's application in. We were notified on late June 3<sup>rd</sup> that we had to apply by June 7<sup>th</sup>. Because we did get the application submitted, we were notified that we would receive \$800,000 - \$400,000 this year and \$400,000 next year. Great job to these three individuals for their work in getting this submitted.

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM, 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 wanted to add to what Mr. Heller said; she wanted to give Mr. Wilwert and Mrs. McDade so much credit for getting all the information needed to be done for this Rescue Fund.

Ms. Sawicki had the Bill List for the month of June. The General Fund is \$68,915.50; the Sewer Fund is \$35,011.48; the Trash Fund is \$1,500 and the Road Fund is \$754.02 for a total of \$106,181.00. Ms. Sawicki made a motion to approve the Bill List and it was seconded by Mr. Vazquez. The motion was unanimous. Mr. Heller thanked Ms. Sawicki for her work on the Rescue Fund application.

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

Mrs. Fooks reported there was no meeting in May; the next meeting will be June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. She is continuing to work with Mr. Copple regarding clean up on Hilltop Drive and Whately Road with the landscaping obstructing the views.

The Providence Chip Clinic that was scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup> is cancelled. Please check the Providence Clinic's website for information about the chip vaccination.

The Concert In The Park series will begin on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at Eaton Park with the LSD Band from 5 pm to 8 pm. Mrs. Fooks said we are working on an electronic newsletter that will be finalized in the next few weeks. Once it is finalized it will be put on the Brookhaven website and there also will be hard copies available at Brookhaven Borough Hall. Mrs. Fooks said she received a call from the B & L Trash Company today informing her that there was an issue with the dump where the trash is taken. She wanted the residents to know that if their trash is not picked up this Wednesday, trash day, just to leave it out and it will be picked up on Thursday.

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

Mr. Vazquez reported the following:

~ He had no further news regarding the Zoning Hearing other than what was reported earlier by Mr. Wills.

~ There were three sewer back-ups –

Rear of 3515-A Edgmont Avenue – cleaned up by our sewer jet machine

3436 Janney Avenue – issue was on the homeowner

Morris and Janney – cleaned up by our sewer jet machine

~ Cleaned four sections of sanitary sewers on two different streets; our year to date is 70 sewer main sections that have been cleaned on 24 streets.

~ Report of a noisy sanitary sewer cover on the 4700 block of Chandler Drive. We did a temporary fix and will have it completed later.

~ Public Works assisted Dukes Technology with two manhole covers that are being worked on.

~ We had two sink holes on Whitely Road; both were fixed.

~ There was a water leak at 328 Melvin Drive; the leak was from a neighbor's house. The Code Enforcement and Engineer's Office were both notified.

~ There were several water leak holes on Schoolhouse Lane; these issues were referred to the Chester Water Authority.

~ The electrical issues in the parks are being addressed.

~ The Plexiglas shield was replaced at Memorial.

~ The swing sets at Summerville were lowered and new wood chips and certified playground mulch was put in.

~ Security cameras at Memorial were updated with new equipment.

~ We added tamper proof equipment on the swings so they cannot be adjusted by everyone using them.

~ Second chipping is completed.

~ Public works planted flowers.

~ PA1 call tickets was 48; 202 for the year.

~ New street signs were installed at Church and Maple Streets.

~ 38 Hometown banners were reinstalled

~ New flags were installed at Cambridge Island and the walking trail.

~ If any residents need any recycling cans, please contact the office.

~ One complaint at 200 Maple about an overgrown bush; Code Enforcement was notified.

~ Public Works had training and virtual training sessions.

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 had no report.

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 Parade Committee will meet on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. The Technology Committee Meeting will be on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. We will be talking about livestreaming with the Council Room and the Gym and the Community Room. The Rec Board met and talked about the Concerts.

Mrs. Heller thanked the baseball organization. They had their closing ceremony on June 5<sup>th</sup>; she wanted to thank the Fire Department and Police Department for their involvement. The parade went from Memorial Park to Durkin Park. Mrs. Heller wanted to thank Mr. DiProjetto for all his work during these last few years with the baseball league along with the coaches, volunteer and businesses who sponsored the teams. There will be a Family Day meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>; the business letters were sent out. Mrs. Heller wished all the Fathers a Happy Father's Day and sent congratulations to all the graduates.

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

Mr. Gilroy was not present and there was no report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – MR. CATANIA

Mr. Catania submitted his report to Council and reported the following:

~ 315 W. Brookhaven Road development. We are still working on the strip of ground that is in question.

~ 2021 Street Resurfacing Contract was awarded to A. F. Damon Company and will tentatively start work on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

~ Sewage Treatment - one of the blowers failed and Mr. Catania asked Council to recommend the replacement of the motor at \$1,490. Mr. Vazquez made the motion to replace the motor at a cost of \$1,490 and it was seconded by Ms. Sawicki. The motion was unanimous.

Mrs. Fooks had a question about West Brookhaven Road. They replaced the sewer and the road was not filled in properly. Mr. Catania said it will be done either today or tomorrow.

INSPECTORS' REPORTS

FIRE MARSHAL – MR. LESLIE

Mr. Leslie reported that PECO has a third party contractor finishing up the outside meters. Cocco's structural inspection has been pushed to next week.

The remodeling at Citizen’s Bank is going well. We had an accidental fire at Stone Hill Apartments. The Fire Department did a great job in stopping the fire.

BOARD OF HEALTH –

There was no report.

ZONING OFFICER – MR. GAVIN

Mr. Gavin had no report.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Missiras, Marshall Road, asked if our taxes will be reduced next year based on the grant we will be getting. Ms. Sawicki said that we had a reassessment and we could not raise taxes this year. We are also anticipating that the business taxes will be lower because of people not working during the pandemic. This grant money is going to be earmarked for projects that Council has planned to do. Ms. Sawicki said we have to be cautious about spending. Mr. Missiras asked if the new businesses has increased our revenues. Mr. Heller said certain businesses did fine during the pandemic but other businesses were hit hard. Ms. Sawicki said we will keep all the residents informed. Mr. Missiras asked about the intersection out of Burger King onto Cambridge Road. He said that many times it is blocked and asked if anything is planned to fix this. Mr. Heller said it is a not an easy fix; it is not a road but a parking lot owned by Burger King. There is nothing to be done there. Mr. Missiras asked about another issue he had. A member of. His family needed the services of the ambulance recently. He said that when they dialed 911, they expected Brookhaven to respond. He received a bill from Crozer Hospital. When he inquired about this, he was told that since it was a heart issue, Crozer responded also. Mr. Missiras said that he does not think he has to pay this bill since he has donated to Brookhaven Ambulance. Chief Montella came forward and explained how the process works. Chief Montella said that when a resident subscribes to Brookhaven Ambulance, that protects them from receiving a bill. He said that the bill was not billed property and it will be corrected. Chief Montella gave a lengthy discussion about how this works. In summary, Brookhaven Ambulance legally has to bill the resident’s insurance company and they get reimbursed whatever the insurance company gives them. Chief Montella said we have to have backup and Crozer is one of our backups. Crozer is a “for profit hospital” Chief Montella explained that when you subscribe to the Brookhaven Ambulance Fund for the year, you are covered no matter what the bill. Brookhaven Ambulance receives only what the insurance sends them and the subscriber of Brookhaven Ambulance does not have to pay any additional fee. Chief Montella told Mr. Missiras that he would get the bill adjusted. Mr. Leslie said that if residents do not subscribe and give the \$50 donation to the ambulance fund, they are responsible for whatever the cost of the bill would be. It is out of our hands at that point. We do not do any of the billing.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Heller said that he wanted to thank Mr. DiProjetto for all the years he has been volunteering on the baseball league and has done a great job.

ADJOURMENT

There was no other business to come before Council. Ms. Sawicki made the motion and Mrs. Heller made the second motion to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Joan Boyle  
Recording Secretary

