

MINUTES
BROOKHAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020

At 7:00 PM Council President Heller called the regularly scheduled meeting of Brookhaven Borough Council to Order. He welcomed all present. The meeting was held in the Brookhaven Municipal Center Council Chambers. Mr. Heller asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Leslie read the names of the Brookhaven residents that were recently deceased: Dianne O'Donnell, Lucy Dona, Nancy Smalley and Paul Metzger. A moment of silence was observed in their memory.

Mrs. Boyle took a Roll Call and the following were present: Council President Mr. Heller, Mayor Leslie, Councilpersons Mrs. Fooks, Mrs. Heller, Mr. Pappas, Ms. Sawicki, Solicitor Mr. Wills, Engineer Mr. Catania and Office Manager Mr. Wilwert. Mr. Vazquez participated in the meeting via Zoom, due to illness.

Mr. Wills stated that he wanted to make it clear that for those Council Members that cannot be in attendance at a public meeting due to a work commitment or medical condition, the Pennsylvania Borough Code does authorize participation by means of telecommunication devices such as telephones or computers which permit at a minimum audio communication between the locations. Telecommunication device used by a member of Council not physically present at the meeting must permit him or her to hear the comments and votes of the other members of Council who are physically present in order to speak to and hear the comments of the public who are physically present at the meeting. The participation by Councilman Vazquez in this evening's Borough Council Meeting does comply with the terms and conditions of the Pennsylvania Borough Code.

Mr. Heller said that a Council vacancy became available due to the promotion of Councilwoman Leslie to the position of Mayor. Mr. Heller said that we advertised and received 11 applications for the vacant position. Mr. Heller asked for a motion for a nomination for the position of Councilperson to fill the vacancy. Mrs. Heller nominated Michael Gilroy for the vacant Council position and it was seconded by Mr. Vazquez. The motion was unanimous. Mr. Heller said that Mr. Gilroy must be appointed by a Resolution.

Mr. Wills read the Resolution as follows:

It is the Resolution of Brookhaven, Delaware County, Pennsylvania filling the vacancy in the office of Councilmember.

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated October 13, 2020, Council Vice President Denise Leslie of Brookhaven Borough submitted a letter of resignation as a member of Brookhaven Borough Council and

WHEREAS, said letter made her resignation effective October 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of Brookhaven Borough, at their special public meeting on October 14, 2020, accepted said resignation; and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 901 of the Borough Code entitled "Vacancies in Office" requires that the Borough Council fill such a vacancy within thirty (30) days by appointing a registered elector of the Borough by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that MICHAEL GILROY is the most qualified candidate for the position.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this 9th day of November, 2020, that the Brookhaven Borough Council hereby appoints MICHAEL GILROY to fill the existing Council vacancy for Brookhaven Borough, with said term of office to expire on or about December 31, 2021.

RESOLVED this 9th day of November, 2020.

Mr. Wills said that if it is the pleasure of Brookhaven Council to adopt this Resolution a motion would be in order. Mr. Heller asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution. A motion was made by Mrs. Fooks and it was seconded by Mrs. Heller. The motion was unanimous.

Mr. Gilroy came forward, with his family, and Mayor Leslie administered the Oath for a Councilperson for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. When the swearing in was completed, Mr. Gilroy received a round of applause from everyone in attendance. Mr. Gilroy then took his seat at the Council table and joined the meeting as a Councilperson.

Mr. Heller said that he was going to postpone the vote for the new Vice President of Council until the December Council Meeting.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT - COEBOURN SCHOOL PRINCIPAL – THERESA FORD

Mrs. Ford reported that the Brookhaven Fire Department visited Coebourn School two days in a row and they gave safety videos for each grade level which enabled the children to access fire safety. The children were very excited to see the Fire Fighters and the fire trucks. The Fire Department also provided coloring books, etc. about fire safety. Mrs. Ford thanked the Fire Department for making Fire Prevention Week exciting for the children.

We celebrated Red Ribbon Week. The children learned lessons about drugs during the week. The Coebourn PTL provided bracelets to remind the students to remain drug free. The PTL sponsored a drive-in movie night. Two movies were shown: one at 5:30 pm and one at 7:30 pm. The school is conducting a food drive for non-perishable cans that are being collected in the school lobby.

Mrs. Ford said that there has been speculation about the Instruction Plan going all virtual. Penn Delco School District will remain in hybrid Instruction Model. No plans are made for any changes. The increases of transmission of Covid is happening outside the school setting. There have been no known cases from school exposure.

Some of the reasons that Penn Delco could go all virtual would be a mandate from the Board of Health or the Pennsylvania Board of Education that there is a substantial increase of transmissions in our school, evidence of far reaching spread of the disease that can no longer be traced by the Board of Health or staff shortage due to the virus.

Mrs. Ford said how proud she is of the children and how they are following the safety protocols. The 5 year-olds are wearing their masks all day and the children are sanitizing and washing their hands often. She thanked everyone for their support. Mrs. Ford congratulated Mrs. Leslie on her appointment as Mayor.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There was none.

FIRE CHIEF – ROBERT MONTELLA

Chief Montella said he forwarded his report to Council and reported the following for October 2020:

We had 30 fire incidents in the Borough; 210 non fire incidents; 269 mutual aid calls; 41 drills for a total of 550 fire events. Our loss on structure so far this year was \$33,000; loss on contents was \$30,000; total loss of \$63,000; total of \$1,050,000 property endangered. No Firefighter or Civilian injuries for the month; 1 Firefighter injury for the year and 1 Civilian injury for the year. Our Manpower status was 60 calls with an average of 13 Firefighters for a total of 620 hours for the month and 6,275 hours for the year. Our training was 4 training sessions with an average of 22 Firefighters for a total of 242 hours for the month and 2,189 hours for the year.

Brookhaven Fire Company responded to the following incidents in the Borough: 2 gas leaks inside residence at 4800 Shepherd Street and the 3400 block of Victor Avenue. There were 6 auto accidents at: 352 & Brookhaven Road; 352 & Whitely Road; 4509 Chandler Drive; 3800 block of Edgmont Avenue; 4206 Edgmont Avenue and 5075 Edgmont Avenue.

Brookhaven Fire Company assisted the following; Chester Township Fire Company on building fire at 2730 Bethel Road; assisted Upland Fire Company on accident at 799 Upland Avenue, accident at I-95 behind Crozer Chester Medical Center, vehicle fire at 521 24th Street. Assisted Aston Fire Department on a building fire at 12 Convent Road. Assisted Chester City Fire Department on accident with entrapment on 95 north at Chestnut Street. Assisted Rocky Run Fire Company on a building fire at 1118 Baltimore Pike. Assisted Parkside Fire Company on a building fire at Cisco Court.

Our monthly training was flood water rescue training with victim water rescue operation. The LA Fitness Center was gracious enough to let us use their pool for the evening and there was a certification instructor there on water rescue operations and we had some vehicle rescue training. Our COVID-10 update reports were submitted to Council and the Mayor. We are experiencing an increase in COVID-19 transports. We had 4 transports from the last report that was submitted and we did pick up a few more over the weekend. Our personnel were notified by Riddle and Crozer Hospitals of possible exposure to patients. Our employees were notified and paperwork was documented.

Brookhaven Fire Department went to Coebourn Elementary School, Christian Academy and Early Learning Day Care for outside fire prevention training for the children with COVID-19 social distancing rules followed. Brookhaven Fire Company submitted the narrative paperwork to our Grant writer for a 2020 AFG Grant. We are trying to get new 6,000 PSI breathing air compressor and a 5,500 PSI SCBA Fill Station. Our current equipment is currently over 20 years old.

Our October 2020 EMS report was 1,464 calls for the year; the ambulance answered 198 calls in October; of those we transported 134 people to the hospital; 77 of those calls were ALS which were transported with a medic and 121 were BLS transports. Chief Montella congratulated Mr. Gilroy on his appointed to Council.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – MR. JAY WILLS

Mr. Wills reported that he submitted a report to Council but wanted to discuss the following:

Brookhaven Glen Development – This is an 84 unit, 55 and over community that is located near Edgmont Avenue and Radio Park Lane. The Developer has executed a Developer's Agreement, Improvement Security Agreement and Agreement for Escrow and Reimbursement of Professional Fees.

It is expected that the Developer will be making an application for a grading permit later this month. Mr. Wills expects an application for Construction Permits to commence shortly thereafter.

Arbor Developers – This is a two lot subdivision located on Zoar Street. The Subdivision Plan was reviewed by the Planning Commission at their October 20, 2020 meeting and they recommended changes. These changes were communicated to the Developer. Mr. Wills communicated with the Developer earlier today about the revised plans and Mr. Wills expects the Planning Commission to undergo further review of the plans at the November 17, 2020 meeting.

Verizon Cellular Communications Tower – This concerns the property that they lease on Bridgewater Road. The Communications Tower people had recommended some changes to the lease agreement. Mr. Wills said it is his recommendation that Brookhaven Council should be opposed to any leasing amendments. Council agrees with this and it has been communicated to the good people at Verizon.

Property on 700 Block of Marshall Road – This is a property that has deep seeded violations of the International Property Maintenance Code. Mr. Wills has filed a Complaint in Equity and Petition for Preliminary Injunction hearing against the owner in the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas before Judge Barry C. Dozor for November 18, 2020. Code Enforcement Office Jon Grant will accompany Mr. Wills to the hearing and provide relevant testimony to the Court about the multiple property violations occurring at that particular residence.

Pando Property Group – This is a minor seven lot Subdivision on Brookhaven Road and Arlington Avenue. Mr. Wills and Mr. Catania have been working with them and have had some issues with the Developer about the Certificate of Occupancy where he has been lapsing in some of the requirements but he is now on the right path. Mr. Wills has been in communication with the Developer about the status of Lot #8 of that development. This lot is supposed to be deeded to the Borough for Open Space. Mr. Wills said he expects to receive this deed sometime in the early part of 2021.

Mr. Wills congratulated Mr. Gilroy and welcomed him aboard Council and said he is looking forward to working with him.

MAYOR REPORT – MAYOR LESLIE

Mayor Leslie reported that there were 73 people that participated in the recent Shredding Event and we collected 3,140 pounds of paper. The Trunk or Treat was a success even though it was different this year. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

Mayor Leslie wanted to congratulate our Emergency Management Coordinator Steve Schultz and his wife Erin on the birth of their baby boy in October. Mayor Leslie said she wanted to wish all of our Veterans a Happy Veteran's Day this Wednesday, November 11th. She also congratulated Mr. Gilroy and said she is looking forward to working with him on Council.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – ACTING CHIEF JONATHAN WILLS

Acting Chief Zebley reported the following for October 2020:

1 aggravated assault, 1 DOA/death investigations, 2 vehicle thefts, 4 retail thefts, 3 thefts for automobiles, 4 other thefts, 1 attempted theft, 1 fraud report, 3 criminal mischiefs, 2 harassment complaints, 2 narcotics arrests, 1 public intoxication, 1 terroristic threat complaint, 2 harassment reports, 2 trespassing reports, 4 mental health incidents, 18 suspicious conditions were investigated, 30 disturbances/domestic disputes were resolved, 8 alarms, 10 hazardous conditions/fire company calls, 23 vehicle accidents; 20 assist other departments, 1 arrest warrant served, 12 adults were arrested, 1 juvenile arrest, 21 citations were issued or filed, 8 warnings were issued; total loss to victims amounts to approximately \$31,445. Recovered property amounts are approximately \$2,164; protest incidents went peaceful and there were no issues.

There was a Covid exposure issue on an incident with officers in the department. They were quarantined and all tested negative after the quarantine period. A more stringent Covid mitigation plan and order was implemented. 8 applicants have been interviewed for the position of part-time police officers; background checks will begin this week. Minor personnel issues were addressed to improve the department and relations with the community. Part-time Officer Richard Clymer resigned and is retiring from the police work to spend more time with his family.

Firearms training and qualifications were conducted. In-service training was conducted for use of force which includes training and certification with pepper spray and baton. Certifications will be completed in November for the remaining few officers for baton and pepper spray. Officer Wetten attended 8 hours of training with Swat. Officer Teofilak attended 16 hours of Active Shooter response training. Officer Zebley attended a 40 hour course on-line for supervisor's school through Penn State. Approximately 134 man hours of training was received by department members. De-escalation training is being pushed back because of Covid. Sensitivity training for officers is being sought. Departmental Shotguns are going to be converted to beanbag shells only. A policy will be developed, reviewed and adopted. Once implemented, another layer of less-than-lethal force option will be available to officers. Officer Subers and Zebley are enrolled in Field Training Officer School in December.

Officer Teofilak met with the girl scouts outside to talk about how to become a police officer. Detective Habich conducted a virtual tour of the police station with the cub scouts.

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

Mr. Vazquez congratulated Mr. Gilroy on his appointment to Council and said it will be a pleasure to work with him.

Mr. Vazquez said he wanted to have a motion for the temporary hiring of two candidates. One was Joshua Trusty and another candidate. They will be working for the Public Works Department at a rate of \$14.50 per hour. This is a temporary position and they will only be called in when there is work needed to be done. They are not part of the Union; this is a temporary position and will last until the end of March unless there is a late winter snow storm. A motion for the hiring of two seasonal Public Works employees at the rate of \$14.50 per hour, most likely to end in March, 2021 was made by Mrs. Fooks and it was seconded by Mrs. Heller. The motion was unanimous.

Public Works Report for October

- ~ repaired the head wall on Cambridge
- ~ received the Jet Sewer Trailer and training should start shortly
- ~ the roof was leaking in Building #2 at the Sewer Plant and was addressed
- ~ storm water drains were cleaned throughout the Borough
- ~ one security camera was added at Samson Park
- ~ normal routine security checks were made at the Parks
- ~ winter maintenance was completed at all parks and the buildings are shut down for the season. The locks will be replaced
- ~ the grass cutting season is coming to a close
- ~ completed branch and leaf chipping for the season. There were 67 stops in the 4th quarter. Total appointments for the year were 186
- ~ there was painting of signs and “no parking” done at Borough Hall where the election box was located
- ~ potholes were filled. The year to date total was 88 bags at 4,452 pounds
- ~ the Nancy Harvin Plaque was installed on the Walking Trail
- ~ we are preparing the equipment for the leaf collection which will start on November 16th
- ~ there were 33 PPA1 calls answered with a year to date total of 588
- ~ the crew attended the 24th Annual Training Session

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 October 5, 2020 Brookhaven Council Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Ms. Sawicki and it was seconded by Mrs. Fooks. The motion was unanimous.

Mr. Heller asked for a motion to merge the Brookhaven Hometown Hero Banner Committee into the Veteran’s Committee. We are combining the two together and it will become just the Veteran’s Committee. A motion was made by Ms. Sawicki and it was seconded by Mrs. Fooks. The motion was unanimous.

Mr. Heller said that we are going to take care of the Committees left vacant by Mrs. Leslie’s promotion to Mayor. They are: Police, Fire, Recycling, Veterans and Emergency Management Committee. Mr. Heller had asked Council for their interest in chairing these committees. Mrs. Heller will chair the Police Committee and Emergency Management. Mrs. Fooks will take responsibility for the Recycling Committee. Mr. Vazquez, Mr. Gilroy and Mr. Heller will chair the Veteran’s Committee as a group.

Council met in Executive Session on Sunday, November 1, 2020 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm for the purpose of Council Vacancy Interviews. We interviewed all 11 applicants.

Mr. Heller thanked everyone involved in the Trunk or Treat Event and the upcoming Holiday Parade. Mr. Heller said we received good news today about the upcoming vaccine that is potentially 90% effective. This is remarkable news and we expect good news out of that. Hopefully we can get the country back to normal.

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 congratulate Mr. Gilroy and wished him every success on Council.

Ms. Sawicki asked to make a motion to approve all of the bills on the November bill list. Mrs. Fooks made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Gilroy. The motion was unanimous.

Ms. Sawicki said that she and Mrs. McDade have been working on the Preliminary Budget and she has given it to Council for their review. Mrs. Sawicki will be reading the Budget at the November 23, 2020 Workshop and going over it line by line. The Final Budget will be presented at the December 7, 2020 Council Meeting and it will be available for public inspection from December 8th until the 21st. On December 21st we are scheduled to adopt all of the Budgets and Resolutions.

COUNCILMAN – MICHAEL GILROY

Mr. Gilroy said that he is honored and humbled by the trust that Council has shown by selecting him as the Councilman for the Borough of Brookhaven. He said that he accepts the responsibilities and is looking forward to working with everyone for the betterment of Brookhaven and our citizens. He said it will be his honor to show his neighbors of Brookhaven his dedication and respect to the community. Many things have changed but one thing that has not changed is how we communicate with each other. We must work together to keep the familiar and loving community that we all cherish. Mr. Gilroy said that all he asks is for the residents not to miss an opportunity to speak to one another. He thanked his parents and his wife for all the support they have given him.

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 congratulated Mr. Gilroy on his appointment to Council.

Mr. Pappas reported that there was a Workplace Safety Meeting held on October 23, 2020. The meeting was held in a Zoom format which represented the Workplace Training Seminar. The Seminar was closed to any type of participation. The guest speakers promoted their experience in the field of insurance protection.

The Planning Commission has a vacancy. Any interested parties should have the necessary skills in reading drawings and specifications related to blue prints, being able to interpret codes such as building codes, knowledge of construction, knowledge of the planning process and any overall improvement to improve the appearance of Brookhaven Borough. A Civil Engineer or an Architectural Degree is preferred but not required.

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 wanted to welcome Mr. Gilroy aboard Council.

The Technology Committee is meeting on November 12, 2020 at 7:30 pm. The Police Committee met on October 29, 2020.

The Recreation Board did an amazing job with Trunk or Treat. We packed 270 treat bags; we had 205 registrants and distributed 212 bags. Mrs. Heller wanted to thank Bateman Funeral Home for bringing out their Hearst and the kids liked seeing it. The Brookhaven Fire Department and the Ambulance were there as well as the Brookhaven Police Department. We received a lot of candy from Walgreen's and CVS and we also had participation from Lowe's. Mrs. Heller wanted to thank our businesses for their participation. It was great to see the kids dressed in their costumes but they all had to stay in their cars.

The Recreation Board met on October 29, 2020. We are looking for some members and alternates; if anyone is interested, please drop off your resumes to Borough Hall.

The Real Church is collecting Thanksgiving Baskets up to November 15, 2020. They are looking to feeding 100 families. If anyone is interested in dropping off food, please do before November 15th. The Church is located on Edwards Drive. Star Bucks is participating in Toys for Tots, Wounded Warriors and our Four Legged Friends via the SPCA.

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

Mrs. Fooks congratulated Mr. Gilroy.

Mrs. Fooks reported that the Ordinance Committee met on November 19, 2020 to discuss the Food Truck Ordinance. We are meeting in person because some of our members cannot participate in Zoom. We are continuing to evaluate old Ordinances and we will update Council when we have completed the process.

The Parade is scheduled for Saturday, November 21, 2020 at 2 pm and will assemble at Our Lady of Charity Parking Lot at 1 pm. If you live along the parade route please do not park your cars in the street. There will be no grandstand this year and no performance at the end of the parade. Performances will take place along the route. Please wear your masks and practice social distancing. The Chip Vaccination is scheduled for May 18, 2021.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – MR. CATANIA

Mr. Catania submitted his written report but wanted to discuss the following:

2018 Small Water and Sewer Grant – West Brookhaven Road project. Those funds need to be expended by June, 2021. Mr. Catania asked for authorization from Council to advertise for this work. Mrs. Fooks made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Heller. The motion was unanimous.

Mr. Catania said that when the flooring was being replaced in this building, there was water on the floor in the break room. This was caused because the pointing in the brick wall was deteriorating and it caused the leak. Mr. Catania asked for ratification for this repair in the amount of \$2,450. A motion was made by Ms. Sawicki and it was seconded by Mrs. Heller. The motion was unanimous.

Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract – We received proposals for the operation and maintenance of the Traffic Signals in the Borough and it will be awarded to Signal Service in the amount of \$1,150 per month plus extra for emergency services. We received two bids and that was the lowest bid. A motion was made by Ms. Sawicki and it was seconded by Mr. Gilroy. The motion was unanimous. Mrs. Sawicki asked if the contract was a one year contract. Mr. Catania said it was a bid for a one year contract with optional one year extension for that year at no increase in cost. We will review this next year.

FIRE MARSHALL – MR. LESLIE

Mr. Leslie reported the following:

- ~ 4001 Edgmont Avenue. This was the site of the old Beer Distributor. There is a Nail Salon and Massage Parlor going in there.(next to Multi Copy and Abruzzi's Pizza). They are going to put in four or five rooms. Mr. Leslie said that they did go up to Brookhaven Borough to see Matt about permits. They are waiting to get drawings from the architect.
- ~ 4800 block of Edgmont Avenue. This is the new shopping center and we are getting low water alarms for the fire compression system there. We are working with Management to resolve the problem.
- ~ 4422 Edgmont Avenue – the Dunkin Donuts is coming along very well. He may be ready for inspection next week.
- ~ 24 Radio Park Lane – the building is being brought up to code
- ~ 8 West Brookhaven Road – We are working with the realtor to getting the walkway cleaned out behind the building.
- ~ 4098 Edgmont Avenue – Mr. Leslie received an email about the “right to know” We are not going to give them the “right to know” since they are trying to avoid an inspection.
- ~ 3700 block of Edgmont Avenue – Pep Boys – they are piling tires up in the back. We are working to getting them removed.

BOARD OF HEALTH

There was no report.

ZONING OFFICER – MR. HAMPTON

Mr. Hampton had 151 telephone calls in October. He asked Mr. Catania about a big dip on Houston Street. Mr. Catania said that they checked the sewer line and the line is clean. He will look into it further. Mr. Hampton said that there have been reports about someone putting grass cuttings in the sewer.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Wills said that Veteran's Day is this Wednesday, November 11th and it is a Federal Holiday. It is a day to honor and celebrate those who have worn the uniform with honor and served in the Armed Forces. Mr. Wills said that some Americans, especially the younger generation, may question the value of the Military Service and may ask why we honor our Veterans. Mr. Wills said the answer is in a short poem and he read the poem.

Mr. Wills said that in the Brookhaven Borough we are proud to have two elected officials who are Veterans: Mayor Denise Leslie and Councilman Hector Vazquez. He asked them to stand to be recognized. They were given a round of applause by the attendees. Mr. Wills then asked any attendees in the meeting who are Veterans to stand to be recognized. When they did, they were also given a round of applause.

Mr. Heller wanted to thank the other candidates that applied for the Council vacancy. He said that there were four or five standouts. Mr. Gilroy rose to the top and this is not to detract from the other candidates. They were willing to serve on this Council. Mr. Gilroy is a young candidate who has resided in the Borough for ten years and was a former Police Officer. He is a honorable man and we trust him and have full faith in him. Mr. Gilroy also applied for the Mayor position and if not for Mrs. Leslie's outstanding qualifications, he might have been the new Mayor. Mr. Heller said that he welcomes Mr. Gilroy aboard; this is a hard working Council and we take our jobs seriously. Mr. Gilroy was given another round of applause.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Hampton asked about the vote for Vice President of Council. Mr. Heller said that it had mentioned at the beginning of the meeting that we were going to postpone it until the December meeting to give Mr. Gilroy more time to get to know the Council members.

ADJOURMENT

There was no other business to come before Council. Ms. Sawicki made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Fooks to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Joan Boyle
Brookhaven Planning Commission Secretary