

Public Meeting
November 16, 2020

Meeting was opened by Mayor Branella at 6:30pm. Those present were J. Clotworthy, J. McCleary, M. Mevoli, J. Granstrom, P. Moses and P. McConnell. 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.

MEETING MINUTES: Regular & Executive session held October 19, 2020

Motion - P, Moses
2nd - M. Mevoli
All in Favor: Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion - P. McConnell
2nd - J. McCleary
All in Favor: Carried

CORRESPONDENCE None

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Greg Fusco briefly discussed the NJDOT Project for 2nd St. 4th St. and Railroad Ave.

PUBLIC PORTION: (Individuals must state their name and address for the record and respect the five-minute time limit while addressing the Governing Body)

Motion to open - P. Moses
2nd - J. McCleary
All in favor - carried
Motion to close - P. McConnell
2nd - M. Mevoli
All in favor - carried

NEW BUSINESS:

The items listed below are considered to be routine by the Borough of Brooklawn and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

(Motion to approve/deny all Resolutions listed under the Consent Agenda by Roll Call Vote)

RESOLUTION No. 126-2020 – Authorization to Apply Municipal Lien(s)

RESOLUTION No. 127-2020 – Authorize the Application of Bingo and Raffle License for Brooklawn American Legion Post #72

RESOLUTION No. 128-2020 – Authorize Agreement with Camden County Animal Shelter – Independent Animal Care Services

RESOLUTION No. 129-2020 – Authorizing Change Order No. 2 from Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC for Work Performed on the 2020 Street Improvement Program

RESOLUTION No. 130-2020 – Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for Scope of Work Revisions to the Water Plant Restoration Project to Increase Contract by \$74,087.05

RESOLUTION No. 131-2020 - Authorize Chapter 159 for Bullet Proof Vest Grant in the amount of \$1,760.00

RESOLUTION No. 132-2020 – Authorize Emergency Remote Meeting Protocol in and for the Borough Council of the Borough of Brooklawn

RESOLUTION No. 133-20 – Approve Participation with the State of New Jersey in a Safe and Secure Communities Program for 2021

RESOLUTION No. 134-20 – Authorization to Advertise for Purchase of Calcium Hypochlorite Tablets

Resolution No. 135-20 to Authorize Advertisement of Professional Services for 2020 and **Resolution No. 136-20** to Authorize Budget Transfers were added to the consent agenda.

Motion to accept – J. Clotworthy
2nd – J. McCleary
Roll Call Vote 6-0

END CONSENT AGENDA

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION: Mayor and Council discussed the Annual Tree Lighting. P. McConnell gave a summary of the plans for a virtual tree lighting this year due to the pandemic. There was a discussion of Santa traveling throughout town aboard the fire truck.

-----**CONCLUSION OF NEW BUSINESS**-----

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$129,487.53

Motion – P. McConnell

2nd – P. Moses

Approved through Roll Call Vote: 6-0

OPEN TO COUNCIL: Mayor Branella gave an update on COVID-19 and the importance of wearing a mask and social distancing. Mayor Branella also gave the current number of cases in Brooklawn and Camden County and asked everyone to please do their part. Mayor thanked the Brooklawn Fire Dept. for the quick response in putting out the recent fire on New Jersey Road. Mayor discussed the Annual Christmas Spirit fund drive. Council President J. McCleary discussed the Rotary Club's alternate plans with the Brooklawn Christmas Spirit since they are unable to hold their annual luncheon due to the pandemic. Mayor Branella thanked both Councilwoman McConnell and Public Works for the great job on the dog park. Councilman Moses discussed the recent meeting of the green team and also discussed the upcoming tree plantings throughout the Borough. Council Clotworthy discussed the 2020 Census. Councilman Mevoli thanked both Councilwoman McConnell and Cass Maas for the job they did on Election Day and stated that everything went very well the entire day. Police Chief Ellis discussed both Project Save Program and Volunteers of America. PW Deputy Superintendent gave an update on Public Works. Fire Chief thanked Mayor for her acknowledgement of the recent fire response. Administrator Ryan Giles discussed the Best Practices. The Borough score was 26 out of 30. Ryan explained the scoring and the funds awarded by the state. Ryan also discussed the merger of the Public Works Depts. and gave an update of the services provided. Ryan discussed the work schedule for the Borough Administrative Staff during the pandemic.

Motion to Adjourn – P. Moses

2nd – P. McConnell

All in Favor: Carried

Next Council meeting scheduled for December 21, 2020