

MINUTES
BROOKHAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2013

At 7:00 PM Mr. McCray called the regularly scheduled Workshop meeting of Brookhaven Borough Council to Order. He welcomed all present. The meeting was held in the Brookhaven Municipal Center Council Chambers.

The record shows the following people seated at the Council Table: Ms. Leslie, Mrs. Fooks, Mr. Linowski, Mrs. Boyle (substituting for Mrs. McKinley), Mr. Maddren, Mayor Hess, Mrs. Truesdale, Mrs. Erickson and Mr. Catania.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Joel Smiler, owner of Super Beverage in the Route 3352 Plaza commented to Council members that he wants them to recognize what is going on with his business. He started construction of his store from the old Eric Movie Theater in February, 1993. After obtaining over thousands of dollars in construction loans for his business he opened his business in 1993. As a small business owner, he has always met his obligations of paying taxes and supporting local organization in the area. In August of 2012 the shopping center where his business is located was purchased by a new developer. He feels that the new owners do not want his business to remain at that location. He has spent much money in legal fees to be able to stay at this location. He realizes that he is a small business but he will continue to do what he must to remain there. He wants the residents of Brookhaven to know what he is up against. Mr. McCray told Mr. Smiler that Council will look into this. Mr. Maddren will keep in touch with Mr. Smiler's attorney if there are any developments.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Maddren reported that there is no update on the Green Estates Development. The development agreements have been sent to Mr. Lindsey but as of last week, they have not been returned from the bank. Hopefully by the Brookhaven Legislative meeting he will have more information on Green Estates.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, CO-CHAIR VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE, POLICE COMMITTEE, CHAIR AND CIVIL SERVICE LIAISON – Mr. Linowski wanted to advise everyone that Council advertized for the 2014 budget and it will be available at 9:00 AM on December 2, 2013 for public review. The budget is balanced. There is no tax increase. There will be a increase in sewer rates for Delcora in the amount of \$8.58 per year and an increase of \$45.09 for sewers going to the plant. There is no tax increase and no millage increase.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Hess had no report.

COUNCIL REPORTS

CHAIR PUBLIC WORKS, CHAIR BUILDING COMMITTEE, MEMBER FIRE COMMITTEE, DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND MEMBER LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Wilwert had no report.

CHAIR VETERANS GROUPS, CHAIR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION, CHAIR RECYCLING, CHAIR FIRE COMMITTEE AND MEMBER POLICE COMMITTEE – Ms. Leslie reported that two students from the Delaware County Christian School were at the meeting this evening. They want to observe one of our Council meetings and would like to speak to Mayor Hess and Ms. Leslie after the meeting for some questions. Ms. Leslie read a letter from the American Legion Post #94 extending their thanks for Council's participation in the recent Veteran's Day observance on November 9, 2013. Council provided many of the posters that were put up to let the residents know about the event which resulted in a large turnout of over 100 people. American Legion also thanked Council for providing the set-up and for providing the speaker system and the use of the community room. The American Legion also thanked Harry Swaygim for his help in setting up for everything.

BUSINESS AND REVITALIZATION COORDINATOR, CHAIR ORDINANCE COMMITTEE, MEMBER CONDO ASSOCIATION, SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON AND LIAISON CLOCK COMMITTEE – Mrs. Fooks wanted to thank Karen Dauber and her group for stringing all the lights on the trees in the Memorial Garden. The Ordinance Committee will not meet again until January, 2014. Also, a pet page has been added on the website. If anyone has lost a pet, they can post the picture of their pet on the website.

CHAIR HEALTH INSPECTOR, CHAIR PLANNING COMMISSION, CHAIR ARBOR/SHADE TREE COMMITTEE, CHAIR TRAFFIC CALMING, SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON AND CHAIR INSPECTORS AND FIRE MARSHAL – Mrs. Erickson reported that Harry Swaygim and the Board of Health members cooked meals today which will result in 30 families receiving Thanksgiving Dinners, which will be delivered tomorrow. Mrs. Erickson wanted to thank everyone for their donations to these dinners. Letters from the Board of Health for inspections will be going out in January. Mrs. Erickson commented that the benches and planters located outside of the Borough building are from the Green Grant.

CHAIR ZONING HEARING BOARD, CHAIR COMPREHENSIVE PLANS, CHAIR HOLIDAY PARADE COMMITTEE, CHAIR LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT, MEMBER POLICE COMMITTEE, MEMBER FIRE COMMITTEE AND ASSISTANT CHAIR ARBOR/SHADE TREE COMMITTEE – Mrs. Truesdale wanted to thank the Parade Committee and everyone for their participation in the Holiday Parade. Endless hours are spent to get ready for the parade and we need more volunteers. If anyone wants to help for next year it would be appreciated. Mrs. Truesdale thanked Linda Riffert for all her help at the parade. The parade was spectacular this year.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Mr. Catania opened bids for the HVAC replacement. The first bid was from A to U Services, Inc. in Sharon Hill. The bid was for \$21,933. The next bid was from Air Control Technology, Inc. in West Berlin, NJ, The bid was for \$10,300. The final bid was from Goshen Mechanical Inc. in Malvern. The bid was for \$12,890. Bid bonds were attached to all three bids. Mr. Linowski asked if all the equipment and work were the same for all three companies since there is such a discrepancy in the bids. Mr. Catania said there were the same and that Air Control Technology and Goshen Mechanical have done work before on the unit. Sometimes this is just the way the bids come in. A motion was made by Mr. Wilwert to approve the bids subject to the Engineer's review. Mr. Linowski made a second. Motion was carried by unanimous approval.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT

BOARD OF HEALTH – Mrs. Warfield wanted to thank Harry Swaygim for cooking all the turkeys and other food today for the residents.

FIRE MARSHAL – Mr. Leslie said that another nail salon is going into 4200 block of Edgmont Avenue. A clothing store is going into 4000 block of Edgmont Avenue. The United Check Cashing business is open. There were some unsafe conditions at Walgreens with the sprinklers. This was immediately rectified when it was reported to the Fire Company. The Chiropractor Office at 3215 Edgmont Avenue has to have all new inspections. They changed mortgage companies and this is a requirement of the new mortgage company to have all inspections done and they want to have a copy of the report. Sec Cleaners changed hands. Mr. Leslie asked if they now have to have a new inspection. Mr. Maddren said that he will check into this but he believes that it is required when a business changes owners. Mr. Leslie had to close a house in Hilltop due to hoarding which caused unsafe conditions. There was a problem on the new construction at Coebourn with a tank; this has been corrected. Mr. Leslie asked if there are any prints for the new Coebourn School. Mrs. Fooks was told that seven sets were to be delivered. She will check into this. Mr. Leslie asked Mrs. Fooks for a copy of the Commercial Properties in the borough. She will send this to him when it is completed.

Other inspectors were not present or did not have a report to give.

CHAIR RECREATION COMMITTEE, CO-CHAIR VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE, CHAIR TRASH/RECYCLING PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE AND MEMBER CONDO ASSOCIATION – Mr. McCray reminded everyone to get their tickets for the Senior Luncheon which will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2013.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Ms. Chris Raftovich, 109 E. Garrison Road, asked about the 2014 budget. When will it be available for public inspection? Mr. Linowski said that the first reading of the budget will be on December 2nd at the Council Meeting. The budget will be available for the public to review on December 2nd at 9:00 A.M. Ms. Raftovich asked if the 2014 budget is going to follow the same format as the 2013 budget where everything is in one big fund with the exception of sewer and trash. She thought that this budget seems difficult to follow and was not well defined. Mr. Linowski said that it would follow the same format. There were many questions and much discussion including how the entries are made in the budget, the method of reconciliation used, the qualifications/credentials of some of the employees, if the police contract was ratified, overtime of employees and Inspector fees. Ms. Raftovich would like to have a list of all the Borough Full Time Employees and the Part Time Employees and the Council Persons they report to and a copy of the monthly statement of the budget/expenses that ended in October along with the 2014 budget on December 2nd. These reports are available for any resident to review under the Right to Know Act.

Fire Chief Montella reported that the Brookhaven Fire Company assisted Aston Township on November 22, 2013 for a serviceman that came home from Iraq. Brookhaven Fire Department helped to fly the flags to honor this serviceman.

Ms. Leslie reported that Brookhaven Boy Scout Troop #493 planted three trees along the walking trail. They donated the trees and have been doing this every year. She expressed her thanks to them.

With no other business to be discussed, Mr. McCray adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Boyle

Mrs. Joan Boyle
Brookhaven Planning Commission Secretary
(Substituting for Mrs. McKinley)