

Public Meeting  
February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

Meeting was opened by T. Branella at 6:00pm. Those present were J. McCleary, J. Granstrom, P. MacAdams, G. Gilbert, and J. Meehan. M. Mevoli was absent. The Solicitor was Timothy Higgins, Esq..

This Meeting was advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, and complies with all the laws therein.

**Reading and Approval of Minutes of January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016:**

Motion – G. Gilbert  
2<sup>nd</sup> – P. MacAdams  
All in favor: Carried.

**Committee Reports:**

Motion – J. McCleary  
2<sup>nd</sup> – G. Gilbert  
All in Favor: Carried.

Presentation from Linda Hinkle, Tom Gurick, and David Spector. Mrs. Hinkle says that she will help the Borough of Brooklawn create and implement an Economic Development Plan. The mayor said they will be passing a resolution to accept their agreement.

**Open to the Public:**

Nothing Noted from the Public.

**Engineers Report from Greg Fusco, Kei Engineering:**

Item #1: The CDBG Year 38 applications are due on March 22, 2016. The borough is going to use the money to continue the sidewalk restoration and renovation of newly purchased borough homes.

Item #2: The RFP for 2015 CDBG Supplemental Funds is released. The office submitted an application package on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. We are still awaiting a response from HUD.

Item #4: The Railroad Quiet Zone along Horton and Town Center is still in a holding pattern. It appears that the process will be more difficult than initially thought, as the River Road Grade Crossing in Westville will have to be improved and included in the quiet zone. We will let the governing body know of any response from the representatives from Conrail in relation to the River Road Crossing and cost.

Item #5: Construction of Curb Ramp plan will be created over the coming months.

Item #20: The office has put out RFQ's for the repairs of the rear wall of the public works salt building. We received one quote. We recommend to award the contract to M.D. Remodeling, LLC for \$23,616.60. The contract was awarded and will begin work in the spring.

Greg Fusco thanked everyone for the time.

### **Old Business**

#### Ordinance:

- # 1-16 Amending Chapter 36 – Officers and Employees
- # 2-16 Amending Chapter 141 – Vehicles and Traffic
  - Second Reading
  - Public Hearing – Nothing Noted from Public.
  - Motion – J. Granstrom
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – G. Gilbert
  - All in Favor: Carried.

### **New Business**

#### Ordinances:

- # 3-16 COLA Ordinance
  - First Reading
  - Motion – G. Gilbert
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – J. Meehan
  - All in Favor: Carried.

#### Resolutions:

- # 66-16 Approving Application for Safe and Secure Grant
- # 67-16 Authorizing Bingo and Raffle License for American Legion Post #72
- # 68-16 Year 38 - FY 2016-17 Community Development Block Grant Project
- # 69-16 Authorization for Submittal of HOME Fund RFP Application
- # 70-16 Appointment of Public Works Employee – Jeff Chestnut
- # 71-16 Appointment of Public Works Employee – Robert Paris
- # 72-16 Appointment of Class II Special Officer Employee – Brian Schules
- # 73-16 Authorizing the Execution of Agreement with the Law Offices of Linda Hinkle
  - Motion – G. Gilbert
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – J. McCleary
  - All in Favor: Carried.

#### Fire Application:

- Application William Kinder III
  - Motion – J. Meehan
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – J. McCleary

All in Favor: Carried.

**Approval of payment of bills: \$ 950,421.35**

Motion – J. Meehan

2<sup>nd</sup> – J. McCleary

All in favor: Carried.

**Council Committee Appointments**

Motion – J. Granstrom

2<sup>nd</sup> – P. MacAdams

All in Favor: Carried.

The clerk told the governing body that the budget is completed and there is a 2 cent increase which equates to \$27.48 for a house assessed at \$137,000 for the year. He explains that we can do a zero increase, but the 2 cent increase is generating approximately \$26,000 and is being applied to short term debt. The clerk asked the governing body to decide if the increase is acceptable. Everyone voted to increase the 2 cent except P. MacAdams. P. MacAdams believes we should have no increase this year since we are increasing quarterly rates in utilities later in the year. Majority agrees to 2 cent increase.

**Open to Council:**

G. Gilbert said we need to send the code enforcement officer to C & L Machines because there is a lot of machinery and junk all over the place. The clerk said he would send the officer this week.

Mayor Branella said she attended the Gloucester City Business Association and Shoprite of Brooklawn has joined the association. She said the Alice Costello received the School of Character Award last week. This is a great honor for the school. The Mayor also let everyone know that the clerk and her, met with Mayor Passanante and clerk Michele Miller of Somerdale. They discussed the HOME Project and abandon properties. The clerk needs to put together a plan with the abandon properties.

**Resolution #74-16 Executive Session for Personnel Matters for approximately twenty (20) minutes at 8:38 pm:**

Motion – G. Gilbert

2<sup>nd</sup> – P. MacAdams

All in Favor: Carried.

**Reconvened from executive at 9:19pm.**

**Motion to Adjourn – J. McCleary**

2<sup>nd</sup> – G. Gilbert

All in favor: Adjourned.

Ryan Giles  
Borough Clerk