

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL

January 8, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Present: Barb Paulitzky
Ron Van Kirk
Meg Ryan Shockey
Andy Celcherts
Kathy Pucci
Mary Balbier
Kevin Tanski

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance.

President Van Kirk said he took part in a lengthy (3-1/2 hours) for the vacant Council seat this past week. He thanked Michael Changeri, Sue Grodek, Deb Tomusko, Marc Bukszar, Lynn McMahan, and Meg Ryan Shockey for applying. The interviews were enlightening and hope everyone keeps engaged in the city. He officially welcomed Mrs. Ryan Shockey to City Council; he looks forward to working with her. –Per the Charter, Council is to organize in January. Per Council Rules, now that Council is complete, there will be an Organizational mtg. Thursday, January 11th at 6 p.m. We will elect a Council President and Pro-Tem, elect to serve on Planning Comm., Recreation Bd., Domestic Violence Comm., and Economic Development Comm. After President and Pro-Tem is appointed, the President appoints to the Finance, Public Works, and Public Safety & Environmental Committees, Sustainability Comm., Legislative Update Fair Housing Review Bd., School Bd. liaison, and Volunteer Fire Dependents Bd.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Victor Ardito of 7439 Outlook Ave., got the e-mail alert about the watermain breaks. He called City Hall to see if there was a boil alert, which he'd like to see added to the information.

Mike Changeri of 8705 Morton, congratulated Councilwoman Shockey. It was a humble surprise in the (city) calendar; his Dad made it in June. Whoever decided on the picture for May, thank you, it's an honor for his Dad. –Thanked the Service Dept. He signed his Mom up for snow watch, and they did a great job doing her drive. It's a good service and worth \$40. Thank you. –It was a privilege to be interviewed, and maybe down the line there will be room in the administration for him. He'll try to make it to more meetings to support those looking out for the best interest of the city. Thank you.

Patrick Sweeney of 8919 Torrance said the Service Dept. did a good job this morning with the roads, he noticed the difference after getting into Cleveland. It was very bad conditions this morning. Wished everyone a good New Year.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS & BOARDS:

Planning Commission (Commissioner Kulcsar): The Commission met Jan 4th and approved requests from: M. Rashed for illuminated wall sign for Boost Mobile in 7006 Biddulph Rd. (Biddulph Plaza); and from MS Consultants for an addition to Aldi's for 3300 sq. ft. addition. The next scheduled mtg. is Feb. 1.

Board of Zoning Appeals (Commissioner Kulcsar): The Board will meeting at 6 p.m. on Jan. 18th for a request from M. Rashed for 6-ft. variance to maximum allowable size for a wall sign at 7006 Biddulph Rd.

Finance Committee (Councilman Van Kirk): The Comm. met at 6:30 and recommended: Request from Rec. Mgr. to apply to partially fund proposed 2018 capital improvements at the Rec Center (painting, sand filters, etc.); request from Service Dir. to enter renewal contact with K Co. for refrigerating, HVAC at Rec Center for 1.15.18 to 1.14.19 for \$26,869 (same cost last two yrs); request from Sr. Coord. for funding for backup vehicle

for Senior Center (applying for 2018 grant for Enhancement of Seniors, Individuals, and Disabilities Program); request from Rec Center for \$2500 funding for new programs and activities from 2018 Ohio Parks and Recreation Assoc. Foundation Program Development Grant (to offset costs of new programs at Rec Center); discussed Ord. 2017-86 (up for adoption), Establishing a non-resident fee for key fob cards for use with the MySeniorCenter system at the Brooklyn Senior Center (\$12 annual charge for non-residents which includes mailing of the Chit Chat); 2017-87 (2nd reading), Authorize Capital Improvement Plan for 2018 (capital items already appropriated for in 2018 budget); Ords. 2018-1, approving contract with Northern Ohio Police Benev. Assn., Patrol and Sgts. Units for 2017 (highlighted some changes); Ord. 2018-2, for the Patrol and Sgts. Units for 2018-2020 (highlighted the wage increases of 1.75% in 2018, 2% for 2019 and 2020). Council will go into executive session to discuss the two contracts. Ord. 2018-3 (1st reading), establishes full-time position of Clerk of Council (as passed by voters), to be appointed by Finance Dir., and Council can veto if they object to the appointment. There are still items to discuss with that.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Kevin Tanski: Hope all had good holidays. -Thanked all who applied for vacant Council seat. -Welcomed new Councilmembers Andy Celcherts and Meg Ryan Shockey, he looks forward to working with them.

Barb Paulitzky: Wished all a happy new year. -Thanked Dir. Verba and Service Dept. employees for dedication of the past two challenging weeks, and keeping our roads safe. -Thanked candidates for interest in Council position. They all had different and diverse qualities for consideration; it was a difficult decision. -Welcomed Meg Ryan Shockey and Andy Celcherts as new members of Council. -The Senior Center is taking reservations for AARP income tax preparation. Last year it filled quickly, if interested call soon 216-635-4222. -Offered condolences to the parishioners at St. Thomas More for the loss of Fr. John Juhas and Deacon Marty Thiel.

Andy Celcherts: Thanked to all candidates who came for the Council vacancy, bringing different qualities, and a tough decision. -Condolences to Dan and Michele Rivera on the loss of Dan's father. -Please support the local hockey team, they're 11-1 for the season now, and 7-0 in their Blue South Division, playing Thurs. at 7:15 at the Rec Center; they plan in a Parma tournament this weekend also. -His focus his two prior years on Council was on the Service Dept. He will meet with Dir. Verba in near future to keep his equipment requests for the next few years up to date. -There is a Safe Routes to School mtg. this week, and he already had talked with an ODOT rep. about traffic and students crossing at Ridge by the Library (applying for a grant.) -Was at grand opening for Metrohealth on Jan. 2nd at their new Parma Hosp. (former Kaiser). It's a mini 16-room hospital (not for trauma or major illnesses), but Metro getting out into the community; it's an advanced design from their critical care pavilion.

Meg Ryan Shockey: Thanked Council for giving her the opportunity to serve with them, and hope it's a great couple of years ahead.

Kathy Pucci: Wished everyone a happy new year and a productive year on Council. -Welcomed Councilmembers Celcherts and Ryan Shockey. -Thanked safety forces and Service Dept. who worked over the holiday; their efforts are appreciated in keeping residents and travelers through our community safe. -Thanked residents who made the city brighter by decorating for the holiday. Every year gets better. -Thanked all who applied for Council vacancy and took time to speak. There were lengthy interviews last week. She thinks everyone was impressed with their sincerity and interest in the community. She appreciates their time, as it's not an easy process. She encourages them to stay or become involved in the community. -Mentioned prior to interviews that some communities conduct interviews in the open for the public to hear questions and answers. If we have other vacancies in the future she'd like it to be considered. -The AARP tax preparation, across the region, have less volunteers across the area this year, so make an appointment quickly if interested. -Condolences to the Rivera and Byndas families, and to St. Thomas More parishioners on the passing of Fr. Juhas and Deacon Thiel. -Thanked the speakers this evening. Mr. Ardito has a good point on boil alert info; and Mr. Changeri is missed on his corner and the Council mtgs., and with her having conversations after mtgs.

Mary Balbier: Wished every happy New Year. -Thanked all candidates who applied and were interviewed. -Welcomed new members on Council. -She didn't make the last couple mtgs. because she

was so busy with her business's catering orders. –Thanked resident Genevieve Fowler on Memphis Villas who had a house decorating party before Christmas, and invited Council and neighbors, and she attended. Spoke of her extensive decorations and wonderful cookies to give away. Thanked her for doing that. – Appreciates Mr. Rini on Rodoan for his house decorated nicely, like a beacon coming home at night. –St. Thomas More lost two great people, Fr. Juhas and Deacon Thiel. She spoke of knowing Fr. Juhas for years and some memories. –Coats for Kids will be held again on Feb. 3rd, with new coats, clothes and other items, for anyone who needs. –Wished everyone happy New Year.

Ron Van Kirk: -Hoped all had a wonderful Christmas and happy New Year. –Welcomed Mr. Celcherts and Mrs. Meg Ryan Shockey to Council. -2018 is off to a great start, the budget is already done. Thanked Dir. Schaeffer, as we're way ahead of the game. –Thanked Service Dept. and Dir. Verba for keeping roads clear over the holiday period, and all the time. –Read a poster of Brooklyn 10th grade resident Brandon Tanski (Councilman Tanski's son) playing with the School of Rock on Jan. 13th (11 a.m.) and 24th (4 p.m.) at Slim and Chubby's. –Said Mr. Changeri is missed, as well as long conversations after Council mtgs. –Agreed our Service Dept. does a great job.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gallagher: -Wished everyone a happy 2018. –Congratulated new Councilmembers Celcherts and Ryan Shockey, and looks forward to working with them. –Council approved the reappointment of Ms. Ryan Shockey on Planning Comm.; with her new appointment she will need to replace that position. If anyone is interested, she will post that tomorrow on the city's website and Facebook. The Comm. meets the first Thursday each month at 6 p.m. –Thanked Mike Changeri for coming up. The picture of the bench with his father's name was a no brainer for the committee choosing pictures. He's remembered every time we pass that corner. –Reminded if you have a great picture of the City, send them in. All the pictures submitted by residents are looked through, and try to pick the best that show the image of our city. Winter photos were missing. Email Jill Ludwig, jludwig@brooklynohio.gov. –Thanked Mr. Ardito and Mr. Sweeney for their comments. –Jan. 15th is Martin Luther King Day, and is celebrated by closing City Hall, and trash collection will be a day late, with no special pickup on Friday. –Been doing performance evaluations over the last week for her directors; giving the opportunity to look back over the previous year for accomplishments in their departments. She's impressed by all they've done. She thanks them for their hard work. She has an incredible team here. –Would like to set up meetings with Councilmembers. She met with directors the first of the year them setting up priorities and goals for the year; she would like to see what City Council would like to accomplish. Asked to be e-mailed with a time to sit down with any personal goals for the city, and she'd like to be of assistance in them.

DIRECTORS REPORTS:

Rec Mgr. McGinty: –Friday night basketball starts Jan. 12. Registration is still available at Rec Center or www.activityreg.com. Cost is \$35 for residents.

Finance Dir. Schaeffer: Updated the 2018 financial package will be to Council prior to the Jan. 22nd mtg. It will be similar to the old package. He'll work to develop a more user-friendly package, with details and information. –Appreciates some dates from Council in 2018. The budget is passed (due to mtgs. started in May.) Will follow the same pattern from 2017. He'll send a detail of his requests. The third Mondays worked well for budget work sessions in May, June, Sept. and Oct.; he will propose similar this year. –Would appreciate an end of December mtg. so there's no scrambling to get everyone together at holidays to pass the final appropriations.

REQUESTS:

Request from Service Dir. Verba to request agreement with K Company for renewal contract on refrigeration, HVAC systems at the Recreation Center (for 1.15.18 to 1.14.19) for \$26,868. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to authorize agreement. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To approve:* Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski. Abstain: Ryan Shockey. No: None. (**APPROVED**)

Request from Senior Coord. Fratto to seek funding for a backup vehicle for the Senior Center, through 2018 Enhancement of Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to authorize application. **VOTE RESULTED: To approve:** Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

Request from Jen O'Banion, Recreation program coord. to seek \$2,500 in funding for new programs/activities for the Recreation Center through the 2018 Ohio Parks and Recreation Assoc. Foundation Program Development Grant. There are no matching funds. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to authorize application. **VOTE RESULTED: To approve:** Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

Request from Rec. Mgr. McGinty to apply for State Capital money to partially fund proposed 2018 capital improvements for Recreation Center. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to authorize application. **VOTE RESULTED: To approve:** Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE 2017-86, Establishing a non-resident fee for key fob cards for use with the MySeniorCenter System at the Brooklyn Senior Center. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to adopt. **VOTE RESULTED: To adopt:** Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski. Abstain: Ryan Shockey. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORDINANCE 2017-87, Authorizing the Capital Improvement Plan for 2018. **(SECOND READING)**

ORDINANCES 2018-1 & 2018-2 will be deferred until after executive session, and hope to pass by emergency. Councilmembers have questions to be asked in executive session; then Council will come back and vote on them.

ORDINANCE 2018-3, Establishing the full-time position of Clerk of Council. **(FIRST READING)**

ORDINANCE 2018-4 (asking for emergency adoption), Accepting the medical insurance renewal from Medical Mutual of Ohio, providing medical insurance coverage for eligible employees from Dec. 1 to Dec. 31, 2018. The date needs to be changed to Jan. 1, 2018 to Dec. 31, 2018. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Tanski to amend the title and Section 1 to change the dates. **VOTE RESULTED: To amend:** Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski. No: None. **(AMENDED)** **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED: To suspend the rules:** Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski. No: None. **To adopt, as amended:** Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski. Abstain: Ryan Shockey. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

Pres. Van Kirk said there will be an executive session for a labor negotiations update, with a vote to be taken on Ords. 2018-1 and -2 after the executive session.

MOTION by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of labor negotiations with the Mayor, Finance and Law Directors, and Chief Mielke. **VOTE RESULTED: To adjourn to executive session:** Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski. No: None. **(ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

Reconvened (Councilman Tanski left due to illness)

ORDINANCE 2018-1, Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Brooklyn, Ohio to enter into a contract with the Northern Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association Patrol and Sergeant Units for 2017. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED: To suspend the rules:** Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. **To adopt:** Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier. Abstain: Ryan Shockey. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORDINANCE 2018-2, Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Brooklyn, Ohio to enter into a contract with the Northern Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association Patrol and Sergeant Units for 2018-2020. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To suspend the rules:* Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. *To adopt:* Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier. Abstain: Ryan Shockey. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

Councilwoman Pucci thanked Dir. Butler for his efforts in negotiations, and in saving money not having to hire outside counsel.

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Celcherts to adjourn. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To Adjourn:* Yes: Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. **(ADJOURNED)**

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Minutes approved: 2.12.18