

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL

September 10, 2018

7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

MOTION by Van Kirk, second by Pucci to amend the agenda to move the Economic Development report to follow the Pledge of Allegiance. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To amend agenda:* Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Albier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. No: None. **(AGENDA AMENDED)**

Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Prayer was offered by Councilwoman Kathy Pucci.

Economic Development Dir. Udris explained regarding Ord. 2018-67, for 2nd Reading, its purpose allows us to create a TIF finance district (Tax Increment Financing), which the area is shown in Ex. 1 (the former American Greetings redevelopment area), and take the incremental increase in new taxes created in this project and allowed to make those payments on those improvements to go into a specific fund; that fund will be used to pay for public improvements, and also reimburse the school district and Polaris for taxes they would have normally received. It's for new development or redevelopment, and temporarily redirects normal receipts and towards payment of public improvements that would benefit the development and public. This particular project is the roadway we're building from the railroad tracks heading north to allow better access for trucks and employees to get into the multi-tenant location. The taxes would be frozen if this law is approved, and the taxes currently being paid on the property will go to the existing taxing districts. If new improvement values (investments in new office space and warehousing buildings and manufacturing space) will hopefully increase the property value and that increase will have a tax value and additional tax payments – those payments would be service payments and then go into the special fund and used to pay for the roadway (not to the county, city, Metroparks, Port Authority, Library). At the end of the TIF period (30 years), the funds would go back to the original taxing agencies. This type of financing is used throughout Ohio, particularly for new development activities. We can use it for redevelopment because there's so much improvement needed as part of the project. The fund may not pay for all proposed improvements, but significantly toward the \$1.8M we're currently committing to. The State of Ohio has committed \$450,000 towards it. We hope the Tax Increment could be used to pay off a portion. If the taxes increase (ex., school tax levy passes), that incremental payment would be received by the schools, and not go towards the public improvements. President Van Kirk noted the important part is that the schools will be made whole throughout this program; none of the school money would go to pay for this project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

-June 25, 2018 regular. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to approve. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To approve:* Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Albier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

-July 2, 2018 special. **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Celcherts to approve. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To approve:* Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Albier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

-July 23, 2018 special. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to approve. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To approve:* Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Albier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

-August 27, 2018 special. **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Celcherts to approve. **VOTE RESULTED: To approve:** Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

PRESENTATION:

Mayor's Proclamation for Joseph Polidori, thanking and acknowledging him for his service on the Brooklyn Planning Commission and all he has done for the community over many years. Joe Polidori said it was an honor to serve this great city.

Mayor's Recognition of Matthew Bennett, Josiah Trank and Gideon Trank for raising over \$5,000 for fallen Officer Vu (Cleveland), taking time to do a lemonade stand. They also raised hundreds of dollars towards Sea of Blue officers. Their efforts are all appreciated. [Their favorite officers were also present with them: Brooklyn Officers Meadows, Washburn, Spremulli (Officer Bungo was not able to attend)]

Pres. Van Kirk commented Mr. Polidori on being one of the kindest men he's ever worked with, and congratulated him. Also congratulated the young men, and kudos to their parents. He updated on the items that Council adopted over the summer special mtgs., including the appointment of our new Finance Dir. Tom Raguz. He welcomed everyone back from the summer.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Guy Riegling of 9206 Outlook Dr. spoke about the gas lines being replaced and the lack of being informed with things going on. He expressed concerns about putting the meters outside and digging up in the yards and sidewalks being destroyed or made uneven. Mayor Gallagher said we have an inspector out daily watching, and that's how we catch those things and have them come back to fix those issues. She asked him to call the city and they'll make sure they take care of it. He also questioned a neighbor's concerns of having to remove large bushes and if there would be any compensation for that. Bldg. Comm. Kulcsar said a letter should have been received with phone numbers to call; but suggested calling the Bldg. Dept. for that information. They are supposed to take care of landscaping, and work one on one with the resident.

Edward Slavick of 9304 Outlook Dr. spoke of having the same problems, especially affecting the new drives that were put in, creating large gaps. A worker from Dominion told him to take pictures. He's asking of the city will re-do them. He also said he never received a letter, and gets no notifications. He spoke of other conversations. Mayor Gallagher responded that this is an entire Dominion project, that she has raised these issues and others to the vice president of Dominion just this past week. She is gathering a list and will share with him when he personally comes out and make sure everything is handled; asked he give his contact information to Comm. Kulcsar. She said everything is supposed to go back to the way they found it.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS & BOARDS:

Domestic Abuse Commission (Councilwoman Ryan Shockey): The Comm. met Sept. 6th and discussed: partnering with Love Doesn't Shove for discussions at the Middle or High School about healthy relationships; current news in domestic abuse; the Violence Against Women Act (a national Bill that expires end of month if action isn't taken by Congress). The Bill passed in 1994, and a shift in how issues of violence against women is addressed. There was information on Facebook about a woman and two children murdered by her husband, focusing on how social media doesn't always tell the whole story, and how to display positives when posting about their lives. There was discussion of having a citywide fundraiser in October, Domestic Abuse Awareness Month – there will be updates coming on participation in it.

Bd. of Zoning Appeals (Comm. Kulcsar): Recapped the last couple months of mtgs: July was cancelled with no applications; on Aug. 16th mtg. heard request from C. Wittal, Jr. for 72 sq. ft. variance to construct a 672 sq. ft. detached garage at 6104 Delora and for a 4% variance to allowable area covered by an accessory structure in rear yard; a Sept. 20th mtg. is cancelled with no applications received.

Planning Commission (Councilman Van Kirk): The Comm. met in August to address a request from: A. Andino for awning sign for Headquarters at 4328 Ridge Rd. (approved); in Sept. addressed and approved

requests from: St. Thomas More for final site plan review for new entrance/drive/parking at 4180 No. Amber; from K. Zalenski of Spirit Halloween for a banner sign for temporary business at 4790 Ridge; from C. Semarjian for Cleveland American LLC and Holdings for lot split consolidation of various parcels on American Rd.; from Construction Resource One for site approval for new parking area for RhinoSystems at One American Rd.; from Construction Resource One for site approval for demolition of 12,000 sq. ft. building to provide parking for Medical Mutual at One American Rd.; from Construction Resource One for site approval for parking lot lighting for the parking lot.

Finance Committee (Councilman Van Kirk): On the Agenda: authorization for wall purchase/installation of a monument sign at Biddulph/Tiedeman turnaround for \$18,040; 2018-65 (for adoption), Authorizes the Mayor to enter into a new member participation agreement with Chagrin Valley Dispatch Council and authorizing the city to become a member of such Council (to being Aug. 1, 2019 at \$40,915.83/month, with one-time facilities and equipment fee of \$288,153.71 to pay over three years); Ord. 2018-67 (as addressed by Dir. Udris); new business: Res. 2018-6, Accepting rates and amounts as determined by the Budget Comm. and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer; Ord. 2018-73, Authorizing the purchase of one 2019 Labrie one-armed garbage truck (takes 9-12 months for the order) for \$295,670; Ord. 2018-75, To amend Job Creation and Retention Grant Agreement with Inogen, Inc. (they're expanding and bringing an additional 260 jobs and increasing their grant agreement rate).

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Meg Ryan Shockey: Welcomed Finance Dir. Raguz to the city. –Congratulations to Joe Polidori and the three young boys recognized. –Last week attended a Cuyahoga Greenways presentation on their plans to connect walking and biking trails through the county, an initiative through the collaboration of the Cleve. Metroparks, Cuyahoga Planning Comm., and NOACA. Our city is listed as part of two critical connection routes for the future. With Brooklyn's Master Plan team forming, it will be an important part of regional planning thoughts for the city. –Nov. 6th is General Election for 2018: Oct. 9th is the last day to register to vote or change voter registration info.; Oct. 10 starts absentee voting. Please register and cast your vote this fall.

Andy Celcherts: –Hope all enjoyed the summer. –Thanked Dir. Verba and Tom Bruzek and Marty Rini for working on clearing overgrown branches at Brooklyn side of Memphis Road underpass (from Linndale), which lets the street light be more effective. –Thanked the Service Dept. for pulling excess vegetation at Clinton Rd. underpass (by Arrow). –Still working on getting lighting on the Memphis Rd. underpass that has been gone for years; received costs for fixtures and how to fix the area. –Thanked Chief Mielke and staff for taking care of speeding issues and other activities over summer in neighborhoods and commercial areas. –The annual Shunpike Shoppe is in two weeks hosted by Brooklyn Historical Society, open for touring and items for sale – Sat., Sept. 22nd from 10a-3p and Sun, Sept. 23rd from noon-3; Dr. Martin Luther Church will be selling lunches during the same days. –The Friends of Brooklyn Library are sponsoring a book bag sale during library open hours on Sat. and Sun. The Library also starts chair yoga classes beginning Sept. 26th. –Fall Fest is Sat., Sept. 29th from noon-6 p.m. Looking for contestants for Chili and fall dessert contests. –Asking Council to approve Ord. 2018-73 for the purchase of the Labrie refuse vehicle, for reasons of the time needed to get the vehicle and the recycling vehicle went out of service today, and the backup is being used, and from one person to three men operations. –On Friday attended Northeast Ohio Litter Summit with a variety of subjects covered, including plastics in waters, and reducing single use products. Also working on trying to get the situation of first impressions at Ridge and 480 cleared up with ODOT and Cleveland. –Talked with Dir. Udris and Dr. Gleichauf about possibly using some soil from Roadoan dirt pile as backfill for homes after city has them demolished. –Welcomed Finance Dir. Raguz.

Kathy Pucci: Welcomed Finance Dir. Raguz. –Last week met with Dr. Gleichauf and school treasurer Mr. Street; the schools will have an operating levy on the Nov. ballot. They discussed their current financial situation and went over current five year forecast. More information will get out to the public; she encourages anyone with questions/concerns to go to the Superintendent, Treasurer or a Board member. –Served on Strategic Planning Comm. for schools, they are reviewing the draft, and scheduling a mtg. to finalize the plans (more information coming). –Encouraged residents to attend the Shunpike, there's something for everyone, and a good opportunity to be amazed at what they have. –Congratulated and thanked Mr. Polidori for his service to the city; had served on Planning Comm. with him and got to know

him. She wishes him well. –Congratulated the young men recognized, they're wonderful examples for other young people, and the community is proud of their efforts. Thanked the officers attending with them also. –Thinks we're keeping track of all going on with the Dominion project (Dir. Kulcsar said they'll be on it). –Tomorrow is anniversary of 9/11 and all take time to remember victims and families. She visited the 9/11 museum this summer and encourages everyone to go.

Mary Albier: She looks forward to a busy year. –Thanked Mr. Polidori for his dedication to the city. Raised and educated his children and grandchildren in Brooklyn school system, and is a wonderful man, with a wonderful family. –Thanked the young men honored, as examples of service to others, and to policemen. –Extended condolences to her neighbors, of the Dominic Violini family (both Marge and Dominic passed away this summer after being married for 71 years). –Thanked Councilwoman Pucci for reminding about 9/11 – we must never forget what happened, and tomorrow keep all of them in our prayers. –Reminded seniors of snow removal sign-up starts Sept. 12 and ends the 28th.

Kevin Tanski: Thanked Joe Polidori for his long-term service for the city. –Congratulated the boys on their great effort in fundraising and job well done. –Welcomed Dir. Raguz to his first Council mtg. –Hope all had a nice summer break. It was good seeing people at various events and in the neighborhood. –The Chamber of Commerce Picnic in the Park was a huge success, bringing residents and small business owners, Councilmembers, community leaders, School Bd. members and everyone together, with food trucks, music, games and activities, ending with spectacular fireworks. –There's a ribbon cutting ceremony at the landfill Sept. 13th at 10 a.m. for the solar panel project, open to the public. Thanked all residents for supporting this one of a kind opportunity for Brooklyn. –Has a signed petition from residents of Rodoan Rd. who back Hurricane Alley field requesting removal of mounds of dirt removed from demolition of Rodoan Elementary. It's unsightly and dangerous for children playing on mounds. Spoke to Supt. Gleichauf and Mayor Gallagher about ongoing talks between City and School Bd. regarding the issue of removal of them, asking them to work together on a resolution of their removal.

Barb Paulitzky: Welcomed Tom (Dir. Raguz). –Hope all had great summer. –Weather was perfect for Picnic in the Park, thanked the Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the event, and everything with it, especially the fireworks (thanked Mr. Hennings for expertise in firing them off). –The band scheduled for Sept. 5th was rained out; Mrs. McGinty said she's working on rescheduling them before the season is over. –She's one of six quilters that work on the Historical Society quilts, and the fabulous quilt being raffled off at the Shunpike Shoppe are six for \$5 (let her know if anyone needs tickets). –The Senior Center holds an indoor garage sale the same day. –She also forgot about 9/11 with everything going on. She hasn't been to the NY memorial, but stopped a couple years after the event at Shanksville when it was a mound of dirt with a fence and things to remind you of the people. If you haven't been, you should go to those sites, and feel the presence of those that gave their lives for us. –Congratulated Mr. Polidori. –The boys, there are good children out there. Thanked them for what they've done.

Ron Van Kirk: Asked Councilwoman Albier to not talk about snow already. –Mr. Polidori is a genuinely kind man, which is lacking today. Would not be surprised if one of the young men ends up being as kind as him. –Has been to Shanksville several times, and will be again in a few weeks; they've made a beautiful memorial with a tower of bells. Living in a divided world today, we forget about things so quickly. Thanked those who spoke tonight for the reminder. –Said he feels he has to say some things. We should be discussing wonderful things that happened in Brooklyn (summer, Picnic in Park, concerts, recreational activities, such as the dog swim before it was re-painted, renovation/opening of Aldi, Menards going up rapidly, beginning phases of construction at old AG property, hiring new Finance Dir., Brooklyn Pointe, the landfill solar panels, city's housing values on rise an avg. of 13.5%...) Fri. night News Channel 5 ran a story regarding construction permit fees the school paid when constructing new elementary/middle school. A number of half-truths and outright lies squeezed into a two-minute story. Highlighted some items: –construction project started/completed during different administration on Council, different Superintendent, treasurer, School Bd. administration; and it was four years ago; –(according to Sch. Bd. member) required permit fees could have been over \$200,000 but were reduced; –permit fees are part of every new construction project in Brooklyn (ask Comm. Kulcsar); –if current Sch. Bd. asked for fees to be waived it never reached the current City Council or current administration (he never saw it, the Mayor never saw it); –fees weren't in addition to cost of construction (built into bond issue passed by residents); –at the time of construction and permits he heard no outcry of return of or waive of fees. He gave some corrections to half truths: –actual fees were \$183,000 (\$5,000 went to state); –\$19,000 fees collected by city for restoration of

stadium is correct, but they were built into insurance claim when it was filed; -comparing school's financial situation five years ago is ridiculous (at that time the school passed 5 mill emergency operating levy expense, including the bond issue that built the school) and at that time the school was not in 'financial straits' as the article mentioned (but they are today); -it said if the current levy doesn't pass people would 'lose their jobs and programs cut' (at the times these fees were paid for construction no program would have been cut, added or enhanced with permit fee money – it couldn't be used for that purpose); -said the city took 'lion's share of that money' (the city has taken zero dollars of operating money from the school); -the \$200,000 permit fee money stated in the article represents .8% of construction funds. –Because of the article calling for total and complete apology by School Board and Superintendent, and record be made straight by News Channel 5. The article stated 'School Board members asked the city to refund the money', which is an outright lie. He is Chairman of Finance Comm. and serves as Council President; as Council's the only body in the city to authorize such a request, the request would have gone through the Finance Comm. and Council. Not one Sch. Bd. member or the Supt. has said one word to him about refunding any permit fees. He reached out to two members after the piece ran (one said he made no such comment to the reporter; the other ended the call and said they'd call back, the call was made three days ago and has yet to be returned). No Bd. member has made such a request to the Mayor either. No document exists by any School Bd. member requesting the return of the fees. –It's a shame coming from the School Bd. representing our school. –It didn't end there and the lies got bigger. People are addicted to anger and outrage. A man featured in the report requested all building permits for construction of Heritage Christian School by Cleveland Baptist Church, which he has served in for the last 13 years. Last week he requested all permits by Cleveland Baptist Church over the past five years (all public record). The Church has paid and pulled permit fees for several signs (permanent and temporary), along with updating construction on front of current church bldg. Both he and the requester have all that information. –A false Facebook post the other night said 'I have submitted more public records to the city for permits that Cleve. Baptist Church was required to pull and pay for dealing with the construction of their school. I have reviewed the records for past five years and no permits were pulled. The Council Pres. is the business manager for the church, possible conflict, we shall see.' He doesn't care what post on social media; however, as his school and church have been brought in he will correct the record and libel: 10 permit fees were paid for during the time mentioned; there were no new permanent construction fees in the last five years (the school began construction in 1990 and opened in 1993). He expects an apology to the Cleveland Baptist Church, which has been a part of Brooklyn since 1962, and a wonderful neighbor, paid thousands of dollars in property taxes to the city schools for 56 years. There should be no besmirching a reputation of a church, its members (many taxpaying Brooklyn residents), or Heritage Christian School for any reason; it's called private property for a reason. He won't discuss any accusations in future meetings; he felt he needed to set the record straight tonight. Again called for the School Bd., Superintendent, and this person to make formal apologies for misleading statements, outright lies, and (some would argue) libel communication; and News Channel 5 owes the residents of this city an apology.

Councilwoman Pucci added she remembered what brought it up then was the 'turn-key' project (submit bid, deliver project for whatever the amount of money is). The contractor wrongly assumed the city would waive permit fees (they heard of others who did it). So it came to the city to consider waiving or reducing fees. There was a discussion, and some asked the administration to look into it (though some cities did it, quite a number had not). At the time the city was in a different financial situation than today; and the cloud of American Greetings leaving was hanging over us. Some discussion was also on number of personnel we would have to have there making necessary inspections at all points of time during construction. At the end of the day the administration decided not to waive it, but she thinks there was some reduction. That's how the situation was brought to our attention when the project was being constructed. –Pres. Van Kirk clarified it's the previous administration when this was handled, not current. Councilwoman Pucci said yes, anyone on Council was in on that discussion and made aware of it, and they wanted to look into it.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gallagher: Since discussing school construction, starting there, and then going to positive things. She was Council Pres. at the time and would meet with former Mayor Richard Balbier for weekly updates, which she would compile and send to Council. She searched the records for the conversation then, and she sent a msg. that 'School construction fees for the school will be around \$180,000; they are requesting a

break on these fees. Nothing was agreed yet. Ed Fitzgerald (former Bldg. Comm.) said he participated in six new school projects in Lakewood and the school did not request a break. The Mayor said he is open to working on a deal though." The recollection is Rich (Balbier) did work out a deal, but as Councilwoman Pucci stated, this was the communication back to Council during that time. –She's decided to make it brief from what she had prepared. She made it clear that the city was never asked for a reimbursement for these building permit fees charged to the school in 2014 for their construction while she's been Mayor; and welcomes anyone who has proof of anything otherwise to bring it to her attention, as she's never seen that document. There are individuals saying that Cleveland Baptist Church fees have been waived under her administration; that is not correct. This City Council and her administration has made great strides in building a positive joint relationship with the school for the mutual benefit of both entities, and more importantly the benefit of residents and children of the community. Her message is always to keep moving forward, because we can't change the past. She fears Friday's news story created a possible setback that will take some time to heal with some insinuations and comments made and failing to speak the whole truth. She thinks residents should and do expect leadership from all elected officials, and she wouldn't be doing her job as Mayor if she wasn't looking at the best interest of our community. We need to move past this, and figure a way to work together, and hopefully it can happen, and that relationship not been tarnished. She knows her job is to the residents, and that's what they need to do, the best interests for everybody. –Positives. –Many thanks to her staff, City Council, Chamber of Commerce and residents who have supported activities over the summer: Picnic in the Park, concerts, doggy swim. It's been a terrific summer for the community. –Update on county reappraisal: for those wishing to dispute the increases, the date has been pushed back to this Friday. All the information is on the city's website, city's Facebook, and an alert to on-line newsletter people. It won't be the last date to challenge; they'll have another round in a few months. –Brooklyn residential retail on average was a 13.5% increase (13% on residential, 4.4% on commercial). The increase in taxes will only be based on the increased assessed valuation (not market value), and not to millage impacted by HB 20. The city's revenue will see around \$135,000 in new revenue from the real estate taxes, and the school will see around \$105,000 per year in new revenue. –She expects our new Finance Dir. Tom to be a tremendous asset to our community. –Employed one of our Brooklyn students, Reanna Verian, an intern in our Mayor's Court; she was so helpful and so smart, impressive in her work ethic and her desire to learn. She now wants to check out the Police Dept., may be changing her major, and she's doing college classes while a Brooklyn student. There are great kids in our school. –Began kickoff stages with Master Plan process (posted and in printed newsletter). Taking applications for residents interested in being part of the steering committee (it will close Oct. 1); it's available on-line. The County Planning Comm. limits how many residents participate, but she can have sub-committees, so will keep pushing the information out for as many residents as possible to be part of this process. This end document should reflect what the residents of this community want, and some of the needs the city knows they have to tackle in the next few years (such as the aging infrastructure).

DIRECTORS REPORTS:

Recreation Mgr. McGinty: Current registration taking place for Learn to Swim (\$40) and Learn to Skate (\$50 +\$17 USFS fee). –Tues. night yoga returns Sept. 18th at 7 p.m. with Orva. –Indoor pool construction update: –been sandblasted and painted and removal of sand filters begun. –anticipated re-opening of indoor pool is Oct. 1. –ice is down and rink set to open Sept. 12.

Finance Dir. Raguz: Thanked for all warm words by Council, appreciates it, and looks forward to his time here. Has enjoyed his first three weeks, learning a lot. –Res. 2018-6, to authorize the necessary tax levies, the proposed rates for 2019 are the same as the current levies and the levies previously enacted, so there are no changes to the rate structure.

Fire Chief Paul: Announced the appointment of Firefighter/Paramedic Gregory Slezak to the Brooklyn Fire Dept.; he was administered the Oath of Office on Aug. 28th at the Fire Dept. by Mayor Gallagher, with his family in attendance. Prior to being sworn in full-time he was a part-time Firefighter/Paramedic for the city the past 4-1/2 years. We welcome Gregory on board.

Law Dir. Butler: New Ord. 2018-74, amends a long untouched section of Codified Ords. dealing with prohibition of panhandling in the parks and soliciting and selling things in parks without prior approval. It was pointed out by the American Civil Liberties Union in a letter to him those prohibitions (existing since

1970) violate some First Amendment law handed down more recently than 1970. He agrees with their opinion on this part of our Code, so this Ord. eliminates the outright prohibition of panhandling in the parks, as it's a form of protected First Amendment speech. Chief Mielke has indicated this Ord. has not been invoked in his tenure (as officer or Chief), so doesn't think we have a problem with this, nor has this section been used to prosecute anyone. There are other Code sections that could be used (ex., aggressive panhandling, panhandling from highways- which has a statewide prohibition from roadways in the ORC.) Just bringing this to attention.

Police Chief Mielke: Excited to announce the Brooklyn Civil Service Comm. is holding a Police entry level test for Patrol Officer on Sept. 24th at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center. Details are located in a legal notice on the city's website. Applications are currently be handed out this week from 8-4 at City Hall. Encourages anyone interested, or that knows anyone interested, in the position to read the notice, pick up an application and take the examination. –Reminded that school is in session, and the Dept. is out in force enforcing speed limits in school zones and right turns on red. –Thanked Council for their thoughts on 9/11. He has a personal story as he was on the SWAT team at that time and responded out to Brook Park because of Flight 93 turning around (they believed they were returning to Cleveland to land). Chief Paul has a personal story too. It's one of those days that you will never forget where you were, and he'll take it to his grave.

Mayor Gallagher asked Chief Mielke to talk about Alex and his retirement, as he didn't want to be recognized tonight. Chief Mielke said we lost a qualified Detective this summer to retirement, Alex Zamblauskas, a nine-year veteran of Cleveland Police Dept. when he came to work for Brooklyn Police Dept., and served us well for 16 years in various capacities (including union steward). He was very valuable and did fine work as a Patrol Officer on midnights for a long time, then moved to Detective Bureau as a Juvenile Detective. We said goodbye to him on Sept. 7, as he's taken up a new career with the railroad. He won't come to get any Proclamation. Good luck to Alex Zamblauskas.

REQUESTS:

Request from Fire Chief Paul to apply for grant from Walmart's Community Grant Program to be used to purchase lifesaving smoke detectors for citizens of Brooklyn, as well as fire safe literature for the Fire Prevention Bureau. It does not require matching funds. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to authorize application for the grant. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To approve:* Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

Liquor permit request for 4295 Tiedeman Rd. (Saams Mart) (gas station corner of Memphis and Tiedeman). The Chief has no objection. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts for a position of no objection. **VOTE RESULTED:** *For a position of no objection:* Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky. Abstain: Van Kirk (for reason alcohol is against his religion and he doesn't participate in such agenda items). No: None. **(NO OBJECTION)**

Liquor permit request for Biddulph Beverage (transfer) at 6980 Biddulph Rd. The Chief has no objection. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts for a position of no objection. **VOTE RESULTED:** *For a position of no objection:* Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky. Abstain: Van Kirk. No: None. **(NO OBJECTION)**

Request for new "Brooklyn" wall sign purchase/installation to go at RTA turnaround at Biddulph/Tiedeman for total cost of \$18,040. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to authorize the expenditure. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To approve:* Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

LEGISLATION:

ORD. 2018-52, To amend Section 967.12 of the Codified Ords. of the City of Brooklyn entitled "Forestry Programs. Orders." **(SECOND READING)**

ORD. 2018-65, Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a New Member Participation Agreement with Chagrin Valley Dispatch Council and authorizing the city to become a member of such Council. **MOTION** by Pucci,

second by Tanski to adopt. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To adopt:* Yes: Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORD. 2018-66, Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the City of Cleveland for use of the Ridge Rd. Transfer Station for disposal of solid waste. **(SECOND READING)**

ORD. 2018-67, Declaring the improvement of certain real property to be a public purpose pursuant to Revised Code Section 5709.40(b); declaring such improvement to be exempt from real property taxation; designating public infrastructures to be made that will directly benefit such property; requiring annual service payments in lieu of taxes; designating a municipal public improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund for the deposit of such service payments; and authorizing compensation payments to the Brooklyn City School District. **(SECOND READING)**

RES. 2018-6, Accepting the rates and amounts as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer. **(FIRST READING)**

ORD. #2018-73, Authorizing the purchase of one 2019 Labrie drop-frame body with helping hand automated arm mounted on a new Freightliner Model M2 cab and chassis from Best Equipment in the amount of \$295,670 as part of the National Joint Powers Alliance Cooperative. **(FIRST READING)**

ORD. 2018-74, Amending Sect. 539.21 of the Codified Ords. of the City of Brooklyn to eliminate an outright prohibition of begging in parks and playgrounds. **(FIRST READING)**

ORD. 2018-75, Authorizing an Amended Job Retention and Creation Grant Agreement with Inogen, Inc. **(FIRST READING)**

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

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Minutes approved: 9.24.18