

**BROWNSVILLE BOROUGH
FAYETTE COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA
JANUARY 9, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Brownsville was held this evening in the Council room of the Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by Tracy Zivkovich at 6:00 P.M by reciting the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The following members were present: Ross Swords Jr., Mayor, Jack Lawver, Jackie Jackson, Paul Synuria, Tracy Zivkovich, Barbara Pfeffer and Beth Bock.

Visitor: Connie Gore- 120 Market Street is a gateway property to Brownsville. Based on 12/27 council agreed for a full workup by K2 on 149 High and I would like to have K2 do the same for 120 Market Street and condemned and posted. Once posted if homeless are in there then there are grounds to call the police. To new members a letter to the editor was submitted on everything since 2011. Two properties being damaged hers and parking lot. Legal notice by Centerville Borough that is requiring owners to pay inspection fees and asked council to adopt such an ordinance. Does not want anyone to be put through all she has been since 2011.

Visitor: Rock Brasher- President of Brownsville Historical Society / Nemacolin Castle. Submitting proper documents to purchase 210 Front Street and make it a museum. Have the blessing of the county and the commissioners. We need council to purchase the property and they be reimbursed \$50 and take possession with a 5 year plan. Council will be aware of any activities. Plan in place when the building is purchased. Public Relations Kim-130 page document submitted to council president. Want to bring tourism.

Bid on borough property received on January 2, 2020. Sealed bid address Brownville Revitalization Effort LLC (BRE) 345 Lake Murry Drive dated 12/18/19. Operated by Robert Beckman father of Steven Beckman. Beckman's have demonstrated many initiatives to help Brownsville including some Students in Action activities. BRE respectfully submits bid of one page marked Exhibit A along with two diagrams marked exhibit B and C. BRE bid a combination on parcel number 02-065-0031 and access lane/paper alleys as marked in Exhibit B. Access lanes and paper alleys are terms used by personal at the Fayette County department. Parcel 02-06-0031 does not have vehicle access into the property and does not have adequate size for improvement structure including perimeter safety protection. Papers as deceives by Fayette County Department which currently represent a liability to the borough are to be included under the scope of this bid. The paper lane that is adjacent to the southwest side of the parcel 02-065-0031 is to be included as marked in yellow on Exhibit B. Benefits of this bid to the borough are no apparent disadvantages: Converts idle lot to tax paying, gains clear up and maintenance of the lot, enables and encourages revitalization along Prospect Street, removed maintenance costs, enabling and encouraging more revitalization. This is the only bid BRE will make. It was advertised that bids would be taken back in December. Tracy Zivkovich showed a picture on her phone of the overgrown area.

Paul Synuria motion to accept. Second by Jack Lawver. Approval to accept bid with Solicitor approval.

Roll call vote: Beth Bock, yes; Barbara Pfeffer, yes; Jackie Jackson, yes; Jack Lawver, yes; Tracy Zivkovich, yes; Paul Synuria, yes. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Paul Synuria: Updated minutes for the November. Motion to accept by Beth Bock second by Jack Lawver.

December meeting minutes are not done and no action can be taken.

Mayor Report: Nothing at this time.

Committees: Finance (Tracy Zivkovich) : Tax Anticipation Loan has been worked on some paperwork has been submitted and revisions are being made. W-2s they are prepared and will be mailed next week. Payroll to be submitted on January 15 for the next pay period. Raise will reflect in next pay as well as council. Jack Lawver: union due must be sent with this pay.

Buildings and Grounds (Paul Synuria) : Re-keying of office and outside doors is complete. Benches and trash cans will be purchased. HVAC units will be finishing the paperwork for bids. Opening on the 6th. Bids should be able to be open at next council meeting. Tracy Zivkovich, who is putting the bids out? Pal Synuria, The Redevelopment Authority will handle and any bids should go to them. Barbara

Peffer, a walkthrough on January 29, Redevelopment and K2 with the bidders to do a walk through to see what the project entails.

Public Safety/Police: (Beth Bock): NEED DECEMBER REPORT. Consideration to increase the part time hourly rate of police officers from \$13 to \$ 18 an hour. Motion to raise part time rate to \$18 an hour by Paul Synuria. Second by Jack Lawver. Effective immediately. Roll call vote: Beth Bock, yes; Barbara Peffer, yes; Jackie Jackson, yes; Jack Lawver, yes; Tracy Zivkovich, yes; Paul Synuria, yes. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Tracey Zivkovich: we have been trying to recruit officers for some time and this pay increase will have us more competitive with surrounding areas.

Beth Bock proposed turning over all scheduling powers back over to the mayor. Motion to accept by Barb Peffer and seconded by Beth Bock. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Police need gloves that are phentenal resistant; a quote was acquired for two boxes for \$41.79 total. Motion by Beck Bock to purchase. Second by ?

Roll call vote: Beth Bock, yes; Barbara Peffer, yes; Jackie Jackson, yes; Jack Lawver, yes; Tracy Zivkovich, yes; Paul Synuria, yes. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Paul Synuria motion to replace the K9 fund spent. Replace to show we support the K9. Tracy Zivkovich: asking to transfer \$390 back into the account. Second by Beth Bock.

Roll call vote: Beth Bock, yes; Barbara Peffer, yes; Jackie Jackson, yes; Jack Lawver, yes; Tracy Zivkovich, yes; Paul Synuria, yes. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried

Streets/Infrastructure (Jack Lawver): Spoke with street department about work schedule. We have something going on every day. Drainage on Catherine Ave did not include blacktop. Contacting the state of possible covering the cost if not we will need to contact our engineer to access the cost. There is no drainage on the lower part of Catherine Ave. With weather permitting we would like to get one storm drain a week cleaned out. Would like to have a bad weather agenda and good weather agenda. Also, this is a contract union Local 373 Monroeville will be in contact. Tracy Zivkovich: who put those drains in on Catherine Ave. Jack Lawver: since I have been on council no drain has ever been put in down on that end. Tracy Zivkovich: if they could just start cataloging as we are touching streets. What and when what we are doing. Jack Lawver: a detailed daily report is kept. Paul Synuria: talked to PennDot and was informed all painting on the streets is the borough's responsibility.

Recreation:??

Economic Development: Met with K2 and Redevelopment Authority and

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Tracy Sheehan Zivkovich, Council President

