

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO  
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by council President Astorino at 7:00 p.m., the clerk called the roll and the following Members of Council answered:

**SCOTT, BURGIO, SALVATORE, TROYER, POWERS, MENCINI**

Also in attendance were Law Director Horvath, Safety Director Byrnes, Service Director Cayet, Engineer Piatak, Finance Director Cingle, Building Commissioner Hurst.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:**

1. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 8, 2016.
2. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 4, 2016.
3. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 18, 2016.
4. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 1, 2016.
5. SPECIAL CAUCUS MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 2016.
6. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 15, 2016.
7. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 20, 2016.
8. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 20, 2016.
9. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 17, 2017.

**Motion** by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Troyer, to move to the April 4, 2017 Council agenda.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Salvatore, Troyer, Mencini, Scott, Burgio, Powers

**NAYS:** None. The motion passed.

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**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Aviation & Environmental Committee – Chairwoman, Powers

Mrs. Powers stated NASA Glenn, Hopkins and the Aerozone Alliance are working to entice businesses to the area. Concourse B will have a new restaurant opened by Michael Symon. In the area around the airport where there is pollution from planes taking off and landing, people have a higher incidence of cancer. So when using

**Reports of Standing Committees: cont.**

fertilizers and weed killers, use a product that is environmentally safe, everything put on the grass eventually reaches the water system.

**Finance Committee – Co-Chairman, Troyer**

Mr. Troyer stated the Finance Committee has one item on tonight's agenda that the sponsor would like to see disposed of.

**Legislative Committee – Chairman, Troyer**

Mr. Troyer stated the Legislative Committee has nothing on tonight's agenda.

**Parks & Recreation Committee – Chairman, Mencini**

Mr. Mencini's recreation report is attached to minutes.

**Planning Committee – Chairman, Troyer**

Mr. Troyer stated the Planning Committee has nothing on tonight's agenda.

**Safety Committee – Chairman, Salvatore**

Mr. Salvatore stated the Safety Committee has nothing on tonight's agenda.

**Service Committee – Chairman, Burgio**

Mr. Burgio stated the Service Committee has two items on tonight's agenda.

**Board of Zoning Appeals – Chairman, Scott**

Mr. Scott stated the Board of Zoning Appeals has nothing on tonight's agenda.

On March 8 the Citizen of the Year Committee met to discuss the criteria for selecting a final candidate for the award. The only restrictions were: The candidate must be a resident of Brook Park and must not be a prior winner. The deadline for nominations forms to be submitted is April 3, 2017 to the Council office or by email to the clerk at [mblazak@cityofbrookpark.com](mailto:mblazak@cityofbrookpark.com). The final selection will be made on April 12th with the winner being honored at the Best of Brook Park ceremony on May 4th.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:****1. SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH CENTER – TRUSTEE MR. SALVATORE:**

Mr. Salvatore stated the next board meeting is scheduled for March 29th and will have full report at the next Council meeting.

**2. BEREA BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE – MR. BURGIO:**

Mr. Burgio reported that the March 13th meeting had the largest attendance for the Berea Board of Education. The AFS Post families were also in attendance and spoke about themselves and the three countries they come from. A presentation was given by the President of Academic Affairs describing the changes that the district is going through by going paperless; the district's appeal to continue using traditional paper and pencil for testing was denied 74 days ago. A contract was awarded for Astroturf of the fields in the amount of \$1,013, 015.00, Another contract was awarded to Brewer-Garrett in the amount of \$185,650.00 for the HVAC systems for the high school and elementary schools, the second lowest bid.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**  
-----**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:**  
-----**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**  
-----**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTS, COMMISSIONS AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS:**

Mr. Piatak stated the Fry Road Reconstruction Project Phase III between Sylvia and Snow Roads has begun with the contractor relocating some hydrants, the next step will be working on the catch-basins and then pavement removal. With the Brookdale Avenue Waterline and Reconstruction Project the contractor is currently working on individual service connections, when that is complete they will make the tie-in across West 130th Street, the completion date is near the end of July. With the Snow Road Resurfacing Project, a meeting was held last week with ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) and the initial phase of the project was expanded slightly to allow for a condensed construction schedule. Mr. Piatak attended a NEORS (Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District) meeting last Wednesday and an update was provided for the update to the 2016 - 2017 plan, and discussed anticipated projects for 2018.

Mr. Burgio stated that water crews were working on Green recently.

Mr. Piatak responded there was a waterline break being repaired.

Mr. Mencini stated that there were some engineers at the on-and-off ramps for I-71 at Snow Road.

Mr. Piatak responded those were representatives from ODOT regarding placement of portable message boards that will be going up.

Mr. Mencini continued that there were also engineers on Sylvia Drive near Delores?

Mr. Piatak replied that may have been survey crews doing topographic base mapping.

Mr. Troyer asked if Brook Park is going to get something out of the NEORS meeting.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTS, COMMISSIONS AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS: cont.**

Mr. Piatak replied that he didn't recognize anything on the list for Brook Park.

**Service Director Cayet:**

Mr. Cayet reported that all crews are on day shift, except for a few on second shift. The asphalt plants are opening the first week in April. The yard waste dumpsters will be open April 3rd. The topsoil will be in shortly to start repairing tree lawns damaged over the winter.

Mr. Mencini commented that a lot of compliments have been received on the bulk pickup.

**Safety Director Byrnes:**

Mr. Byrnes stated no report and commented that the non-emergency number for general calls should be placed to the police department and they will notify the sergeant.

Mr. Burgio noticed more police presence in overnight parking of cars. Also, there is a 5MPH speed limit near safety town and the recreation center with one sign posted on the northbound side but nothing on the southbound side; that could be a safety issue with the warmer months coming up.

Mr. Byrnes responded he will inform the police chief.

Mr. Troyer asked in reference to illegal overnight parking on the streets, would a commercial trailer be allowed to park on the street overnight?

Mr. Byrnes replied no, they wouldn't be allowed to do that.

Mr. Astorino asked what happens when people call the police department now of if someone shows up?

Mr. Byrnes said that during the off-hours there is a phone that connects to the dispatch Center.

**Law Director Horvath:**

Ms. Horvath reported that Brook Park has zero pending lawsuits. In 2015, the city had five (5) lawsuits and most carried over into 2016. The Law Department prepared 33 contracts, rendered 16 Opinions, prepared 76 Ordinances and 26 Resolutions. In 2015 there were 44 Ordinances and 26 Resolutions adopted. In 2016 the department prepared and approved 35 contracts, rendered 27 opinions, and prepared 122 Ordinances and 56 Resolutions with 66 Ordinances and 37 Resolutions adopted.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTS, COMMISSIONS AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS: cont.**

Mr. Cingle reported that they are finalizing legislation for the general obligation bonds to rehabilitate the recreation center with the sale is scheduled for March 30th or April 6th. The 2016 audit is ongoing and there were about 15 taxpayers that filed their taxes during our extended hours, between 4:30 and 7:00 this evening. The tax department will also be open March 28th, and April 4th, April 11th until 7:00 p.m. and on Saturdays, April 1st and April 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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

**OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. CORRESPONDENCE FROM A RESIDENT

The clerk read the letter that is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Salvatore stated that he believes a vote of Council should be taken before the letter was allowed to be read. Council Rule 21 was amended and took it from 96 hours to 24 hours. Anything that is to be read should be in the Council office by the Friday prior to the meeting to be added to the agenda and would have been properly posted. Mr. Salvatore stated the 96-hour rule should be voted back into place.

Mr. Troyer said that it appears Council Rule 21, regarding 24 hours, was followed as it stands today.

Ms. Powers stated for Council to have it beforehand is just a form of censorship; just like the people in the audience can speak on any subject, the letter should be offered the same courtesy.

Mr. Salvatore stated it's not the content that is concerning it's how it was handled; the letter should have been on the agenda. Anything that is going to be read should be in the Council office by Friday so that the clerk can post it and put it on the agenda to be read.

Mr. Mencini concurred with Mr. Salvatore.

Mr. Astorino stated that the reason the Rule was changed to 24 hours was so that residents had time to be prepared to make comments on the agenda. If they cannot have their comments in the Council office at the same time that the agenda is posted. In addition, this was received Monday morning and it was sent out to all Councilmembers shortly thereafter; so Council members had all day Monday and all day Tuesday to review this.

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

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS: cont.

Mr. Salvatore disputed Mr. Astorino’s statement.

Mr. Astorino ruled Councilman Salvatore out of order.

Mr. Mencini - Point of order, commenting that there should be healthy dialogue.

New Legislation:

A RESOLUTION HONORING MIA ASHRIAM FOR WINNING THE PLAIN DEALER CLEVELAND SPELLING BEE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Councilmen Salvatore, Burgio, Scott and Mencini. **Placed in the Legislative Committee.**

A RESOLUTION THAT EXTENDS THE MORATORIUM ON GRANTING PERMITS FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA. Introduced by Councilmen Salvador Burgio Scott and Mencini. **Placed in the Legislative Committee.**

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**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS:**  
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**REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON THE ORDINANCES AND/OR  
RESOLUTIONS THAT PERTAIN TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:**

Lavaine Cates  
15499 Remora

Ms. Cates referring to the Council minutes, there was \$7,000.00 of taxpayers' money to court reporters to complete Council minutes. Who was hired and why did someone have to be hired; that this is a violation of the Ohio Attorney General's law. Secondly, why is Ms. McCormick's name still being called during roll call; please let the residents know if she is still a Councilwoman and if the taxpayers are still paying her.

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

1. ORDINANCE NO 10071-2017, AUTHORIZING THE CONSULTING ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE 2017 ROADS PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne.

**Motion** by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mrs. Powers, to amend Exhibit A and add an additional \$50,000 for crack-sealing, changing the amount to read \$150,000.00 to keep the roads in good repair.

Mr. Salvatore asked what fund is the additional \$50,000 coming from?

Mr. Troyer responded that would be the determination of the Finance Director.

Mr. Cingle replied one option would be to transfer the funds out of Fund 220 to the General Fund to the Roads Improvement fund. Another option is to sit down with the Mayor to see if there are any adjustments that could be made to the Fund 401 - Capital Improvement and transfer the money from there. Just so Council is aware, any movement of dollars to be made will reduce the fund balances and the bond underwriter and Fitch will have to be notified and Fitch ratings so that the appropriate adjustments can be made.

Mr. Salvatore asked Engineer Piatak if the actual bids come in under budget, could those monies be moved into crack-sealing. Could this project be delayed until the city knows how this would work out? Would there still be time to do additional crack-sealing this season?

Mr. Piatak replied yes, typically the crack-seal project is done in the fall; so a decision could be made then to see if any extra funds could go into this project.

Mr. Mencini asked Engineer Piatak how much more crack-seal can be done with an additional \$50,000.

Mr. Piatak replied, in 2016 there was \$100,000 and about 6 1/2 lane miles were done; there could be another three (3) lane miles.

Mr. Astorino stated to Engineer Piatak in October a map was provided of the streets that were done last year. On this map there were about 25 streets highlighted as being done last year; so with 50% more this year there could be another 12 streets done.

Mr. Mencini asked Finance Director Cingle if this is something Council could take a look at late summer. Will this affect the recreation center bond rating?

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

Mr. Piatak suggested that the legislation be approved as is and see how the bids come back.

Mr. Troyer stated he doesn't believe that taking \$50,000 out of the city's fund balances wouldn't keep them balanced in full. The city gives out \$50,000 grants to businesses located in the city and should be able to keep city streets drivable.

Mr. Mencini concurred with Mr. Troyer, however, will agree with the engineer at this time.

Mr. Salvatore concurred with Mr. Mencini and the city engineer.

Mr. Astorino asked Finance Director Cingle for clarification on the Fitch report. When reading the report, they talked about the General Fund balances. Does Finance Director Cingle think that changing the fund balance from \$8.6 million dollars to \$8.55 million would significantly change our bond rating?

Mr. Cingle replied he didn't that it would change the bond rating; taking \$50,000 or \$100,000 from the fund all adds up. We had a telephone call with Fitch yesterday and explained how we were going to draw down our General Fund Balance and reiterated to them with our other reserves. Looking at the projected revenues compared to our projected expenses the city is still in very, healthy condition.

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The clerk called the roll on the motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mrs. Powers, to amend.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Troyer, Powers  
**NAYS:** Mencini, Scott, Burgio, Salvatore. The motion failed with a vote of 2-5.

**Motion** by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mrs. Powers, to amend the wording in section 2 to require completion dates in 2017.

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Mr. Salvatore asked Engineer Piatak if dates are in the bid specifications?

Mr. Piatak responded there is a timeframe and depending on the street length and the scope of work, there is a time allotment. The date of completion is established when there is Notice to Proceed; so it's hard to say how having a completion date in the legislation would impact bids.

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

Mr. Salvatore stated the engineer establishes an estimate on the cost to get the project done and knowing that there is a completion date set forth in the beginning, would the bid be the same?

Mr. Piatak stated the better question would be is the city developing two prices; Price A for a 60-day completion and Price B for a 30-day completion. There will be a substantial increase in cost for the 30-day completion.

Mr. Mencini asked Engineer Piatak if this is a standard occurrence in this type of legislation or contracts.

Mr. Piatak responded there may be some milestone dates within each contract and it would be to the city's advantage for late fall or early winter authorization to start planning projects for the following year. In March, the budget gets passed and the project is ready to proceed with each project having a completion period; the project has a number of days assigned to it and includes a clause for liquidated damages.

Mr. Troyer noted that there is a completion period but could the wording be changed to say that the jobs have to be started in time to have the completion date work for them. Mr. Troyer would like to also add an amendment to the amendment to say that the contracts shall require substantial completion date in 2017.

Ms. Horvath commented that is one of the items she and Mr. Troyer discussed and it may be better if this was saved for a contract rather than a bid; it hints that the city is going to have penalties and liquidated damages.

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The clerk called the roll on the amendment by Mr. Troyer,

**Motion** by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mrs. Powers, to amend the amendment.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Troyer, Powers

**NAYS:** Mencini, Scott, Burgio, Salvatore. The motion failed with a vote of 2-5.

**Motion** by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mrs. Powers, to amend.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Troyer, Powers

**NAYS:** Mencini, Scott, Burgio, Salvatore. The motion failed with a vote of 2-5.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: cont.**

**Motion** by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Burgio, to suspend.

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Mr. Troyer asked Law Director Horvath if this could be done prior to passing the budget?

Mrs. Horvath referred to Finance Director Cingle.

Mr. Cingle stated if Council changed the proposed appropriation for Fund 543, if not, then I don't see an issue with proceeding.

Mrs. Horvath stated there is nothing wrong with advertising for bids and entering into contracts but the legislation also allows for entering into contracts.

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The clerk called the roll on the motion by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Burgio, to suspend.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Salvatore, Burgio, Scott, Mencini, Troyer, Powers

**NAYS:** None. The motion carried.

**Motion** by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Burgio, to adopt

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Salvatore, Burgio, Scott, Mencini, Troyer, Powers

**NAYS:** None. The motion carried. Ordinance No. 10071-2017, has passed under suspension of the rules. Adopted.

2. ORDINANCE NO 10072-2017, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO HIRE INSPECTOR(S) FOR THE 2017 ROADS PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Coyne.

**Motion** by Mr. Salvatore, supported by Mr. Scott, to suspend.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Salvatore, Scott, Troyer, Burgio, Powers, Mencini

**NAYS:** None. The motion carried.

**Motion** by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Burgio, to adopt.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Troyer, Burgio, Salvatore, Scott, Powers, Mencini

**NAYS:** None. The motion carried. Ordinance No. 10072-2017 has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

3. RESOLUTION NO 8-2017, DECLARING THE CITY OF BROOK PARK TO PROVIDE CHECKBOOK LEVEL EXPENDITURE INFORMATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Council as a Whole.

**Motion** by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mrs. Powers, to suspend.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Troyer, Powers, Salvatore, Scott, Burgio, Mencini

**NAYS:** None. The motion carried.

**Motion** by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Scott, to adopt.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Troyer, Scott, Burgio, Salvatore, Powers, Mencini

**NAYS:** None. The motion carried. Resolution No. 8-2017, has passed under Suspension of the Rules. Adopted.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: cont.**

1. ORDINANCE NO. 10048-2016, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AMENDMENTS TO VARIOUS LABOR CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE VACATION SCHEDULE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Council President Astorino.

**Motion** by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mrs. Powers, to suspend.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Troyer, Powers, Scott, Burgio

**NAYS:** Mencini, Salvatore. The motion failed with a vote of 4-2.

Mr. Astorino stated Ordinance No. 10048-2016, has had its Second Reading.

**THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:):**

**REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER:**

Ray Peterlin  
5811 Wengler Drive

Mr. Peterlin read a manifest into record that is on file in the Council office, for public review.

Callaghan Ruebensaal  
14240 Newton Road  
Middleburg Hts.

Mr. Callahan expressed concerns with the letter read under letter J at tonight's meeting and stated that letter may be referring to him since he is not a resident of Brook Park. Mr. Callahan continued that his family has been in Brook Park for a long time and doesn't understand why restrictions would be put on speaking. Mr. Callahan continued that there are some amendments to legislation previously given to Council about a broken system. regarding the legislation provided to Council regarding an amendment and is looking forward to Council passing legislation on this matter.

Mike Vecchio  
14417 Park Drive

Mr. Vecchio concurred with Councilman Salvatore that the letter read earlier in the meeting should have been placed on the agenda with an addendum. The agenda run on a weekly basis is Council's contract to the residents of the city.

**REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER: cont.**

Margaret Houston  
6195 Hardin Drive

Ms. Houston stated since residents pay Council's salaries they are entitled to know the outcome of litigation the residents are paying for. If that is not the case, then Ms. Houston made a public records request to the Law Director for all documents concerning the lawsuit with Julie McCormick.

Lavaine Cates  
15499 Remora

Ms. Cates reiterated her comments from earlier this evening regarding the minutes by court reporters; who transcribed the minutes and how much are they being paid? The residents are paying a full-time Clerk of Council and an assistant and are still paying someone else to transcribe the minutes. I think the Council office has to be investigated and think if I were the Mayor would say you can't go in there anymore until I investigated that office fully. There have been multiple violations that were done Mr. Astorino. I question why those minutes weren't done all of those months, and why are we paying to get the minutes approved. I would also like to comment on the email that was read this evening. I don't come up here for the Mayor, I don't come up for anyone up there, I come up for the people out there. I would still like to see Mrs. Powers prove that I am disrupting. As a resident, I do not appreciate that a letter read was attacking residents out here. I look forward to an answer to the question on the minutes, that is the important thing.

Joann Hambrick  
355 Fair Street  
Berea Ohio

As a former Clerk for a very short time, in the Clerk's defense, when there are meetings every two weeks like every other city in Northeast Ohio. There is time for the clerk to work on the meeting folder to have prepared for the next meeting in two weeks; that is how every Clerk functions. Because of the weekly meetings and the length of them, the preparation the clerk is having to do may impede some of what she could be doing had she not had all the other work. My question is an assistant Clerk is very rare and don't know of any other city that has one. I'm just curious as to what she's doing since there are no minutes from April and May and then all the court reporter minutes come in a slew; I don't understand why no one did them. You can hire whoever you want to do them but when you're looking at minutes, especially the length of these meetings, you can't possibly remember what happened at these lengthy meetings. I'm glad you're getting up to date because it's the state law. If you look at other cities agendas, you see the minutes from the prior meeting being presented for approval. I think if you consolidated it back and gave Ms. Blazak a break in between meetings to do her job it would help her and the city. If someone requests a public record and she is eight months

behind on the minutes you can't release only a draft; this meeting tonight will take at least eight to ten hours to dictate; if the clerk had the time to do them every two weeks that would be in compliance.

**REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER: cont.**

Jeff Duke

15914 Remora Blvd.

Mr. Duke stated I started an analysis of the time that it took to produce minutes between 2015 and 2016 and there was a several hundred percent increase in inefficiencies in producing the minutes. From another analytical perspective, I think that the best thing that I heard was Ms. Horvath's presentation on the work that they did in 2015 and 2016 and would encourage that information be shared on the city's public website the people need to know.

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**Motion** by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Scott, to address the audience.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Mencini, Scott, Troyer, Burgio, Salvatore, Powers

**NAYS:** None. The motion carried.

Mr. Mencini addressed Mrs. Houston about her concerns and stated she is not alone. After hearing Ms. Horvath's report, not only have the Resolutions and Ordinances almost doubled between 2015 and 2016, the time in Council probably tripled. It is a huge workload and I have never had any problem with the Clerk of Council's office. To Mr. Ruebensaal there are some things in the amendment especially Article 5 and encouraged Mr. Ruebensaal to go to other communities. To Ms. Cates and Ms. Hambrick, as they said these are sometimes four and five hour meetings, we have to get this right and think Council is on the right path. Mr. Mencini expressed condolences to Mr. Peterlin on the passing of his sister.

Mr. Troyer thanked Mr. Ruebensaal and reported that at tonight's Board of Control minutes there was an item for Tackla & Associates, Professional Services to complete Council Caucus minutes in the amount of \$6994.30 as well as Court Reporting Professional Services to complete Council Caucus meeting minutes in the amount of \$7000.00.

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**Motion** by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mrs. Powers, to adjourn.

**ROLL CALL: AYES:** Mencini, Powers, Troyer, Salvatore, Burgio, Scott

**NAYS:** None. The motion carried.

There being no further business to come before this meeting Council President Astorino declared the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED Michelle Blazak  
Michelle Blazak  
Clerk of Council

APPROVED May 2, 2017

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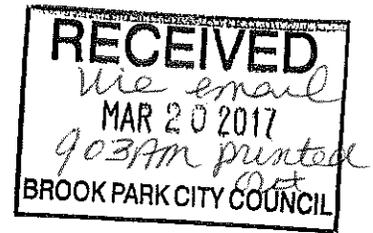
Brook Park Council Meeting  
March 21, 2017  
Councilman Mencini Report

*ACD 3/21/17 Council  
Read*

1. Baseball, Softball, Tee Ball, Tennis and Adult Softball Registration is still currently going on if you haven't registered yet please hurry up and do so as we need to start ordering equipment and draft the teams.
2. Midnight Madness- this Friday from 8:00pm-Midnight- Please register at the recreation center (A variety of basketball games and activities for boys and girls ages 8-13) Awards and prizes are given out.
3. Spring Break for students is next week- March 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> (we will be having planned activities for the youth ages 14 and under from 12-4:00 daily with a snack. (see attached schedule)
4. 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Beautification AND Pride Luncheon this Saturday, March 25 from 1:00-4:00pm in the Community Room.
5. Senior Tea- is Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00pm (please contact Joan Corrigan at the Recreation Center for more information)
6. Annual Easter Egg Event- Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. We will start out with a Brunch with the Easter Bunny (sponsored by the Brook Park Boosters) at 11:00am...Free photos with the Easter bunny and then at 12:30 we will start our Easter Egg Hunts.... (Please see attached flyer and information sheet)



*Read into record*



Dear Council President, Mayor Coyne and City Council Members

I have been watching on livestream and I am ashamed and appalled of the behavior of the audience towards all members of council. This behavior is preschool children whining and carrying on. This is a disgrace to all residents of brook park and anyone who had heard about the meetings.

All I can say to the audience. PLEASE GROW UP! Your behavior is not setting a good example for your children or grandchildren whatever the case may be.

I also wanted to say to Mayor Coyne that this behavior by the residents is being encourage by you. I feel in my opinion that if you were any type of moral and decent human being you would step in and control the situation. Mayor Coyne, you just allow any type of behavior continue weekly and I totally put that responsibility on your shoulders of what happens at the meetings.

I don't understand Mayor Coyne, why you keep letting this evil and destructive behavior continue? Do you get pleasure from this rudeness and evil every week? Any normal person wouldn't let this behavior continue and if you have some difficulty in understanding this, maybe you should seek some professional help to resolve your issues!

No wonder this council can't get anything accomplish with the constant barrage of comments and rudeness that is coming from many members of the audience.

Another issue is why are you constantly being a procrastinator in getting the 2017 budget in and getting passed by council. This year's budget should have been passed long time ago. What do you accomplish Monday through Friday? In my opinion you are a part time mayor on a full-time salary! SHAME ON YOU. There is no excuse. Get your act together and do your job in a timely manner.

Let the record be straight that I watch the livestream from the cities website. I don't access it from face book. Speaking of face book. You said that the evil comes from face book that is dividing the city. No, it's not face book. It's the residents that come to the meeting and causing the evil with their filthy and nasty remarks. Another question? Residents from other cities shouldn't be allowed to

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participate at our council meetings? They do not belong there and should be kick out, period. They should be involved with their own cities and keep their noses out of our council business.

In Conclusion, most of the audience becomes their own authority and do whatever is right in their own eyes. This behavior produces horrendous results. Any individuals or groups will make themselves the final authority without reference to a higher power. When individuals selfishly satisfy their personal desires at all costs, everyone pays the price!

This happened long time ago in history and it is true of what is happening in our city of brook park. We must justify our heroic actions every day with our weapons of standards, morals, truths and convictions that we receive from Gods own word.

Hopefully, many will turn their actions into positive energy and all will come together to make our city a better place to live.

Sincerely

Susan Barbour

5819 robert dr

