

# CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Monday, March 19, 2018

Council met in a **REGULAR MEETING**. The Council President Boldt called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Goodwin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Robert A. Boldt (Ward 4 Councilor, President)  
Mr. Thomas Pavlica (Ward 1 Councilor)  
Mr. Brian Wolf (Ward 2 Councilor)  
Mr. George Stelmaschuk (Ward 3 Councilor, President Pro-Tem)  
Ms. Jennifer A. Mahnic (Councilor At-Large)  
Mr. Glenn R. Goodwin (Councilor At-Large)  
Mr. Joe Price (Councilor At-Large)

**OFFICER(S) PRESENT:** Mr. Vince Ruffa (Law Director)  
Chief Jeffrey Hajek (Fire Chief)  
Mr. Gary Yelenosky (City Engineer)  
Mr. Dave Pfaff (Finance Director)  
Mrs. Paula Horner (Parks & Recreation Director)  
Mrs. Amy Jo Washabaugh (Human Service Director)  
Ms. Kristina Sorensen (Economic Development Director)  
Mr. David Schroedel (Service Director)  
Mrs. Helen Dunlap (Clerk of Council)

**OFFICERS ABSENT:** Mr. Samuel J. Alai (Mayor)  
Chief Vizer (Police Chief)  
Mr. Michael Skvasik (Building Commissioner)

### REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Mrs. Horner stated that the Broadview Heights Lions Club will once again be sponsoring the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The event will be held this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. here at Broadview Center next to the back parking lot. It will be held indoors in the gymnasium if the weather is bad. The hunt is open to all residents, toddlers – age 10 and the Lions Club will be supplying donuts and refreshments prior to the egg hunt and the Easter Bunny will arrive by fire truck. The Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting the Annual Aquatic Egg Hunt which will be held on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 1-4:30 p.m. and that is for ages 6 months – 10 years and preregistration is required. Also the spring break camp is starting soon and will run weekdays March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 6<sup>th</sup> and information on all of those programs and all of their events can be found on their website. Also the construction of the new Community and Recreation Center is going well and is on schedule to open late in 2018. Due to the construction the current pool will be closing on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> and will remain closed until the new facility opens. During the closure Broadview Heights Recreation Center members will be eligible for pool use memberships at Seven Hills Recreation Center and non-member residents will receive a discounted drop in rate. Also the athletic and grounds crew staff have been busy gearing up for the outdoor sports and activities that are starting soon. They have soccer starting now along with

baseball, softball and t-ball coming up soon and the youth basketball season is just finishing up this weekend. Lastly, mark your calendars for the next American Red Cross Blood Drive which will be held here at Broadview Center on Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 2-6 p.m.

Mrs. Washabaugh stated that the new Medicare Cards are coming soon. The Social Security numbers are going to be removed from the Medicare Cards to prevent fraud, fight identity theft and to keep taxpayers dollars safe. The transition period will begin no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> and run through December 31<sup>st</sup>. She has copies of what the insurance card will look like if anybody needs that in the Human Services office. Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 the Human Services Department with State Representative Marlene Anielski will be hosting a Military Resource Fair which will be held on the first floor of the Community Building and anyone can bring your veterans ID, any DD214 papers. You can register through the Cuyahoga County Public Library to attend. We are expecting between 400-500 veterans to come and they will be shuttling from the front parking lot to the back parking lot for anybody who would like that service. A reminder that the Community Shred Day is Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> between 9-12 and they ask that the residents bring proof of identity/residency and they limit it to 5 boxes per person in line and they ask that you can bring the donations to the Broadview Heights Food Pantry and remove all staples, paper clips and anything like that from the paperwork that you wish to be shredded.

Chief Hajek stated that he just wanted to remind council that they will be teaching a CPR class on April 5<sup>th</sup> so if you are interested contact the Fire Department.

Mr. Schroedel stated that last week they had a fairly dangerous dig job out in Country Lakes. A lot of utilities around. They got to use the hydro excavation on our vac truck and it worked out very well. There was a lot of hydro excavation that they did along with hand digging because of the utilities. Around campus they are continuing to work on the Historical Building where they removed all of the old plumbing and getting ready to build out the interior of that building. Second and third shift are knocking down the walls on the second floor to get that ready for future use. They are also busy getting the Circle Buildings ready for the tenant that is going to be moving in there that Ms. Sorensen signed up and the other thing of note is that they had to do some major cleaning to our Avery Road Pump Station. Lots of debris, big logs had gotten in there. If anyone could tell him how a bed comforter got in the intake for the pump station, he would be interested in that, but that is back up and clean and operational.

Ms. Sorensen stated that Broadview Heights is proud to be home to the Akron/Cleveland Association of Realtors or ACAR for short which consists of more than 5500 members throughout northeast Ohio. ACAR empowers its members to be professional, ethical and successful by providing exceptional services and protecting real property rights for all. In recognition of ACAR and all of its members, the City of Broadview Heights recognizes this Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> as Realtor Appreciation Day. Broadview Heights encourages all realtors to attend the event that evening hosted by ACAR and Broadview Heights' own St. Michael's Woodside Center. She also wanted to let council know that on behalf of the Historical Society that they were awarded a grant by the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board that is going to allow them to hire a summer intern for their purposes of achieving the inaugural collection for when their building is actually open. It is a paid internship so they have posted that internship on the City of Broadview Heights website and it is also on their website and on their social media.

#### COMMUNICATIONS, CLAIMS AND PETITIONS

None this evening.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Pavlica stated that the Planning Commission met last Wednesday and the Case 18PC01 Fuerst Automotive on Broadview Road was tabled by the applicant and Case 18PC03 The Locker Room for a roof over the existing patio in the back was given preliminary approval with contingencies that need to be incorporated into the plans for the final approval.

Mr. Boldt stated that Charter Review will meet tomorrow night at 7:00 in Council Chambers.

Mr. Stelmaschuk stated that the Finance Committee will meet next Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Mahnic stated that the Service and Safety Committee did meet today and they do have a recommendation to council, if Mr. Boldt wants to take it to a Work Session or possibly Finance Committee was discussed. Currently we just ended in January a lease for 3 smaller trucks and the Service Department feels the need to get 2 tandem axle trucks with a new lease. The new lease cost is slightly less than what we are paying for the 3 trucks that just ended. The committee is recommending that we do this with a warranty. The other item that they did discuss but made no official decision on was our salt options for the future. It was recommended that they continue with the same program that we have but in the future that we should possibly explore other options including building an additional salt bin and storing the salt vs. some of the options that we have been doing. We don't want to get into a situation where we do not have salt if there are safety issues getting our roads cleared and whatnot and they also discussed briefly some of the cost options and what has been happening over the years. So Mr. Schroedel is going to be gathering up some additional information for them to look at at a future meeting but it is something that they should probably keep in the back of their heads of alternative solutions.

Mr. Boldt stated that they will put the first item of the trucks on Finance for next week and talk about that.

Ms. Mahnic stated that also if there are any warranty questions please get them to Mr. Schroedel. She knows that that was something that people wanted to look over a little bit more.

RESIDENT PARTICIPATION

None this evening.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Boldt presented Resolution 2018-39 for a first reading. Mr. Pavlica motioned to suspend Council Rule; seconded by Mr. Wolf. Roll Call: Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Ms. Mahnic, yes. Motion passed. Clerk read by title only. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS AND ARKINETICS FOR COMPLETION OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUILDING DRAWINGS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Pavlica motioned to adopt Resolution 2018-39; seconded by Mr. Wolf. Roll Call: Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Ms. Mahnic, yes. Resolution 2018-39 is adopted.

Mr. Boldt presented Resolution 2018-40 for a first reading. Ms. Mahnic motioned to suspend Council Rule; seconded by Mr. Pavlica. Roll Call: Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Ms. Mahnic, yes. Motion passed. Clerk read by title only. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS AND THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS

FOR THE PROVISION OF DISPATCHING SERVICES AND JAIL FACILITIES TO THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS IN THE CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Ms. Mahnic motioned to adopt Resolution 2018-40; seconded by Mr. Pavlica. Roll Call: Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Ms. Mahnic, yes. Resolution 2018-40 is adopted.

Mr. Boldt presented Resolution 2018-41 for a first reading. Mr. Pavlica motioned to suspend Council Rule; seconded by Mr. Wolf. Roll Call: Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Ms. Mahnic, yes. Motion passed. Clerk read by title only. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS AND THE OHIO FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE BROADVIEW HEIGHTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUILDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Pavlica motioned to adopt Resolution 2018-41; seconded by Mr. Wolf. Roll Call: Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Ms. Mahnic, yes. Resolution 2018-41 is adopted.

Mr. Boldt presented Resolution 2018-42 for a first reading. Ms. Mahnic motioned to suspend Council Rule; seconded by Mr. Pavlica. Roll Call: Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Ms. Mahnic, yes. Motion passed. Clerk read by title only. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS AND STEPS ACADEMY IN THE CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Ms. Mahnic motioned to adopt Resolution 2018-42; seconded by Mr. Pavlica. Roll Call: Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Ms. Mahnic, yes. Resolution 2018-42 is adopted.

#### ORDINANCES

Mr. Boldt presented Ordinance 06-2018 for a second reading only. Clerk read by title only. AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS, CUYAHOGA COUNTY AND STATE OF OHIO FOR THE YEAR 2018, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Goodwin motioned donating \$250.00 to the Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School After Prom; seconded by Mr. Wolf. Roll Call: Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Ms. Mahnic, yes. Motion passed.

Ms. Mahnic motioned donating \$250.00 to the North Royalton High School After Prom; seconded by Mr. Goodwin. Roll Call: Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Ms. Mahnic, yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Wolf motioned donating Five Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) Scholarship to Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School to be used for a Broadview Heights resident from the 2017 Broadview Heights Home Days proceeds; seconded by Mr. Pavlica. Roll Call: Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Ms. Mahnic, yes. Motion passed.

Ms. Mahnic motioned donating Five Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) Scholarship to North Royalton High School to be used for a Broadview Heights resident from the 2017 Broadview Heights Home Days proceeds; seconded by Mr. Price. Roll Call: Mr. Goodwin, yes; Mr. Pavlica, yes; Mr. Wolf, yes; Mr. Boldt, yes; Mr. Stelmaschuk, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Ms. Mahnic, yes. Motion passed.

STUDENTS

Students are from Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School attending for Government class:

Colin McLath, Michael Liebhart, Allie Taylor, Allyson Simonetti, Sara Kulik, Daman Gillombardo, Erin Gee, Ariana Liederbach, Evy Hartland, Marco Palmentera, Marissa Deme, Mustoapha Hussein, Matt Mino, Zach Milicia, Daniel Gallagher, Gadiel Carbaial, Anne Holland, Everett Dalesio, Jackson Williams, Katie Zajac, Seth Harrot, Nathan Wing, David Nowacki, Sam Zdanowicz, Dejan Pejeo, Lara Alghalainy, Jack Stanley, Cassidy Means, Kerstin Geyer.

Philip Hujarski signed in but did not come to the podium to introduce himself.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Mr. Boldt introduced Michael Canty who is running for State Representative in District 6. He told the students that he heard that they will get extra credit if they ask him a question and you come back to school with an answer.

Mr. Goodwin stated that he would like to put on Finance Committee for discussion the State Checkbook regarding finances of the city.

Mr. Pavlica stated that he just wanted to congratulate Ms. Sorensen on that grant for the Historical Society.

Mr. Wolf asked for some help from the students by asking someone from the High School that is in the music program, choir, band, etc. He asked for one volunteer to come up here and tell us what is happening on Saturday.

Everett Dalesio stated that this Saturday is the Annual Music at our schools Pancake Breakfast. It is a lot of fun. Their pancakes taste really good. He has been there 4 years and every time he has gone back for seconds. You get to hear a lot of great music. You get band, orchestra, choir and jazz band. It is a fun time.

Mr. Wolf thanked Everett. So breakfast is \$10.00 for the large breakfast and \$5.00 for the small breakfast and it starts at 9:00 a.m. and goes until 1:00 p.m. and throughout the day choir and different bands from 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade choirs to the high school will be playing until about 2:00 p.m. If anyone can come, that would be great. His daughter will be performing at 12:45 p.m. so he will be there eating pancakes.

Mr. Stelmaschuk stated that he would like to wish all of the seniors good luck in their future endeavors after graduation.

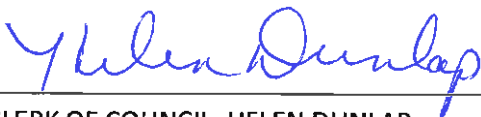
COUNCIL OPEN TO THE RESIDENTS

Mr. Volk, 8773 Falls Lane: He read a prepared speech that is attached.

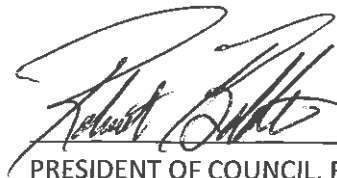
ADJOURN

Mr. Boldt stated that with no further business to come before Council, this meeting is adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at: 8:01 p.m.



CLERK OF COUNCIL, HELEN DUNLAP



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, ROBERT BOLDT

March 19, 2018

It is March 19, one day away from the official beginning of spring. The flowers will be out, the birds will be singing and seeking nesting sites, and the spring rains will be commencing.

The area between my next door neighbor's yard and my own yard is still flooded from winter surface water run-off. With more rain likely to come, and the "pond" growing larger, and no place for the water to drain, my back yard will become unusable and "un-mowable" until late May or early June. No solution has been forthcoming from the city.

The dog run is  $\frac{1}{2}$  mud, as opposed to the full dog run being useable. But only because I spent money to build up half of the run. (This area used to be a *RAISED GARDEN*.)

In addition to the figure of \$33K for improvements, drainage, dry wells, and water proofing that we have spent to abate the surface water problem in our own yard, I have found evidence of bills for another \$4K that we have spent. This brings the total to about \$37K. My sump pump runs continuously.

I have a record of communications and complaints to the City dating to June of 1989 regarding the surface water run off problem. The Estates II building N.E. of my property was improperly built by raising the building above the existing grade and not providing a catch basin to divert the runoff away from my property. The ephemeral stream behind our properties on Falls Lane was leveled, either by the developer or the landscaper. This moved the water mostly onto my property and those 4 properties south of my property.

City code 1284.08 regarding Surface Improvements has not been enforced by the City, resulting in the flooding of my property and adjacent properties. This is also a violation of State, Federal, and E.P.A. codes.

Communications made to the City:	June 1989
	April 1990
	Dec. 1997
	Oct. 2003
Engineering Dept.	Apr. 2004
	May 2015
	Oct. 2017

The problem still exists. And new construction on Tollis Parkway will likely add to my problem. I have no faith that the water will be directed onto Tollis Parkway storm sewers. It likely will go south and west onto Chaucer, Michaels, Glenngate, and my property. I have examined the topography of Tollis Parkway and I am concerned about the water flow. (I have an education degree in Earth Science, so I can read a topo map better than the average person)

So, my final question is: What solution does Broadview Heights have to fix the existing water problem that the City allowed to be created? And what will the City do to prevent additional problems from occurring when Tollis Parkway pushes ahead with its new development?

Respectfully,

Gerard Volk