

## **MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING**

### **BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL**

**June 11, 2012**

**7:00 p.m.**

Present: Colleen Gallagher  
Katie Gallagher  
Kevin Tanski  
Tom Murphy  
Tony DeMarco  
Kathy Pucci

Absent: Ron Van Kirk

Pledge of Allegiance.

President DeMarco asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Mrs. Ruth Coyne, longtime resident and former first lady of the City of Brooklyn.

#### **DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION** by Pucci, second by C.Gallagher to approve the minutes of May 29, 2012, with corrections noted by Mrs. Pucci, on page 2. **VOTE RESULTED: Approve as amended: Yes: C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy, DeMarco, Pucci. No: None. (APPROVED AS AMENDED).**

#### **PRESENTATION:**

The Mayor presented a Mayor's Proclamation, on behalf of the city, to Mrs. Sharon Kovach in commemoration of Brooklyn Relay for Life, to be held June 23, 24, 2012. Mrs. Kovach thanked the Mayor and everyone and invited the community to attend the 18 hour event at the high school stadium. It runs from 1 p.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday. The theme for this year is Cartoons, Tooning Out Cancer. The Luminary ceremony is held at dusk. A pancake breakfast is Sunday from 7-9 a.m., closing ceremonies at 10.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION:**

*Angret Georgi* of 9508 Behrwald Avenue, Brooklyn. Made a statement that, in regard to the Cracker Barrel incident, hopes that any criticism of our officers has been buried. Commented on a statement at the last meeting by Council President DeMarco that we should not vote on or agree to the anti-poaching protocol because FitzGerald is aiming to become Governor, and not to support him in that. She read the list of cities signed on with the agreement (37 cities/villages), and hoped Council reconsiders.

#### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS & BOARDS:**

Finance Committee (Chairman DeMarco): Met at 6:30. The Committee approved a request for repair to the Memorial 1 field for \$9,800, and a request for an additional cost of \$2,293.90 for toters was approved. Placed on first reading Ords. 2012-44 and 45. Received financial reports through May to review.

Recreation Board (Councilman Tanski): Gave a financial update on the Silver Sneakers program, and said the program is increasing in membership. Thanked everyone who is a part of it, participants and employees. The next Recreation Board meeting is Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Mayor's Court.

#### **REPORTS OF COUNCIL:**

**Colleen Gallagher:** Thanked Sharon Kovach and all Relay for Life volunteers, encouraging the community to attend and support. Asked Chief Mielke to address speeding on Idlewood again.

**Katie Gallagher:** Thanked Friends of Big Creek and all volunteers who helped clean up the creeks in Brooklyn on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Kevin Tanski:** The next Sustainability Advisory Committee will be Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 in the Conference Room.

**Tom Murphy:** Reminded everyone about Marine Week in downtown Cleveland and encouraged all to attend, especially to see The Wall.

**Kathy Pucci:** Participated in the Big Creek Watershed cleanup, which had a great turnout. She thanked all who came out and collected a large amount of trash from the two areas. Thanked Dir. Verba and city workers for picking up the collected trash. There was a Safe Routes to School meeting to wrap up the year, and begin plans for next year. Walking maps are at printers and will be distributed to students at start of school year, and also to residents over the summer. Signs will also be placed during the summer. Thanked Sharon Kovach and volunteers for Relay for Life. Spoke with the Mayor, and an Ordinance will be revisited to address the use of the Senior Center by various groups, and establish guidelines for the community room at the Fire Station. She asked Chief Zemek to send Council information on the groups that use the room, to help with developing the guidelines. Offered condolences to the Coyne family on the passing of Mrs. Jean Coyne.

**Tony DeMarco:** The renovation work to the restrooms at the Senior Center is finally completed. Responded to Mrs. Georgi that she took out of context his comments, saying he has said everyone should expect better leadership from county officials, especially since they are saying this anti-poaching agreement is a watered down version. He feels the agreement as currently proposed will not do much in terms of economic development for our region.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**Mayor Albier:** There will be a hiring fair for veterans only on June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Wolstein Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For info call 216-698-2606. People who did not file city income tax will be receiving a letter from RITA (Regional Income Tax), to give a chance to explain why they didn't file. There will be a ribbon cutting for the Memphis Industrial Parkway on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30, all are welcome. Congratulated Finance Director Esarey who will be nominated and appointed to the Board of the Municipal Finance Officers Association. Received the 2011 Solid Waste Management Report. In 2010 Brooklyn recycled 30% of its tonnage; in 2011 41%. The County average is 29%, so we are well above average. Over \$20,000 was taken in on our recyclables last year. He and other Mayors met on Wednesday with Executive FitzGerald about the casino money, and no decision has been made yet, but ideas will be shared and implementations made for next year. He hopes the anti-poaching legislation comes up for a vote tonight, especially since 40 of the 59 communities have signed it already, which includes all of the cities over 25,000. Received a letter from RTA that ridership needs to increase to keep the route active.

Mr. Murphy commented that he thinks the ridership will increase as the Veterans Administration grows.

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORTS:**

Rec. Asst. Mgr. Bruzek: Signups for fall youth soccer are June 12<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 p.m., and also on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 11-1 p.m. Call the Rec Center at 216-351-5334 for cost. Congratulated the Brooklyn Girls Soccer Club, 10 and under, who played in a big tournament in Medina and finished second.

Service Dir. Verba: Informed Council he will have legislation at the next meeting to change legislation for the new refuse collection containers. The tentative start-up date for automated collection will be August 20<sup>th</sup>, with totes delivered the week of August 13<sup>th</sup>. Repeated it is tentative. Thanked the Fire Chief and firefighters for bringing the collected tires from the clean-up to the Service Garage. Also expressed condolences to the Coyne family on the passing of Mrs. Coyne.

Mr. DeMarco asked if the clean-up of the trail area of Marquardt Park is on the to-do list for this year. Dir. Verba said it is. Dir. Verba also added the pre-construction meeting for the road program will be June 18<sup>th</sup>, so the next meeting he will have a better idea when everything will be starting.

Mrs. Pucci asked Dir. Verba where we stood on our street sweeper. Dir. Verba said it's been out a few times already, and when there is available manpower it will be out more and more.

Police Chief Mielke: Informed residents of daytime burglaries, and cautioned everyone to be aware of surrounding properties, and to call the police for suspicious behavior.

#### **AUTHORIZATION REQUEST:**

From Mgr. McGinty: A request from the Recreation Board to authorize repairs to Memorial 1 baseball field in the amount of \$9,800. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Tanski to authorize repairs. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Authorize:* Yes: C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy, DeMarco, Pucci. No: None. **(AUTHORIZED)**

From Dir. Verba: Request for adjustment in price for refuse rollout containers (toters) – additional amount of \$2,993.90 (new amount us \$200,239.90.) **MOTION** by Pucci, second by DeMarco to authorize. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Approve:* Yes: C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy, DeMarco, Pucci. No: None. **(AUTHORIZED)**

#### **LEGISLATION:**

**MOTION** by K.Gallagher, second by Pucci to remove from the Table Resolution #2012-1, A Resolution of support authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement on behalf of the City of Brooklyn with Cuyahoga County for the purpose of establishing an Anti-Poaching Protocol. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Remove from Table:* Yes: C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy, Pucci. No: DeMarco. **(REMOVED FROM TABLE)**

**RESOLUTION #2012-1:** A Resolution of support authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement on behalf of the City of Brooklyn with Cuyahoga County for the purpose of establishing an Anti-Poaching Protocol. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by K.Gallagher to Suspend the Rules. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Suspend the Rules:* Yes: C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy, Pucci. No: DeMarco. *Adopt:* Yes: C.Gallagher, K. Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy, Pucci. No: DeMarco. **(ADOPTED)**

**RESOLUTION 2012-8:** Designating Westbrook Drive with the honorary name of George and Patricia Zane Way. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by C.Gallagher to suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Suspend the Rules:* Yes: C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy, DeMarco, Pucci. No: None. *Adopt:* Yes: C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy, DeMarco, Pucci. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

**ORDINANCE 2012-44:** Approving a Quit Claim title transfer from City of Brooklyn to the Brooklyn Community Improvement Corporation for the purpose of developing vacant unimproved land located at Memphis Avenue and Ridge Road, Brooklyn, Ohio 44144. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by C.Gallagher to put on First Reading. **(FIRST READING)**

**ORDINANCE 2012-45:** Approving a Quit Claim title transfer from City of Brooklyn to the Brooklyn Community Improvement Corporation for the purpose of developing vacant semi-improved land located at 4620 Tiedeman Road, Brooklyn, Ohio 44144. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by C.Gallagher to put on First Reading. **(FIRST READING)**

**ORDINANCE 2012-46:** An Ordinance to approve the 2012 replacement pages to the Brooklyn Codified Ordinances and declaring an emergency. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by C.Gallagher to suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Suspend the Rules:* Yes: C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy, DeMarco, Pucci. No: None. *Adopt:* Yes: C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy, DeMarco, Pucci. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

The Mayor thanked the Council for passing the anti-poaching agreement.

**MOTION** by Tanski, second by C.Gallagher to adjourn. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Adjourn:* Yes: C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy, Pucci, DeMarco. No: None. **(ADJOURNED)**

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Asst. Clerk of Council

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President of Council