

Public Meeting  
May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Meeting was opened by T. Branella at 6:00pm. Those present were J. McCleary, J. Meehan, and G. Gilbert. J. Granstrom, M. Mevoli, and P. MacAdams were 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 April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016:**

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

**Committee Reports:**

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

**Open to the Public:**

Tom and Dan Coyle from Audubon, New Jersey, gave a presentation about their cleanup efforts on Big Timber Creek behind Brooklawn Shoprite. They have removed tons of trash and debris from the creek. They are going to do more cleanup in the coming year. They explained they have sponsors for their cleanup efforts from a nonprofit, American Rivers. American Rivers is a national river conservation organization dedicated to protecting and restoring America's river systems and to fostering a river stewardship ethic. They are doing their next cleanup on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016. They invited everyone to join them in their efforts. They also asked for no Littering signs to be posted at the location along with contacting our local Freeholders for support. Mayor Branella commended their efforts so far and will do what she can to help them achieve their goal of cleaning up these waterways.

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

Item #4: The Railroad Quiet Zone along Horton and Town Center is still progressing. The vehicle counts on River Road in Westville. Our office is analyzing the information and sending it to the Conrail and NJDOT.

Item #8: On March 15, 2016 our office hand delivered the required copies and digital cd version of the RFP for the next round of HOME funds. We hope to hear something in the coming months.

Item #11: Construction of Waterfront Park Sidewalk began on May 11<sup>th</sup>. It should be completed within the next week. We hope to continue this path with our submission of Recreational Grant application this past month.

Item #12: The NJDOT has accepted our application to redevelop Sixth Street. We were awarded \$200,000. Our office has scheduled the survey field work for this project.

Item #15: Our office received the NJDEP treatment works approval for the replacement of the Creek Road Pump Station. The permits have been completed for the pump station. The plans and specifications have been completed for the water main and valve/hydrant replacement project and these documents have been submitted to the USDA for review and approval.

Greg Fusco thanked everyone for the time.

### **Old Business**

Ordinance:

- # 8-16 Amending Chapter 83 – Fences  
Public Hearing – Nothing Noted from Public.  
Motion – G. Gilbert  
2<sup>nd</sup> – J. McCleary  
All in Favor: Carried.

J. Granstrom was conferenced via cell phone to address specific items in New Business.

### **New Business**

Ordinances:

- # 9-16 Amending Chapter 145 – Water
- # 10-16 Amending Chapter 118 – Sewer
- # 11-16 Bond Ordinance - \$250,000
- # 12-16 Bond Ordinance – Re-appropriating Funds for Other Capital Projects
- # 13-16 Granting an Access to PSEG for a Certain Property on Railroad Avenue  
First Reading  
Motion – J. Meehan  
2<sup>nd</sup> – G. Gilbert  
All in Favor: Carried.

Resolutions:

- # 90-16 Authorize the Cancellation of General Capital
- # 91-16 Approving the Hire of Part-time DPW Employee – Christopher Rauchut
- # 92-16 Approving the Hire of Part-time DPW Employee – Nicholas Brown
- # 93-16 Authorization to Apply Municipal Liens
- # 94-16 Authorizing the Private Sale of Municipal Held Lien
- # 95-16 Chapter 159 – Clean Communities Grant \$4,621.10

- # 96-16 Authorizing the Adoption of Policy and Procedures Manual
- # 97-16 Authorizing the P/Z Board to Undertake a Preliminary Investigation to Ascertain whether Certain Properties are in Need of Redevelopment

Motion – J. McCleary

2<sup>nd</sup> – J. Meehan

All in Favor: Carried.

**Approval of payment of bills: \$ 898,806.27**

Motion – M. Mevoli

2<sup>nd</sup> – J. McCleary

All in favor: Carried.

**Open to Council:**

G. Gilbert asked that we call the state to cut the grass at the billboard location. The grass is really high and needs to be addressed.

J. Meehan asked the clerk to look for the concept plan for the land at the end of Paris Avenue. The clerk said he would contact the engineer.

J. McCleary said that we had over 145 participants in the ALS Run/Walk. “Not a bad turnout with it snowing.” She said the gala was fantastic and everyone had a great time. She said she attended an ALS luncheon in Philadelphia with Mayor Branella to present ALS with a check of \$15,000. Total of \$63,000 raised over the three years doing the event. At the luncheon, Brooklawn received the Community Hope Award for our effort in raising money for the Hope Foundation.

Mayor Branella spoke about numerous things that need to be completed. She wants a Don’t block the Box on Broadway near Lipkin’s, the Bus Shelter to be moved forward to accommodate the bus so the intersection is not blocked, and development of an ordinance for energy discounts that residents can take part in. She spoke of the upcoming Town Wide Yard Sale on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and Blood Drive at Community Center on June 13<sup>th</sup>. She also said she had a great time participating in the School Arbor Day celebration. They planted a tree in front of the school to dedicate to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class.

**Motion to Adjourn** – J. McCleary

2<sup>nd</sup> – G. Gilbert

All in favor: Adjourned.

Ryan Giles  
Borough Clerk