

MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2019
BROOKHAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

At 7:00 PM Council President, Vawn Donaway, called the regularly scheduled meeting of Brookhaven Borough Council to Order. He led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Mayor Hess read the names of the Borough Residents who passed away during the month of February—Gary Mulligan, Dolores Ardes, Gloria Coale, Theresa Carlin, Joseph Platt, Robert McHenry, Christina Couch, Deana Eckman, Wayne Egbert, Leah Evans, Conrad Olenik, Sr and Judith Bixler. A moment of silence was held in their memory.

The record shows all members of Council were present and seated at the Council Table. Also seated at the Council Table were Solicitor Stone, Engineer Mulvena and Secretary McKinley.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION - None

BROOKHAVEN BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSN. REPORT – Mr. Sredenschek from Bryn Mawr Trust Bank said they are working on having a 5K Run and are looking to possibly sponsor a basketball tournament next year. .

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT – Mrs. Ford

Coebourn Elementary participated in the Kid’s Heart Challenge and raised over \$10,000.00 for the American Heart Association. All of the students participated throughout the school day. The gymnasium was set up with stations that included jump rope, dancing, hoola hooping, scootering through tunnels and other heart healthy activities. She thanked Detective Habich and Office Eastman for participating.

Students and Staff celebrated Read Across America Day on Friday, March 1. Lounging with Literacy was the theme and students were able to wear pajamas to school and throughout the day read their favorite Dr. Seuss Books with partner grade levels. The highlight of the day was the special event held in the Coebourn Library where guest readers were invited to read to each grade. The Brookhaven Police Department and Superintendent Dr. Steinhoff participated in the guest reader program and the students loved having guest readers on a day that marks the importance of literacy.

One of the fourth/fifth grade teachers wrote and received a STEM Grant. She will be receiving 12 STEM kits from Hess Trucks. The students are very excited and can’t wait to get their hands and minds on the kits.

Coebourn Elementary fifth grade along with all Penn Delco School District fifth grade students were invited to attend the performance of Fiddler on the Roof at Northley Middle School. The students visited during the school day and it was an excellent opportunity for the fifth grade students to experience a Northley drama club production. It was an outstanding performance.

Coebourn Elementary Girls on the Run began in February. They have a full team of girls and volunteer teacher coaches. Over the next several months the girls and coaches will meet twice a week after school to participate in and prepare for a 5K run/walk that will happen in May. The Girls on the Run Program inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running.

K-2 students celebrated the 100th Day of School on February 6. The celebration included 100th day projects and activities.

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Mrs. Ford said follow Coebourn Elementary School on twitter@CoebournES to receive daily updates of school events.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - Chief Montella

Chief Montella reported the following statistics for the month of

February 2019: No Fire Incidents, 14 Non-Fire Incidents, 25 Mutual Aids and 4 Drills. There were no losses to structures, contents or vehicles. There was \$240,000 worth of property endangered. There were no firefighter or civilian deaths or injuries. Responding to 53 calls there was an average of 16 persons participating for a total of 446 hours. For the 4 training sessions there was an average of 28 participants for 185 hours. Brookhaven Volunteer Fire Company (BVF) responded to the following incidents in Brookhaven Borough 2 gas leaks one at the intersection of Morris Avenue and Washington Avenue and another one on Marianne Drive. A gas leak inside 7016 Hilltop Drive, 4 accidents 2 at Edgmont Avenue and Brookhaven Road, 1 at 3919 Edgmont Avenue and one at West Brookhaven Road at Mount Vernon Avenue. BFC assisted Rocky Run Fire Company on a cover-up call; assisted Chester Township Fire Company on a building fire at 1600 Powell Road; assisted Aston Township Fire Company on a building fire at Highgrove Road, a building fire at Sun Valley High School; assisted Chester Fire Department on a 2 alarm building fire at East 24th Street; assisted Garden City Fire Company on a building fire on Christian Lane, a building fire at the SEPTA Train Station on Possum Hollow Road; BFC's monthly fire training involved SCBA Search/Rescue, victim removal drags techniques, CPR/AED recertification and carbon monoxide/electric/gas emergencies. The February Ambulance Report shows 80 transports, 32 medical refusals, 1 dead on arrival, 6 fire company assist/calls for a total of 110 calls. There were 13 second emergency calls. Total of 110. Broken down Brookhaven 52- 64, Aston 17- 2, Chester City 81/82/100 - 14, Chester Township 47 - 6, Media 23 - 10, Middletown Township 50 - 6, Nether Providence 51/65 - 3, Parkside 45 - 2 and Upland 57 - 3.

ACTING POLICE CHIEF - Gregory Martin

Chief Martin's written report to council shows Detective Habich taught an Active Shooter class at Our Lady of Charity to other police departments on February 4 and 5, 2019. Officer August attended Sobriety Testing on February 11, 12 and 13 at the Bucks County Training Center. Officer Wetten attended TRT Training on February 12. Detective Habich and Secretary Fuller attended the monthly Workplace Safety Meeting on February and Officer Wetten qualified officers Kyler and Subers at the range on February 23, 2019. The Public Relations Report shows Officers Gallagher and Duff participated in the annual "Night to Shine" function at The Christian Academy on February 8. On February 22, Detective Habich and Officer Eastman participated in Coebourn School's annual Dump-A-Thon which is done for Heart Health Month.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Mr. Stone

Mr. Stone said that consideration of the draft Ordinance adopting the 2015 edition of the International Residential Code has been published in the Spirit. He asked for a motion to adopt the draft ordinance. Ms. Sawicki so moved and Mrs. Fooks made the second. Motion carried by unanimous vote. This is Ordinance 813.

The Shoppes at Brookhaven - Retail Sites has confirmed that the site work set forth on the Amended Land Development Plan will be undertaken by the owner rather than the tenants. Retail Sites has agreed to an Amendment to the existing Development Agreement that provides financial security to the Borough for the site

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improvements resulting from the amendments to the Plan. Mr. Heller made the motion and Mr. LaPera the second to approve the Amendment. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Stone is still researching possible permit fees for Solar Panel Projects. There are many variables homeowners can choose.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Ms. Leslie made the motion and Mr. Heller the second to approve the Minutes from the December 18, 2019 Special Meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Fooks made the motion and Ms. Leslie the second to approve the Minutes from the January 7, 2019 Council Meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Sawicki made the motion and Ms. Leslie the second to approve the Minutes from the January 29, 2019 Workshop. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Heller made the motion and Ms. Leslie the second to approve the Minutes from the February 4, 2019 Council Meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Hess

Mayor Hess said he had a nice phone call this morning from a lady from Hilltop. She complimented and thanked the Fire Safety Officials (Chief Montella and Mr. Bynum) for installing a smoke detector at her home.

Fire Lane Enforcement by the Police Officers shows 14 citations at \$40 and 58 warnings. 99 applications were received for the Police Chief vacancy. This will be narrowed down to 20 or 22. Ms. Sawicki made the motion and Mr. Heller the second to narrow the applications down to 20 or 22. Motion carried by unanimous vote..

COUNCIL REPORTS

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

Ms. Sawicki made the motion and Mr. Heller the second to approve the Bill List which totals \$74,580.20. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

Mr. Heller made the motion and Mrs. Fooks the second to appoint John J. Wilwert, Jr. to the Historical Committee. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Heller made the motion and Mrs. Fooks the second to appoint Harry L. Seth to the Historical Committee. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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No progress on the solar panels issues.

There was nothing new on Civil Service or Board of Health.

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

Mr. Pappas said the Planning Commission did not meet last month and because there is nothing on their agenda for March, they will not meet.

BUSINESS AND REVITALIZATION COORDINATOR, CHAIR ORDINANCE COMMITTEE, MEMBER CONDO ASSOCIATION, MEMBER LONG TERM AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANS, SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON, CHAIR TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE AND CHAIR GRANT COMMITTEE – Mrs. Fooks
VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, CHAIR LONG RANGE AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANS, MEMBER GRANT COMMITTEE, LIAISON TO ZONING HEARING BOARD, LIAISON TO RECREATION COMMITTEE AND CHAIR INSPECTORS – Mr. LaPera

Mr. LaPera said the Zoning Hearing Board has nothing on their agenda for March nor is there anything on the horizon for the Civil Service Commission. The Recreation Board will meet on March 28, 2019 at 7:00 PM. Recreation Board coming events include the Easter Egg Hunt and Pictures with the Easter Bunny on April 20, Theater in the Park on July 19 early in the evening and Family Day on September 28.

The Inspectors' Meetings are held monthly so that everyone is on the same page.

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

Ms. Leslie said there is a Recycling Event, both shredding and electronics on Saturday, April 6 in the Municipal Center Parking Lot. It starts at 9:00 AM and ends at Noon.

New Recycling stickers to be given out. No plastic bags or pizza boxes and all hard plastic lids from plastic bottles must be removed and be put in regular trash.

The Memorial Day Service will be held on May 25th at 10:00 AM. Outside weather permitting or inside if it's too hot or raining.

Nothing new from Emergency Management.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Mrs. Mulvena

Mrs. Mulvena's written report covers Grants—Mariner East information for this project was submitted to DEP. Waiting for executed contract from DEP.; PA Small Water and Sewer; Wastewater Treatment Plant; 201/2019 Ordinary Street and Sewer Maintenance; Sinkhole at Bridgewater/West Brookhaven Road; Sanitary Sewer Maintenance, Storm Sewer Maintenance; Traffic Signal and Street Light Maintenance; Traffic Control; Land Development—Brookhaven Green Estates, 315 West Brookhaven Road, Freddy's and Dunkin Donuts. Water issue affecting 4813 Cooper Road; MS4 Stormwater Permit, ADA Compliance; and Stormwater tip where it is recommended to use a product called Safe Paw that works to quickly melt ice and it does contain a traction

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agent to help prevent slips and falls. It's safe for pets, children and the environment. Mrs. Mulvena also spoke about the ADA handicap ramp at Burger King. The ramp needs to be moved.

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

Mr. Donaway said the Borough's Labor Lawyer for the Public Works Department is Dave Hackett.

He also said March 15 is the deadline for the Newsletter. Articles should be e-mailed to Pat Natale.

Mr. Donaway said the Police Contract expires on December 31, 2019. He is taking himself off the committee and putting Ms. Sawicki on in his place.

Mr. Donaway asked for a motion to hire Andrew Block at \$50 per hour. Mr. Heller so moved and Ms. Sawicki made the second. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Mr. Donaway also said the Borough wants "a well rounded Police Chief paperwork-wise".

Mr. Donaway thanked Solicitor Stone and Bob Grant for helping to get the Ordinances "straightened out".

The Public Works Report for February shows there was one sewer call on Patton Avenue. The Borough could not clear it with a plunger and the homeowner was told to call a plumber. Plumber advised the homeowner that the line would have to be replaced because it was pitched the wrong way. Gary said he doesn't think that is possible since it has been working since the home was built. It may have to be televised at a later date. It's open and running now.

The chipper was serviced for the upcoming residential chipping program.

A larger no left turn sign to be placed on Coebourn Boulevard at the school has been ordered. This will make the sign more visible. Motorists complained the existing sign was too small.

10 street name signs and 13 stop signs and some of the poles were replaced. 12 of the stop signs were able to be refaced. To cut costs they are mounting the street signs above the stop signs where it is possible to eliminate the use of a second post. The cost of a post and breakaway base is \$52.56 each

The Public Works Department Employees plowed and salted two minor snow events.

Our insurance company has declared the lawn trailer a total loss. It was struck in the rear making a turn on to Shepherd Street last fall. The Borough has received a check. The insurance company will be taking the trailer in the near future. Gary will start to look for a replacement.

The Public Works Staff has been down one man for the entire month of February due to a non-work related foot injury.

Mr. Donaway asked Council, Mayor Hess and Solicitor Stone to join him for an Executive Session immediately following this meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

INSPECTOR'S REPORTS

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ZONING OFFICER – Mr. Hampton.

Mr. Hampton said he's working with Bob Grant on a swimming pool request.

Mr. Hampton is waiting for sign information from Chick-Fil-A.

PECO won't put the gas line in for Freddy's in Plaza 352 until the building is up.

Mr. Hampton is waiting for NDI to get back to him on the old Wawa. DEP has been met with.

Mrs. Fooks asked about Chili's. Mr. Hampton said their signs have been approved and Catania Engineering is reviewing them.

FIRE MARSHAL – Mr. Leslie

Mr. Leslie said an emergency water line broke at Hilltop and this has been repaired.

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

FIRE MARSHAL – Mr. Leslie

Mr. Leslie said the "junk yard on East Brookhaven Road" is a hazard. Citations are being issued daily and are being sent to the owner and the owner's mother who is also the owner of the property.

BOARD OF HEALTH – Mr. Bob Grant

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Mr. Jon Grant

Mr. Grant said the judge has fined the junk collector spoken about earlier in the meeting \$425.00 a day.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Hector Vazquez, 4926 Shepherd Street asked if the fine to the junk dealer be done on consecutive days. Solicitor Stone said we need to site the dealer and his mother more often.

There being no more business to come before Council, Mr. Heller made the motion and Mrs. Fooks the second to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen McKinley
Borough Secretary