

Public Meeting
July 20, 2020

Meeting was opened by Mayor Branella at 6:30pm. Those present were J. Clotworthy, M. Mevoli, P. Moses, J. Granstrom, and J. McCleary. 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: Emergency & Regular sessions held on June 5 and June 15, 2020

Motion – J. McCleary

2nd – M. Mevoli

All in Favor: Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion – P. Moses

2nd – M. Mevoli

All in Favor: Carried

CORRESPONDENCE None

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Greg Fusco stated that earlier in the month bids were received for the water treatment plant improvements. The lowest bid was B & H Contracting. They teamed up with Pioneer Pipe to complete the improvements. Once the resolution is approved, a pre-construction meeting will be scheduled.

Greg also stated the road construction contractor is hoping to begin working on the project next week.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Motion – M. Mevoli

2nd – J. McCleary

All in Favor: Carried

Jennifer Smith 219 Haakon Road stated there are problems with tenant on MacAdams Way. Jennifer spoke on behalf of her friend Selina Hart of 213 MacAdams Way. Selina then spoke and stated comments are made to her, and has given her a feeling of bullying and intimidation. Mike Ostrom of Public Works stated code enforcement violations with property have been addressed. Chief Ellis stated he is aware of the situation. Chief stated a file of complaint would be needed to take the matter to court

and let the judge decide. He also suggested to the resident, not to hesitate to call the police department and report incidents, so everything can be documented. Jennifer Smith also stated she has witnessed and has video of vehicles running the stop sign at Haakon and MacAdams Way. She expressed concerns especially for the children and also when school begins. Chief Ellis stated the intersection will be monitored going forward.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Motion - P. Moses
2nd - J. McCleary
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. 105-2020 - Authorize Chapter 159 in Municipal Budget for Clean Communities for \$4,000.00

RESOLUTION No. 106-2020 - Awarding a Contract to B & H Contracting, Inc. of Folsom, NJ for the Water Treatment Plant Improvements and Water Distribution System Rehabilitation - \$466,000.00

RESOLUTION No. 107-2020 - Authorization to Apply Municipal Lien

Motion - J. Granstrom
2nd - J. Clotworthy
Approved through Roll Call Vote: 6-0

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: #119,254.42

Motion - M. Mevoli
2nd - J. McCleary
Approved through Roll Call Vote: 6-0

COMMUNICATIONS: New signage in parks (safety reminders during Covid)
Brooklawn Fall Festival – Discussion of cancellation

Motion – M. Mevoli
2nd – P. Moses
All in favor: Carried

OPEN TO COUNCIL: J. McCleary stated newsletter is being printed and should be mailed shortly. August 12, is the preliminary launch date for the new website, with a full launch by September 1, 2020. Julie stated that Borough homes located at 403 Paris Ave. and 206 Haakon Rd. are both vacant properties. Julie stated she will be taking a look at these Borough homes and others in the coming week. J. Granstrom had no comments. P. Moses discussed the progress of Sustainable NJ and the selection of the representatives from each department. Patrick also mentioned the recent purchase of trees that will be planted. M. Mevoli discussed the recent baseball games and the problem with social distancing. Mike stated he reached out to the various coaches regarding this. Mayor Branella stressed the fact that we don't want to give the impression that the Borough condones this unsafe behavior by spectators. Mike also stated the Police Committee would be planning a preliminary zoom meeting regarding an additional Sargent for the Police Department. Mike discussed the cameras along Timber Blvd. J. Clotworthy mentioned the new signs at the parks are nice but there are also old signs that they are closed and some caution tape is still up. Mayor asked that the old signs and tape be removed. John also discussed the Census and gave the compliance number to date. John also discussed a possible chalk-a-thon in conjunction with the Census as a reminder of the importance to complete it. R. Giles gave an update on Public Works and also talked about the change of schedule for trash and recycle collection and that a letter would be going out to our residents, including a new magnet. Ryan also talked about the completion of the audit. He also stated there would be an exit conference shortly. Ryan stated the Administrative contract negotiations are coming up at the end of the year and the Committee needs to be determined. Mayor Branella mentioned a small business grant is available through Camden County Cares. Information is on the Camden County website.

Motion to Adjourn – P. Moses
2nd – J. McCleary
All in Favor: Carried

Next Council meeting scheduled for August 17, 2020