

MINUTES
MAY 1, 2017
BROOKHAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

At 7:00 PM, Council President, John J. Wilwert, called the regularly scheduled Session of Brookhaven Borough Council to order. He welcomed all present and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Mayor Hess read the names of the borough residents who passed away in April—Anthony Rafetto, Frank Saviski (Denise Leslie’s Brother-in-Law), Bernice Costa, Rachel Irvine (Longtime former Borough Resident), Kelly Mingis, Samuel Trasatti Wilbur Andrews, Richard Scharrer and Alexander Quaciari. A moment of silence was held in their memory.

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

PRESENTATIONS FROM COUNCIL – Mayor Hess, Mr. Wilwert and Mr. Kuminka

Mr. Wilwert said he would go off the Agenda order a bit and do the Million Word Readers next. Mr. Kuminka, Mayor Hess and Mr. Wilwert made the presentations to the following students at Coebourn Elementary School achieved their goal of reading 1,000,000 words. Certificates were prepared for presentation to the following students: Shane Dauber, Christian Daniele, Blaize Eldridge, Sean Gebhart, Brooke Jackson, Jenna Jones, Chloe Kamp, Kayley Sycz, Nick Trasatti and Devin Warner. All of the children except Christian Daniele, Nick Trasatti and Chloe Kamp were present to accept their certificate. Mr. Kuminka said it’s great to hear that the children read more than their parents.

Mr. Kuminka asked if anyone had seen the Channel 6 News last week on Earth Day. Their Kindergarten Garden was featured. on the 6:00 PM News. Coebourn had several Earth Day activities happening through the month of April. He said he wanted to highlight Coebourn’s Kindergarten Garden. With parent and local business support, they built and planted a plant and vegetable garden with their morning and afternoon Kindergarten Classes. Coebourn’s custodian and he built the plant and vegetable garden that was designed by a parent who is an expert in the field. Coebourn Teachers (Ms. Lydon and Mrs. Nattress), parents and students planted Coebourn’s first garden. You can see pictures of it on Coebourn’s webpage. Their Compost Club used their compost to help fertilize the vegetable garden. Kindergarten Students and the parents are signing up to come in over the summer to pick the vegetables and deliver them to local soup kitchens. Mr. Wilwert said his grandson, Noah, took him to see the garden. Noah is in Kindergarten.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER PROCLAMATION

Mayor Hess read the National Day of Prayer Proclamation. The National Day of Prayer is May 4. Mr. Donaway made the motion and Ms. Leslie the second to adopt the Proclamation. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL – Stephen Sarazin, Director of Aston Public Library

Mr. Sarazin thanked Council for the opportunity to speak about the Aston Public Library and the services they Provide so they can be fully utilized. He said he would like everyone to sign up for a Library Card. Getting a card is free, easy and it grants access to all of the libraries in Delaware County. Your Driver’s License or State ID is all that is necessary to fill out the short form to get a Library Card. Besides access to the books in their collection, one can check out Museum passes for free admission to the Academy of Natural Sciences, Elmwood Park Zoo, Morris Arboretum or the Colonial Plantation. You can check out internet access and take it with you via one of their 4G Internet hotspots, check out a Nabi tablet loaded with educational games for

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children, view Chromebooks—simple but effective laptops that can be used to do anything on line. There are also thousands of eBooks and eMagazines to check out from the Delaware County Library System. eAudiobooks can be downloaded and listened to. Millions of books can be gotten via the international library network. It just takes a couple of weeks to get them. Free programs for the public include a weekly Crochet and Knitting club, a diverse Crafts Group, free Chair Yoga classes on the next three Tuesdays at 2:00 PM, a Chess Club and a book and movie discussion group that meets monthly. There is also “drop-in help time” for Ebook and Laptop/Tablet help on Friday mornings. Storytime is on Tuesdays through Thursday at 10:30 AM. Tuesday is for toddlers, Wednesday is for infants and Thursday is for preschoolers. Other Kids Programs include Lego, Science in the Summer Program which will run Jul 10-13 and Summer Reading Club. Weekly prizes will be given for any child who reads. There is a 3D printer and they will print a small item for free. Your Library Card also entitles you to have access to many online resources for free including the Library Edition of Ancestry.com, Mango Languages for learning foreign languages, Learning Express for test preparation and Ebsco to find articles. Friends of the Library do fundraising. They sponsor two BINGO Nights and two big book sales a year—both will be coming up in September. They also do regular raffles and other fundraisers. Mr. Sarazin invited everyone to stop in to see him at the Aston Public Library. Mr. Sarazin said Mayor Hess asked if the Aston Library Card is good at Philadelphia Libraries. Mr. Sarazin said it’s not. Individuals can get library cards in other Counties, e.g., Philadelphia.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION - None

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Mr. Maddren

Mr. Maddren said the adoption of the proposed Peddlers and Solicitors Ordinance (Chapter 828) has been properly advertised for adoption. He said the Ordinance Committee had worked for quite a while on this and a copy of it had been distributed to Council and the Mayor. He said the Ordinance describes the activities, and license required; effective period of licenses; license fee; license application; transferability of licenses; business hours; use of whistles, horns, etc.; display of license, reports to Council; suspension and/or revocation of license; rules of conduct, exemptions and penalty. It also includes the application. He recommended a motion to adopt it. Mrs. Fooks so moved and Mr. Linowski made the second. Motion carried by unanimous vote. This is Ordinance 796.

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT – Chief Montella

Chief Montella gave the following statistics for the month of April: 5 Fire Incidents, 14 Non Fire Incidents, 31 Mutual Aids and 5 Drills. On the 57 above items there was an average of 15 people participating for a total of 540 hours. On the 5 Drills there was an average of 34 participants for a total of 391 hours. There were no losses to structures, contents, vehicles nor was there any property endangered. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries or deaths. Brookhaven Volunteer Fire Company responded to the following incidents in Brookhaven: 1 building fire at 3 West Brookhaven Road, 4 accidents—Edgmont Avenue at Cambridge Road involving a school bus, 3400 Edgmont Avenue, West Brookhaven Road at Mount Vernon Avenue and Edgmont Avenue at Trimble Boulevard. They assisted Rocky run Fire Company on a building fire at Fair Acres high-rise building; assisted Parkside Fire Company on a building fire at 107 West Roland Road and a building fire at 145 East Roland Road; assisted Aston Township on 2 building fires—5130 Pennell Road and a building fire with entrapment at 2950 Concord Road; Assisted Boothwyn Fire Company on a 2 alarm church fire at 3217 Chichester Avenue; assisted Chester Fire Department on 2 two alarm building fires at 726 West Third Street and 820 West Third Street; and assisted Lower Chichester Fire Department on a 2 alarm building fire at 234 Ridge Road. Fire Company members just completed Hazmat refresher training and company burn tower drill at Delaware County Training Center with live fire evolutions, including basement fires, multi-level fires, search and rescue, ladder operations, EMS Training was splinting and boarding of patients.

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Chief Montella said their Ambulance Notices are in the mail now and their Fire Fund Drive has also gone out.

The Fire Company is sponsoring a Designer Bag Bingo at the Municipal Center on Friday, May 19. Doors open at 6 PM and BINGO starts at 7:00 PM. If you purchase tickets now they are \$30. At the door they will be \$35 if there are any tickets left. There will be 10 games of BINGO, 50/50 Raffles, complimentary refreshments.

The young lady who prepares the Ambulance Report has recovered from her illness. Her report for March shows 80 transports, 14 refusals, 15 assists for a total of 109. There were 4 second emergencies. Emergency Medical Services responded to the following locations as follows: Brookhaven 52 –83; Aston 17 –3; Media 23 – 3; Parkside 45 – 2; Rocky Run 46 – 2; Chester Township 47 – 4 ; Middletown Township 50 – 5; Upland 57 – 3; Nether Providence 65/51 – 1; Rosetree/Media 73 – 0 and Chester City 100/82/83/81 – 5.

Her report for April shows 82 transports, 19 refusals, 14 assists for a total of 119. There were 7 second emergencies. Brookhaven Medical Services responded to the following locations as follows: Brookhaven 52 –91; Aston 17 –0; Media 23 – 4; Parkside 45 – 2; Rocky Run 46 – 1; Chester Township 47 – 0 Middletown Township 50 – 4; Upland 57 – 5; Nether Providence 65/51 – 3; Rosetree/Media 73 – 0 and Chester City 100/82/83/81 –9.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT – Chief McGoldrick

Mayor Hess said that Chief McGoldrick is on patrol tonight.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Ms. Leslie made the motion to approve the March 27, 2017 Council Workshop Minutes. Mrs. Fooks made the second. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Fooks made the motion to approve the April 3, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes. Ms. Sawicki made the second. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Hess said he had no updates.

COUNCIL REPORTS

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

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

Mrs. Fooks said the Ordinance Committee did not meet last month. They will be meeting on May 18 at 6:30 PM as it stands now.

Business Revitalization shows that Minutella’s Florist building is now officially the Law Offices of Stone and Stone, LLC. Congratulations to Matt and Georgia Stone. She thank them for bringing their business to Brookhaven.

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Firehouse Subs have begun work on their store and it should be opening within the next few months.

Along with State Representative Leanne Kruger-Braneky, Senator Tom Killion has also opened an office in Brookhaven. That office is located at 4110 Edgmont Avenue (behind Stone and Stone's Law Office) Senator Killion is hosting an open house on Saturday, May 6 from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM.

Under Brookhaven Business Association News Mrs. Fooks reported that the Association will meet on Wednesday, May 10 at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Center.

Community News showed that Providence Animal Center, formerly the SPCA held a very successful Vaccine and Micro Chipping Clinic last month. 66 pets were seen at the clinic—62 dogs and 4 cats. Of the 66 animals, 13 were owned by Brookhaven residents. 6 microchips were inserted—1 of the 6 in a Brookhaven dog. There will be another Clinic here later this year. Providence Animal Center appreciates the Borough allowing them to use the Municipal Center for their program.

The Sun Valley Vanguards Football presents Vanguard Day which will be held on Saturday, May 13 from 1:00-4:00 PM on Saturday, May 15. It will be at Sun Valley's Football Stadium. It will be for all athletes in grades K through 8. The cost to participate is \$30. At the event there will be a beautiful selection of Mothers' Day Flowers for sale.

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

Ms. Sawicki said the Planning Commission did not meet in April.

Ms. Sawicki said she and her committee have been working on obtaining photographs of banners and planters to be used to beautify Edgmont Avenue. She asked Council and the Mayor to take a look at the banner samples she has obtained and to make a choice on some.

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

Ms. Leslie said the Veterans Day Memorial Service will be on held on Saturday, May 27 at 10:00 AM. It will be held on the Memorials Island and they will be honoring the WWI veterans. They also will be dedicating a new World War I Memorial Stone.

The Police Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 9 at 5:30 PM

As we approach the hot season from May until September, the Emergency Management committee advises everyone to stay cool and hydrated. Also approaching our wetter season, take cover when you hear thunderstorms approaching.

The Borough's Recycling Event on April 1 went well. She thanked Steve Schultz who helped out in her absence. She also thanked the Committee volunteers—Harry Davidson, Bruce Thomason, Lynn McMonagle and the Chattin Family for helping too. We are awaiting the totals from the recycling company. With that she said she was ending her report.

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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 Bill Lists dated 05/01/17 4:17 PM and 05/01/17 5:39 PM. On the 4:17 PM List General Fund total was \$34,029.35 and on the 4:17 PM it was \$13,189.82. Sewer Fund on 4:17 PM list was \$4,545.34 and on the 5:39 PM list was \$2,346.47. There were no Road Fund Expenses on the 4:17 PM list but \$241.88 on the 5:39 PM list. The Grand Total for everything was \$54,352.86. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Christian Academy installed a handicap ramp. The total cost of the permit was \$480.00. Headmaster Sierer has respectfully requested ½ of the permit fee be returned. This is a normal procedure for schools, churches, etc. Mr. Linowski made the motion and Ms. Sawicki the second to honor The Christian Academy's request and Return \$240.00 to them. 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 read Gary Thompson's written report for April. Mr. Donaway also gave the updates below.

The Police Department's shed is in need of repair and this will be taken care of. There is concern about losing room in the shed so the salt in the Borough's Municipal Center Maintenance shed will be put on pallets. This will give Harry more storage space.

The Trimble Boulevard storm sewer project now has a game plan in place so the project can be completed.

Messrs. LaPera, Catania and Donaway met with the contractor at Eaton Park and put a plan in place to fill in the area where the Borough Public Works employees broke up the blacktop at the basketball and tennis courts. The material is being disposed of via delivery to John Savoy Enterprises in Aston. So far they have taken 25 loads there and there is approximately another 35 to go.

Prices are being obtained for clearing trees out of the Chester Creek. State Representative Krueger-Braneky may be able to get us some financial help for this project.

The roof is leaking at the Borough Garage and a quote of \$3,650 was received to correct this situation. Mr. Donaway made the motion and Ms. Sawicki the second to accept the quote. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Donaway spoke about the DELCORA sanitary sewer project going on at Creek Road. There will be periods of time that Creek Road in Brookhaven will have to be shut down to traffic but one lane will be opened to allow residents, patrons of businesses on Creek Road and emergency vehicles to get through.

A member of the Borough's Municipal Center Custodial Staff is out for 8 weeks due to a broken arm. This individual also cleans up the parks and helps with rentals. Following that he will be having back surgery which will require an extended period of recovery. Not sure if or when he will be able to return to work.

The carpet in the newly renovated Council/Inspectors area will be installed tomorrow—May 2.

The Holiday Parade Committee/Town Watch had a very successful Designer Bag BINGO fund-raiser.

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Youth Dance is Friday, May 5. \$7 admission and it is for grades 4, 5 and 6. It is from 7:008-10:00 PM. The \$7 entitles them to admission, a slice of pizza and 2 beverages. Chaperones are very welcome.

The next Holiday Parade Committee Meeting is Wednesday, May 10 at 7:30 PM. During that meeting the newest committee member—Brook Emmantz-Henderson will be introduced to the Committee.

The sub-contractor for the Chester Water Authority's pipe location project on Upland Road and Edgmont Avenue will be patching the test holes. This project will take a few days.

The Zoning Task Force's recommendations will be going to our Planning Commission then Delaware County Planning. After that is done, we will have to have a Public Hearing on it.

Later this week, Mr. Donaway and his wife, Stephanie, will be meeting with George Norton from Office Basics to look into furniture for the newly renovated Council/Inspectors work area.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Mr. Catania

Catania Engineering tabulated the bids for the Municipal Complex Exterior Lighting recommended the award for this project to the low bidder, AN Lynch Company. Their bid was \$45,000. Mr. Linowski so moved and Mr. Donaway made the second. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Catania asked for authorization to advertise for bids for the Gymnasium Insulation Project. Ms. Sawicki so moved and Mrs. Fooks made the second. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Catania asked for a motion to authorize Catania Engineering to advertise for bids for Phase I of the Municipal complex Window Replacement. Ms. Sawicki so moved and Mrs. Fooks made the second. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Catania recommended release in the amount of \$419,193.50 for Lowe's Escrow. Mr. Linowski made the motion and Ms. Leslie the second. Ms. Sawicki asked if this is the final release. Mr. Catania said it is not. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

On the Plaza 352 Outparcel Project, Mr. Catania asked that the improvement escrow estimate of \$123,861.60 plus \$7,500.00 inspection fee be asked for. Mrs. Fooks made the motion and Ms. Sawicki the second that the above amounts are acceptable. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

There is a problem with the sewer line in the area of 44 Ruth Road. This problem is causing settlement in the street. Ms. Sawicki made the motion and Mrs. Fooks the second to authorize this repair. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Linowski asked about a check for \$47,000 for Eaton Park.

Mrs. Fooks asked if Mr. Catania had an update on the Chester Water Authority Property behind the Mattress store. Mr. Maddren said it is something we will have to get together with Chester Water Authority on. In the past putting trails in there was mentioned. Ms. Sawicki said this area is very steep and she recommended a walking area. Mr. Maddren recommended getting "a planner in there". The Recreation Committee should be involved too. Chester Water Authority is committed to a time period on it.

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

Mr. Wilwert said the Designer Bag BINGO was amazing. Everything went smoothly without any glitches he knew of.

He continued his report by saying he receives a weekly report—every Friday—from our Public fire Safety Officials. Among other things during the past week they set up Home Fire Safety Visits with residents and businesses for April. They met with business managers to set up business dates. They issued 3 citations and 33 warnings in four shopping centers; they visited the following job sites and checked on progress at the new Med Express Pad and also met with the new owner of Firehouse Subs. They helped escort the Scharrer’s family from 403 Carpenter Circle to St. Joseph’s church in Aston on Friday morning, April 28 at the request of Juvenile Prevention, Constables and Sheriff’s Office for the Mr. Scharrer’s funeral mass. They performed hydrant checks and maintenance at the hydrants located at 4805 and 4845 Shepherd Street, 4949 Jackson Drive and 4930 Monroe Drive; they entered all new solar panel locations in their computer system and performed business fire safety checks at Stone Hill Apartments Building D, United Check Cashing, Proactive Health Care, Elegant Touch Beauty Salon, Abruzzi Pizza, and E-Footwear.

INSPECTORS’ REPORTS

FIRE MARSHAL – Mr. Leslie was absent

ZONING OFFICER – Mr. Hampton was absent

BOARD OF HEALTH – Mrs. Warfield

Mrs. Warfield said she issued citations to 15 homes and 3 businesses whose grass was too high. There are several cases where court dates for failing to pay fines were missed. Warrants are out on these cases.

Mrs. Warfield is having difficulty tracking down the new owners of the Dutton Mill Mansion on the corner of Dutton Mill and Creek Roads. The high grass and weeds on the property are an obstruction to the view of motorists and passersby at this already dangerous intersection.

The property owner whose swimming pool had become the home of many, many noisy frogs has corrected the problem. Neighbors are happy.

Mrs. Warfield continued her report by saying that the West Nile Virus will be “unbelievable”. That is one of the reasons grass should be kept cut and there should be no standing water allowed on any property.

PUBLIC FIRE SAFETY – Messrs Montella and/or Bynum had no report.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Tom Dykes, 305 West Brookhaven Road said that he and Jim LaPera want to go on the Chester Water Authority’s property and walk the 5 acres they were going to allow the Borough to use. It is still being decided what the Borough would like to see done with it. Since the property does not belong to the Borough they need “a letter of permission to go on Chester Water Authority’s property”. He thinks natural walking trails are preferred.

Mr. Dykes continued saying that “we all know I like open space”. The last big property—the Hamilton property—has gone up for sale. Can the Borough buy it and sell off the house? The record shows the address of the house is 315 West Brookhaven Road. The rest is open space. The selling price is \$359,000 and they are looking for a quick sale. Can the Borough have a fund-raiser to get the money to buy it? Mr. Wilwert said he doesn’t think we have any time and do we want to get involved in purchasing homes? He said he has “mixed feelings”. Mrs. Fooks suggested speaking with State Senator Killion about it.

Josie Magnanti, 304 Trimble Boulevard said she was curious about \$45,000 worth of decorative lighting. Is it necessary? Mr. Wilwert said this decorative lighting eventually will be done on Edgmont Avenue too. Our residents saw what Aston did with their decorative lighting and now our residents want it too. Ms. Magnanti also spoke about rumors she has heard about businesses that are coming into the Borough. Mr. Wilwert said we can’t say anything about rumors.

Mr. Dykes spoke again asking if the Borough can “put a hold” on the sale. Mr. Maddren said there may be back taxes owed or something. Mrs. Warfield said there are back taxes owed on the property. Mr. Maddren said the taxes are in default but it does not look like they are far enough behind for the property to be foreclosed on.

Mayor Hess said a business wants to put up an awning with their name and/or address on it. Is that considered a sign? Yes.

Matthew Sycz, 5200 Hilltop Drive – BB7, spoke about stray cats in Hilltop. Is there any place they can be taken? Our Police Department handles dogs but no one is taking cats. Mrs. Warfield said sometimes cat rescues take them. Mr. Sycz also asked about the status of the vacant businesses along Edgmont Avenue. Mrs. Fooks said there is nothing new but they are actively trying to pursue tenants. Mr. Donaway said that the old Giant still has a lease until the end of this year. Mr. Sycz asked if there was any truth to the rumor that there will be a restaurant coming in with a transferred liquor license? Mr. Wilwert said not that we know of.

In Mr. LaPera’s absence Mr. Wilwert asked for a motion to approve the sub-division plans for 157 Virginia Avenue subject to Delaware County Planning Department’s April 20, 2017 review and recommendations. Ms. Sawicki so moved and Mr. Linowski made the second. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

With no other business to come before Council, Mr. Linowski made the motion and Ms. Leslie the second to Adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen McKinley
Borough Secretary