

Public Meeting
May 18, 2020

Meeting was opened by Mayor Branella at 6:30pm. Those present were J. Clotworthy, M. Mevoli, P. McConnell, 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: Regular session held on April 20, 2020

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion - J. Granstrom
2nd - M. Mevoli
All in Favor: Carried

CORRESPONDENCE None

PROCLAMATION FOR TAYLOR MOORE - Mayor Branella welcomed Taylor and her Mom Jenn to the Council meeting and talked about how Taylor was a great example of Brooklawn strong and had Taylor explain her goal of collecting canned goods for those in need during these difficult times. Taylor collected 882 food items. Mayor read the proclamation and congratulated Taylor on a job well done. Council members thanked Taylor for a wonderful accomplishment.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Greg Fusco discussed the NJDOT 2021 municipal aid application which is due July 1. Greg stated the application will ask for funding for phase 2 which will include 1st and 2nd streets and Lake Drive. He stated additional funds would be requested to address the drainage issue next to the Community Center. The application will be submitted after the resolution is adopted by Mayor and Council. Greg discussed the final voucher and final change order for the slip lining work regarding the sewer project. He stated the project is completed on the sewer side and when the final cancelled checks are submitted the final outlay can be submitted for a July loan closing. Greg stated more work was done than was in the original scope. He also stated he is waiting for authorization from the USDA for the water plant improvements and then will be able to move forward with advertising for the project. Greg also stated the Camden County Open Space Application was submitted on time.

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

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)

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RESOLUTION No. 94-2020 – Authorizing to Extend the Grace Period to Pay Second Quarter Real Estate Taxes Due May 1, 2020 to June 1, 2020

RESOLUTION No. 95-2020 – Authorization to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Dept. of Transportation for the FY2021 Municipal Aid Funding Program for the Reconstruction of Second Street/Lake Drive, Phase 2 from Phase 1 to Third Avenue and Storm Drainage Improvements to Second Street

RESOLUTION No. 96-2020 – Authorizing Change Order No. 5 to Decrease Contract by \$40,162.05 for U.S.D.A. Sliplining Project

RESOLUTION No. 97-2020 – Authorization to Apply Municipal Liens

RESOLUTION No. 98-2020 – Authorization to Adopt the 3-Year Cooperation Agreement with the County of Camden

RESOLUTION No. 99-2020 - Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of up to \$1,537,000 of General Obligation Bonds, USDA Series 2020A, of the Borough of Brooklawn; Making Certain Covenants to Maintain the Exemption of the Interest on Said Bonds from Federal Income Taxation; and Authorizing Such Further Actions and Making Such Determinations as May be Necessary or Appropriate to Effectuate the Issuance and Sale of the Bonds

RESOLUTION No. 100-2020 – Authorizing and Providing for the Incurrence of Indebtedness for the Purpose of Providing a Portion of the Cost of Acquiring, Constructing, Enlarging, Improving and/or Extending its Sanitary Sewer System

RESOLUTION No. 101-2020 – Authorization to Execute Police Chief Employment Contract (5 Year Agreement)

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$900,229.85

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

COMMUNICATIONS: American Legion Memorial Day Observance
Monday, May 25, 2020, 10am

American Red Cross Blood Drive – Thursday, June 4th 10-3pm
Community Center (No walks-ins, you must register online)

Fireworks will happen during Westville’s Fall Festival

Brooklawn Food Box located at Borough Hall

OPEN TO COUNCIL: P. McConnell stated that the 4th of July Celebration this year is cancelled and also gave an update on the dog park. P. Moses gave a Shade Tree update including a virtual tree planting for the school. Patrick also gave a Sustainable NJ update. M. Mevoli discussed the cameras throughout the Borough and discussed social distancing concerns especially with Memorial Day. The police committee met regarding the contract for Chief Ellis. J. Clothworthy gave an update on the Census. John asked what the plan was for some of our public areas. Mayor Branella stated we will be following the state’s lead on the situation. Mayor stated we will be receiving signs to put out as a reminder the importance of completing the census. J. McCleary discussed the Borough homes and the progress of finishing the current projects. Julie also talked about the street renaming and the possibility of bringing on the families to the next Council meeting to recognize the recipients. Julie also mentioned the website is coming along. Julie also asked if we could put information out on social media regarding bike safety. J. Granstrom addressed his concern the speed bumps on Timber Blvd. He specifically mentioned young children on bikes and an incident with a motorcycle that occurred. Chief Ellis discussed the situation and stated it can be addressed if we know who is causing the problem. Skip proposed the speed bumps be moved on either side of the stop signs and also run them from curb to curb so there is no gap. Mayor suggested that M. Mevoli, J. Granstrom and Chief Ellis get together to discuss a plan to resolve the issue and to include Greg Fusco. R. Giles stated a modified schedule is still in place in the office and that we will still remain closed to the public until further notice. Public works between both towns are still separated. Ryan asked everyone to make sure they have completed

their financial disclosures. Mayor closed the meeting by thanking everyone for all their efforts during these challenging times.

Motion to Adjourn – P. McConnell

2nd – P. Moses

All in Favor: Carried

Next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, July 20, 2020