

Public Meeting
December 21, 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 November 16, 2020

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE None

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Greg Fusco stated there is a voucher and change order for work completed on the water treatment plant and gave an update on the project. He also stated there is a voucher and change order for the streets project. Final voucher and change order for homes that were completed. Greg discussed community garden quotes for fencing with members of Council. Greg requested first reading of Ordinance for stormwater changes from the State at January meeting. Commissioner of DOT granted \$235,000 for 2nd street and Lake Drive.

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, McConnell
2nd - P. Moses
All in favor - carried

Resident Fran McKinney of 107 Lake Drive expressed his concerns on the continuing flooding occurring on his street. Ryan discussed the swale drainage plans. Fran McKinney stated his concerns regarding the merger of Brooklawn Public Works with Westville and feels he does not see better service since the merger.

Administrator Giles gave details of the merger and stated the merger is a work in progress and the transition will take time.

Sam Rosetti 220 Austin Ave. Barrington thanked Council and the Spirit Committee on an excellent job with helping school families in need and the fantastic job that was done.

Motion to close - P, Moses
2nd - P. McConnell
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. 137-2020 - Authorize Cancellation of Property Taxes Under \$10.00

RESOLUTION No. 138-2020 - Authorize Award of Contract for Purchase of Calcium Hypochlorite tablets

RESOLUTION No. 139-2020 - Authorize Change Order No. 3 from Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC for Work Performed on the 2020 Street Improvement Project - No Increase or Decrease

RESOLUTION No. 140-2020 - Authorize Change Order No. 2 for Water Treatment Plant Improvements and Water Distribution System Rehabilitation with a Decrease of \$3,628.50

RESOLUTION No. 141-2020 - Authorize Budget Transfer #2

RESOLUTION No. 142-2020 - Authorization of Deferred School Taxes

RESOLUTION No. 143-2020 -Authorization to Amend Resolution #115-20 that Authorized the Renewal of 2020-2021 Liquor Licenses - Svitlana, Bogey LLC

RESOLUTION No. 144-2020 - Authorize Renewal of Liquor License for 2020-2021

RESOLUTION No. 145-2020 – Authorize the Cancellation of Certain Tax Sale Certificates as Per Executive Order #190 and Refund Lien Holder for Erroneously Purchased Certificates, Premiums and/or Subsequent Water/Sewer Payments with a Refund Amount of \$778.78

RESOLUTION No. 146-2020 - Authorize the Cancellation of Certain Tax Sale Certificates as Per Executive Order #190 and Refund Lien Holder for Erroneously Purchased Certificates, Premiums and/or Subsequent Water/Sewer Payments with a Refund Amount of \$2,645.27

RESOLUTION No. 147-2020 - Acceptance of Resignation of Jim Burleigh

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

END CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION No. 148-2020 – Authorize a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Westville for Borough Administrator

Motion to accept – P. Moses
2nd - M. Mevoli
Roll Call Vote – 6-0

RESOLUTION No. 149-2020 – Authorization to Execute Contract for Borough Administrator

Motion to accept -P. McConnell
2nd J. McCleary
Roll Call Vote

RESOLUTION No. 150-2020 – Authorization to Execute Contract for Borough Administrative Employees (Tabled)

Motion to table – J. McCleary
2nd – M. Mevoli
All in favor - Carried

RESOLUTION No. 151-2020 – Directing and Authorizing the Brooklawn Planning Board to Undertake a Preliminary Investigation to Ascertain Whether Certain Properties and Areas Within the Borough of Brooklawn are in Need of Redevelopment

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

RESOLUTION No. 152-2020 – Directing and Authorizing the Brooklawn Planning Board to Undertake a Preliminary Investigation to Ascertain Whether a Certain Property and Area Within the Borough of Brooklawn is in Need of Redevelopment

Motion to accept – M. Mevoli
2nd – P. Moses
Roll Call Vote – 6-0

FIRE APPLICATIONS:

- Daniel P. Sears
- Andrew Huntsinger
- Tameer Hooper

Motion to accept – P. McConnell
2nd – J. Granstrom
All in favor - Carried

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

Date for upcoming Reorganization meeting was discussed, along with 2021 Council meeting dates and the change of dates for both January and February due to Federal holidays.

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$129,487.53

Motion – M. Mevoli
2nd – P. Moses
Approved through Roll Call Vote: 6-0

OPEN TO COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT HEADS: Mayor Branella thanked the Spirit Committee for their efforts in making this years Spirit of Giving Drive such a success and stated they will be acknowledged at the January Council meeting. Mayor Branella also thanked everyone involved in this years virtual tree lighting and stated she has received a lot of feedback on how nice it turned out in spite of the challenges this year. Mayor then announced the grand opening of Domino's Pizza and invited everyone to attend if they are able to. Mayor stated that Council committees would remain the same for 2021 with the addition of streets to the parks and playgrounds committee. Council member P. Moses stated the next Green Team meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2021. Council member M. Mevoli thanked everyone involved in the virtual tree lighting and stated it was a great success. Council member Mevoli also discussed the flooding situation that occurred on 2nd St, and suggested going forward that Public Works be notified if the situation was to happen in the future. Council member J. Granstrom stated the Public Works Department is doing a great job and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Council member J. Clotworthy thanked M. Ostrom for his efforts of shoveling sidewalks for some of our residents that needed the help during the recent snowfall. Council member Clotworthy also commended Administrator Giles on his efforts with the Public Works merger and mentioned the possibility of alternate mean of contact to get out the word to our residents on announcements and communications. Mayor stated we would look into that in the coming new year.

Council member P. McConnell thanked those involved with the success of the virtual tree lighting. Administrator Giles discussed the LOSAP program and also discussed the merger of both Public Works Department and stated that any hiccups will be worked out and the merger will be successful. Administrator Giles thanked everyone on Council for their support and the renewal of his contract. He thanked all departments for their efforts this past year and looks forward to a successful new year for the Borough.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Motion - P. Moses
2nd - P. McConnell
All in favor - Carried

Reorganization meeting scheduled for Monday, January 4, 2021 at 6:00 pm