

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO  
HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Patten at 8:00 p.m. The clerk called the roll and the following Members of Council answered:

**D'AMICO, TROYER, SALVATORE, MENCINI, BURGIO, POWERS, SALVATORE**

Also in attendance were Mayor Coyne, Law Director Jamison, Recreation Director Marken, Finance Director Cingle, Safety Director Byrnes and Service Director Cayet, Building Commissioner Hurst

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:**

1. Regular Council Meeting held on December 17, 2013.

**Motion** by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Higgins, to approve as printed. Members of Council voted AYE with the exception of Council Members D'Amico, Troyer, Mencini, and Powers who abstained. The motion carried.

2. Organizational Meeting held on January 2, 2014.

**Motion** by Mr. D'Amico, supported by Mr. Higgins, to approve as printed as amended. Members of Council voted AYE. The motion carried.

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**REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE (ON ANY SUBJECT):**

Liz Sayers  
23065 Cedar Point Road

Ms. Sayers expressed concerns of not having the proper documentation on her residence; city permits; inspected rental property and neighbors.

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**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Aviation & Environmental Committee – Chairman, Higgins

Mr. Higgins stated no report this evening.

Finance Committee – Chairman, D'Amico

Mr. D'Amico stated the Finance Department is working on the 2014 Budget that should be brought forward to Council within the next month.

Legislative Committee – Chairman, Troyer

Mr. Troyer stated no report this evening.

Parks & Recreation Committee – Chairman, Burgio

Mr. Burgio stated the Recreation Director will be providing a report.

Planning Committee – Chairman, Mencini

Mr. Mencini stated the January meeting was rescheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Reports from Standing Committees: cont.**

Safety Committee – Chairman, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore stated the Safety Committee has one item on tonight’s agenda.

Service Committee – Chairwoman, Powers

Mrs. Powers stated the Service Department has had snow plows on the streets 24/7 during the recent snowstorm.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Chairman, D’Amico

Mr. D’Amico stated at last night’s meeting the board approved three variances of the lot size; lot width and the side line for permanent parcel number 344-03-033, a vacant lot at 5171 and 5189 West 148<sup>th</sup> Street for Brian Moore. The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2014.

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**REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

Southwest General Health Center – Trustee, Salvatore

Mr. Salvatore stated no report but the next meeting is scheduled for the first week in February.

Berea Board of Education Representative – Mencini

Mr. Mencini stated no report this evening.

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**REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

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**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:**

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**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**

Mayor Coyne reported the service workers did a tremendous job during the recent snowstorm. There will probably be some tree lawn damage and damage from the sidewalk plows being out. The Administration is trying to work through some of the problems with the computers and file issues. Mayor Coyne and the Finance Director are working on a daily basis and moving forward.

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**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS, COMMISSIONS, PUBLIC OFFICIALS:**

Service Director Cayet

Mr. Cayet reported during the last snowstorm there were 12 trucks on the streets around the clock and there are approximately 1200 Senior Driveways that were plowed twice by eight crews in two days. The department is using the new V-shaped sidewalk plows that may cause damage. The janitors and custodial staff did a great job of keeping up with the snowstorm at the municipal buildings. Waste and recyclables were picked up during the snowstorm and there were no problems with

**Reports and Communications from other departments, commissions, public officials: cont.**

the automated trucks in the frigid weather. The bodies of the automated trucks are flexing, squeezing in and out, and the manufacturer has been contacted and will be taking all three trucks one at a time to rebuild the bodies. The service department is taking delivery of three new ¾ ton 4x4 pickup trucks that will be in service shortly. The department is applying for a Community Recycling Awareness Grant in the amount of \$5,000 to educate the public on recycling and costs for city shredding days. Mr. Cayet continued that the Waste Collection supervisor gave a 2013 report indicating that with tipping fees and everything with the recycling program separated from the solid waste the city saved \$79,000. Also the recycling credit was an approximate savings of \$15,000 and 170 more of the recycling waste carts which amounted to \$7,650.00 for a total savings of \$100,002. There were a few accidents the last few days one involving two city vehicles and also a large city truck hit a resident. There were some good deeds during the bad weather one was service workers cleaning the police department and the dispatcher received a call from a new retiree asking if someone could clear the driveway and take out the trash can. While pulling out the rubbish can the worker found a gas leak going into the house and vacated the residents out of the home to a neighbor's house while the gas company came out to make the necessary repairs. On Monday one of the drivers found a dog sitting in the middle of an intersection half-frozen to death and put the dog in the truck and rode around for a while and then took it to the city's kennel.

Mr. Patten stated the service crews have been busy and have done a great job.

Mr. Mencini stated to Service Director Cayet please let the crews know they did a great job especially this past weekend with the rain; snow and ice.

**Safety Director Byrnes**

Mr. Byrnes stated no report this evening.

**Law Director Jamison**

Mr. Jamison stated no report this evening.

**Recreation Director Marken**

Mr. Marken gave an oral and written report which is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Mencini stated the department did a great job this past Saturday and things went very smooth with the passing out of uniforms. Mr. Mencini stated there was a problem at Ford with the janitors not letting anyone in until the time of the practice and hopefully that issue will be resolved in the future.

**Recreation Director Marken: cont.**

Mr. Marken thanked Councilman Mencini and commented that the problem at Ford has been taken care of.

**Finance Director Cingle**

Mr. Cingle stated no report this evening.

**OTHER COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND VERBAL APPROVAL:  
(INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION):**

Verbal Approval:

- 1. NOCCA Annual Dues

**Motion** by Mr. D’Amico, supported by Mr. Burgio, to verbally approve. Members of Council voted AYE to approve. The motion carried.

- 2. 2014 Caucus and Council Meeting Calendar

**Motion** by Mr. Higgins, supported by Mr. D’Amico, to verbally approve as revised. Members of Council voted AYE to approve. The motion carried.

New Legislation:

- 1. An Ordinance retaining and employing the law firm of Walter Haverfield and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Coyne **Placed in Legislative Committee**
- 2. An Ordinance terminating the retention and employment of law firm of Gary C. Johnson and Associates, LLC and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Coyne **Placed in Legislative Committee**
- 3. An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety to prepare specifications and further authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and to enter into an agreement or agreements with the lowest and/or best bidder to provide towing services for the city and declaring an emergency Introduced by Mayor Coyne **Placed in Safety Committee**
- 4. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an amendment agreement with the Brook Park Firefighters Association, Local 1141, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO-CLC and declaring an emergency. Introduced by Mayor Coyne **Placed in Safety Committee**

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**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS):**

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**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: (FIRST READING):**

- 1. ORDINANCE NO. 9876-2013, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GREATER CLEVELAND AUTO AUCTION, PUBLIC AUCTIONEERS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISPOSING OF A POLICE VEHICLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Elliott

**Motion** by D’Amico, supported by Mr. Higgins, to suspend.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** D’Amico, Higgins, Powers, Burgio, Mencini, Salvatore

**NAYS:** Troyer. The motion carried with a vote of 6-1.

**Introduction of Resolutions and Ordinances: (First Reading): cont.**

**Motion** by Mr. D'Amico, supported by Mr. Burgio, to adopt.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** D'Amico, Burgio, Powers, Higgins, Troyer, Salvatore, Mencini

**NAYS:** None. Ord. No. 9876-2013, has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

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**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: (SECOND READING):**  
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**THIRD READING OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**  
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**Motion** by Mr. D'Amico, supported by Mr. Salvatore, to adjourn. Members of Council voted AYE. The motion carried at 8:30 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED Michelle Blazak  
Michelle Blazak  
Clerk of Council

APPROVED January 28, 2014

THESE MEETING MINUTES APPROVED BY BROOK PARK CITY COUNCIL ARE A SYNOPSIS, NOT TRANSCRIBED IN THEIR ENTIRETY, ALTHOUGH ACCURATE.

*Wed. 1-7-2014*

**Council Meeting 1/7/14  
Recreation Department  
Director's Report**

- I'd like to start off by wishing everyone here a Healthy & Happy New Year!
- Give the gift of health by purchasing a membership for someone you love. Gift certificates are available at our front reception desk or you can contact us directly @ 216-433-1545.
- Our Youth Basketball Season opened up this past week-end. All schedules will be available online and are available through our front reception desk. We ask that all participants arrive at least 30 minutes prior to their regular scheduled game time unless their coaches inform their players otherwise.
- This upcoming Youth Football Season will be named the Titans Youth Football League. We're having a "Wing Night" fundraiser @ Scoundrels Bar & Grill in Berea on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 7-10pm. Tickets are \$25 & available @ the Community Center or from any of this past season's volunteer coaches. More information & events will be available on our new league website @ [www.titansyouthfootball.org](http://www.titansyouthfootball.org).
- And on a final note, our January hours of operation are as follows: Monday-Friday; 6am-9pm, Saturdays; 8am-5pm & Sundays from 10am-5pm.