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MARCH 6, 2017
BROOKHAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

At 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Brookhaven Municipal Center, 2 Cambridge Road, Brookhaven, PA 19015 Council Vice President Denise Leslie called the regularly scheduled Council Meeting to order. She 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—Margaret Holefelder, Daniel King, Edward Tallant, III, Walter Michenfelder, Jr., William Harrison, Theodore Stahl, Julian Kaminski, Faith Montella (Mother of Fire Chief Rob Montella), Richard Fuller III (Sandi and Rick Fuller’s Grandson) and Avis Davies. A moment of silence was held in their memory.

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

PRESENTATION FROM COUNCIL – Ms. Leslie, Mayor Hess and Mr. Kuminka

Mayor Hess, Ms. Leslie and Mr. Kuminka presented Madison Gillin, Meredith Grant, Brendan Gallagher and Jackson Petka with their Certificates for achieving 1,000,000 words in the Reading Counts Program at Coebourn Elementary School. He encouraged the students to continue to read even after they have achieved their 1,000,000 words goal.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT – Mr. Kuminka

Mr. Kuminka said the PTL has been very busy. Mrs. Grant (Meredith Grant’s mother) was recognized by the audience with a round of applause for all of the volunteering she does at Coebourn on behalf of the PTL. There has been a Variety Show and BINGO. \$4,600 was raised in the Jump Rope for Heart event. There will be a “Mix It Up Day” where the children from various grades are mixed together for the day. For example the 5th graders with the 1st graders.

Coebourn Elementary has an after school Science Club. He thanked Detective Habich for coming to speak with the club members about how science plays a role in investigations. The club members asked a lot of questions.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT – Chief Montella

For the month of February, Chief Montella reported the following statistics:
3 Fire Incidents, 12 Non Fire Incidents, 22 Mutual Aids and 4 Drills for a total of 41. On the 41 calls an average of 16 individuals participated for a total of 359 hours. On the 4 Drills/Training Sessions, the average number of participants was 33 for a total of 206 hours. The Loss Report shows No loss to structures, \$18,700 to contents, \$3,000 to vehicles for a total of \$21,700. Property endangered was \$617,000. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries or deaths.

Brookhaven Volunteer Fire Company responded to the following incidents in Brookhaven – 2 building fires—one on Trimble Boulevard and one at the Brookhaven Municipal Center. 1 gas leak on Grant Drive, 3 accidents—23 East Brookhaven Road, Edgmont Avenue at Whitely Road and Edgmont Avenue at Coebourn Boulevard involving a motorcycle. They assisted Chester Township Fire Company on a gas leak on Gideon

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Road, assisted Upland Fire Company on a building fire at Crozer Chester Medical Center, Assisted Chester Fire Department on 2 second alarm building fires—one at Third Street and the other on Parker Street. Chief Montella said that their Fire Company Fund Drive Mailing just went out. Please support it.

Chief Montella reported that Brookhaven Volunteer Fire Company Members just completed Forcible Entry Classes in February.

The EMS Statistics for the month of February are as follows: 68 transports, 13 refusals and 40 assists for a total of 99. The Emergency Medical Services Brookhaven Emergency Medical Services responded to Brookhaven 52 –76; Aston 17 – 0; Media 23 – 4; Parkside 45 – 0; Rocky Run 46 – 4; Chester Township 47 – 5 ; Middletown Township 50 – 5; Upland 57 – 2; Nether Providence 65/51 – 1; Rosetree/Media 73 – 0 and Chester City 100/82/83/81 – 0.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT – Chief McGoldrick

Chief McGoldrick was not present this evening but did provide Council with a written report. That shows the police department investigated 4 thefts, 1 burglary and 1 motor vehicle theft. There was \$3,102 reported stolen and \$151 was recovered. There were 12 adults and 3 juveniles charged with various offenses including robbery, grand, theft, narcotics and DUI. There was 1 municipal ordinance warning and 1 citation issued. The police responded to 18 false alarms. They recorded 743 security checks. They responded to 10 9.1.1. hang-up calls.

41 citations were issued, 15 warnings and 28 parking tickets. They responded to 14 car accidents—2 reportable/12 non-reportable. There were 17 hazard complaints, 25 assists rendered to motorists and 11 vehicles impounded.

Officer Wetten attended Tactical Response Team (SWAT) training on February 7. Detective Habich and Secretary Fuller attended the Workplace Safety Committee Meeting on February 28 and Officers Kyler, Wetten, Jenkins and Barr qualified at the range on February 18.

On February 10, Chief McGoldrick, Officers Wetten, Hughes, Barth and Subers attended the Christian Academy’s “Night to Shine” Prom for disabled youth. Officers Wetten and Hughes volunteered for the event. The other officers made appearances to support the event. Chief McGoldrick, Officers Martin, Kyler and Hughes attended funeral service for Fire Chief Bob Montella’s mother, Faith, on February 20. On February 23 Chief McGoldrick attended funeral services for retired Sheriff Joseph McGinn’s wife in Chichester. Officer Wetten made a presentation on February 23 to the children at Education Station and on February 25 Chief McGoldrick attended funeral services for the grandson of Sandi and Rick Fuller.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Mr. Maddren

Mr. Maddren said that the Solicitation Ordinance will be on the Agenda for adoption at the April 3 Council Meeting.

Mr. Maddren said the County has a piece of ground on Meadowbrook Lane in the first block. The property is in the repository and can be purchased for \$1. Mr. Linowski made the motion and Ms. Sawicki the second to purchase this property. The record shows this is Folio #05 00 00729 00. Mr. Maddren will handle this matter with the County.

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MINUTES APPROVAL

Mrs. Fooks made the motion and Mr. Linowski the second to approve the Minutes from the January 23, 2017 Workshop. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Fooks made the motion and Mr. Donaway the second to approve the Minutes from the February 6, 2017 Council Meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Hess

Mayor Hess thanked the Public Fire Safety Officials for the great job they are doing keeping the Fire Lanes clear and issuing citations to those violating them.

The Police Department has issued 28 parking tickets in the last two or three weeks. There is someone driving a Honda who speeds through the Borough. The police are looking to catch the driver.

COUNCIL REPORTS

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

Ms. Sawicki said the Planning Commission did not meet in February and right now they don't have anything on their agenda for March. Mrs. McKinley said there is a possibility they will have something in March. The applicant is filing his paperwork in Media tomorrow morning.

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

Ms. Leslie asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-03 adopting the 2016 County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Linowski so moved and Mrs. Fooks made the second. Motion carried unanimously.

The March Veterans' Meeting was postponed until Thursday, March 16 at 7:00 PM.

There will be a Paper and Electronics Recycling Event here at the Municipal Center on Saturday, April 1 from 9:00 AM until Noon. Bring anything with a plug, including televisions.

The World War I Veterans' Memorial Stone has been discussed at previous meetings. Mr. Linowski made the motion and Ms. Sawicki the second to place the order for the stone from Cullis Memorials. The cost of the stone is \$1,145 but Cullis Memorials gave us a \$350 discount. The Stone will read as follows:

Remember Those Who Served
W W I
1917 – 1918

Sun Valley Drama/Theater Department is putting on the play Footloose. Wednesday, March 8 at 4:00 PM is a special viewing for Senior Citizens and it is free. Thursday March 9, Friday March 10 and Saturday, March 11 at 7:00 PM are the other performances. Tickets are \$8.00.

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

Mr. Linowski made the motion and Ms. Sawicki the second to approve the Bills for Council Approval dated March 6m 2017. \$56,855.26 from the General Fund and \$1,469.62 from the Sewer Fund for a total of \$58,324.88. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CHAIR PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS, LIAISON TO HOLIDAY PARADE COMMITTEE, CHAIR COMPREHENSIVE PLANS, MEMBER TRAFFIC CALMING COMMITTEE AND MEMBER POLICE COMMITTEE – Mr. Donaway

Mr. Donaway said the February Public Works Department Report shows there were two sewer calls. One on Commerce Avenue and the other on Marshal Road. Both were the homeowner's problem.

Brush was cleared on Cambridge Road below the Municipal Center. It is our intention to plant some flowering native trees in the area.

The retention pond area in Sampson Park was cleared out. They are also clearing out the fence line at the lower end of the park. Residents that butt up to the park in that area are using the park for their private dumping ground for branches and brush by throwing their branches and brush over the fence. Gary Thompson recommends that if this practice continues that letters be sent to the residents in that area informing them that if this practice continues fines can and will be levied.

There is also a lot of dumping taking place in the area of the concession stand in Memorial Park. Among other things, limbs and logs are being dumped there.

Servicing of the mowers and other cutting equipment for the summer cutting season has begun.

The Public Works Employees salted and plowed off 3" of slush in one minor snow event.

They cleaned up trash and debris in the Meadowbrook Lane parking lot—trash left there by residents who feed the feral cats in the area. Also found turkey basters in that area.

The pumps in the retention pond at Sampson Park are no longer working. They have been in service for over seven years. They need to be replaced. The same pump that we have has a cast iron impeller and cast iron internal parts. The cost to replace with the same pump is approximately \$600-\$700 each. There is another pump available that is stainless steel throughout. The price is approximately \$2,000 each. These pumps have an unlimited life span. This price may change with a different model pump. Which way would Council like to go? Mr. Linowski made the motion and Ms. Leslie the second to purchase 2 pumps at a total cost of \$4,000. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Linowski asked if that includes installation. Mr. Donaway said our Borough Public Works Employees will install them.

We need to get a property survey done on Sommerville, Sampson and Eaton Parks.

Gary Thompson asked if any decision has been made on fencing around the retention pond at the new field on Coebourn Boulevard. We can't do it yet because we don't own it.

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There have been some complaints from baseball about the parking lot at Memorial Park. Last year they were complaining about the lot not having enough stone on it. We used the blacktop millings from the resurfacing of the Borough Hall Parking Lot and spread them over the Memorial Park Lot. For \$450.00 a day we can rent a roller to compact the millings or they can just drive over it until the cars compact it. It's a parking lot.

Eaton Park has been cleaned up.

There was a fire in the Municipal Center on February 22. Brookhaven Volunteer Fire Company and a few other back up companies responded. The old heater the fire was in has been removed and we are waiting for the new one to arrive. Space heaters are being used throughout the building to provide heat.

At their meeting on March 8, the Holiday Parade discussed a fund-raiser—Designer Bag Bingo. It will be held on April 21. They are currently soliciting sponsors for the event and will have an advertisement printed up soon. The next Holiday Parade Committee Meeting is on April 12 at 7:00 PM.

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

Mr. LaPera said he thinks we may need more millings in Memorial Park.

Mr. Donaway made the motion and Mr. Linowski the second to rescind the award to Painting and More for their quote to paint the Police Department. They do not have insurance. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Donaway made the motion and Ms. Sawicki the second to award the contract to Fortunato & Patterson at their quoted price of \$4,475.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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 did not meet on February 16 but as of now will meet on March 16.

Business Revitalization

LA Fitness is now open for business and they had their grand opening on February 25. It was well attended and she has been told they have close to 1,500 members now.

Tom Jones Family Restaurant has a pending sale with Antonia's in Swarthmore. According to an article in the Daily Times, they are keeping the name but will make improvements to the restaurant as well as modifications to the menu. Rest assured, the Blue Ribbon Special will still be offered.

Brookhaven Business Association News

The borough hosted a business owner luncheon on February 22 and about 10 businesses attended. One of the take-aways was beautifying Edgmont Avenue. Mrs. Fooks said she will convene a group (Ms. Sawicki, Mr. Donaway and any other council member is more than welcome too) to discuss how to begin that work. Mayor Hess and she have decided to have another business association meeting on April 20 from 7:30 – 9:00 AM to

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discuss board changes and obtain feedback from owners. Mrs. Fooks thanked Dawn Jones for this week mailing out a letter to all businesses about the meeting.

Community News

Providence Animal Center, formerly the SPCA will hold its Vaccine and Micro-Chipping Clinic on Tuesday, April 18 from 4:00-6:00 PM in our gym. Flyers concerning this are in the back of the Council Room.

The sunshine Foundation will hold a run here in Brookhaven on Sunday, March 26. Registration is at 8:00 AM and the run begins at 9:00 AM. For more information and to register in advance visit their website.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Mr. Catania

Mr. Catania said that the LED Street Light Conversion's Loan Closing has occurred. There will be a pre-construction meeting in May 2017 and construction should begin in June/July 2017.

A revised scope of work on the Green Light Go Grant was submitted. We are waiting for approval of the revised scope.

The bid tabulation for Eaton Park has been done. It is Catania Engineering's recommendation that the bid be awarded to Premier Concrete for \$214,000. Mr. Donaway so moved and Mr. LaPera made the second. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The bids for the 2017 Street Resurfacing Project have been tabulated. It is Catania Engineering's recommendation the contract be awarded to A. F. Damon Co., Inc for \$252,028.50. Mr. Donaway made the motion and Mr. Linowski the second. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Shoppes at Brookhaven have asked for Escrow Release #11. Phase 1-3 \$25,270.66. Mr. Linowski said do not release any funds until their outstanding professional fees owed to the borough are paid. Mr. Linowski made the motion and Ms. Sawicki made the second not to honor Release #11 at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Donaway made the motion and Mrs. Fooks the second to purchase the CCTV Surveillance System for Memorial Park from Comstar Technologies at a cost of \$18,484.00—the COSTARS price. Motion carried unanimously.

Regarding the Charles Avenue Sanitary Sewer situation, a video inspection found multiple deficiencies. The line needs to be replaced and a complete video of the remaining sewer in rear yards must be done.

There was a mixer failure at the borough's wastewater treatment plant. The new piece of equipment is expected to cost \$2,400. Mr. Donaway made the motion and Ms. Sawicki the second to rebuild the Flyght Mixer at a cost of approximately \$2,400. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A revised plan review is being done on the Plaza 352 Outparcel.

CHAIR INSPECTORS AND FIRE MARSHAL, MEMBER FIRE COMMITTEE, DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR, CHAIR TRAFFIC CALMING, MEMBER TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE AND MEMBER HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – Mr. Wilwert

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Ms. Leslie said that there is one item on Mr. Wilwert's agenda that needs to be addressed. She asked for a motion to waive the permit fee for the Tall Cedars of Lebanon's collection for Muscular Dystrophy outside of Shop-Rite on March 24 and 25. Mrs. Fooks so moved and Mr. Linowski made the second. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

INSPECTORS' REPORTS

ZONING OFFICER – Mr. Hampton

Mr. Hampton said that the silt fence on Brookhaven Green Estates (Hal Lindsay's property) is down. A letter should be sent to him to get it back up.

PUBLIC FIRE SAFETY – Messrs. Montella and/or Bynum

Neither gentleman had a report.

FIRE MARSHAL – Mr. Leslie

Mr. Leslie said inspections are on-going.

The Texas Eastern/Spectra Energy will be working to run the smart pig (a piece of equipment—not a live pig) through their lines.

BOARD OF HEALTH- Mrs. Elmer

Mrs. Elmer said the Board of Health is getting ready for spring.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None

Because there was nothing else to come before Council, Mr. Linowski made the motion and Mr. LaPera the second. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen McKinley
Borough Secretary