

Public Meeting
October 19, 2020

Meeting was opened by Mayor Branella at 6:30pm. Those present were 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.

Mayor Branella asked for a moment of silence for former Councilman Bob Sliwa

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

SWEARING IN OF: Sergeant Michael Brewster

PROCLAMATION: Presented to Rotary International (World Polio Day)

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Greg Fusco stated there was a change order on the agenda for the restoration of 240 New Jersey Road. The work has been completed. Next month final change order and voucher for 405 Paris and 208 Hannevig will be submitted. There is a resolution on the agenda to close USDA Sewer project. Final paperwork will be submitted over the next few days. Base paved has been completed along Railroad Ave. Restoring sidewalks will begin immediately. 2nd Ave. concrete is complete and restoration will begin. Paving needs to be scheduled. 4th Ave. concrete work has started and hoping to get things completed by Thanksgiving. Contractor is working on the water plant with the hopes of completing the project sooner than anticipated.

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 – T. McConnell
2nd – P. Moses
All in Favor: Carried

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Motion – M. Mevoli
2nd – J. McCleary
All in favor: Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Hearing
(Introduced on September 21st, 2020)

ORDINANCE No. 5 - 2020 – Establish a Government-Private Energy Aggregation Program in the Borough of Brooklawn

Motion to table: P. Moses 2nd: M. Mevoli
All in favor

Public Hearing
(Introduced on September 21st, 2020)

ORDINANCE No. 6 - 2020 – Amending Chapter 141, Vehicles and Traffic, in the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn

Motion to Open to the Public: T. McConnell 2nd: P. Moses
Motion to Close to the Public: P. Moses 2nd: M. Mevoli
Motion to Adopt: By J. McCleary 2nd: P. Moses
Roll Call Vote: 5-0

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA

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. 118-2020 - Authorizing Change Order No. 1 from Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC for Work Performed on the 2020 Street Improvement Project

RESOLUTION No. 119-2020 - Authorization to Apply Municipal Lien

RESOLUTION No. 120-2020 - Authorizing Change Order No. 1 - Final for Renovations to Borough Home Located at 240 New Jersey Road

RESOLUTION No. 121-2020 - Establishment of a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) Deferred Compensation Plan for the Brooklawn Fire Company

RESOLUTION No. 122-2020 - Authorizing the Closing of the USDA Sewer Project and the Approval of the Grant Reimbursement Form

Motion to accept: J. McCleary
2nd P. McConnell
Roll Call Vote: 5-0

END CONSENT AGENDA

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

- Administrator R. Giles discussed the upcoming Election Day and encouraged everyone to vote. Ryan discussed the Election process and clarified questions that were brought up by Council.
- Mayor Branella discussed the Red Cross Blood Drive being held on Thursday, November 5th from 2 to 7 pm at the Community Center
- Mayor Branella discussed the holiday tree lighting and a creative way to celebrate safely. Councilman Moses suggested the possibility of virtual tree lighting. Mayor asked that the celebration committee get together to discuss a plan for this year's Christmas celebration.

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$774,073.72

Motion – P. Moses
2nd – P. McConnell
All in favor

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/DEPARTMENT HEADS

Fire Chief J. McKinney inquired about the next step regarding LOSAP. Administrator Ryan Giles explained the process. Chief McKinney requested resolutions be made available prior to the meeting. Administrator R. Giles stated, he is working on having a PDF file for everyone to access to view meeting documents and would be discussing the changes with Mayor Branella

Councilman Granstrom stated he is glad that there are cameras in place along Timber Blvd., as he recently had a situation with kids outside his home. He stated the cameras help when needing to review them for situations that occur. Councilman Granstrom thanked the Police Department for their assistance.

Councilman Moses stated, new trees will be planted in early November by Four Seasons nursery and also stated there will be a meeting scheduled with all green team representatives from each dept. in November to discuss the plan of action for Sustainable NJ certification.

Councilman Mevoli referenced the work that has begun on 4th St. and also discussed the improvements on Railroad Ave and 6th St. Both Administrator Giles and Mike Ostrom of Public Works addressed his questions and concerns.

Councilman McCleary stated the planned launch will be on the beginning of November and reminded those who have not completed their bios to please do so and also stated that Sandi Kelly is scheduling headshot photos for Council members and gave specific dates. Julie also thanked Mayor Branella for the World Polio proclamation presented to Rotary, and also talked about Rotary's upcoming event "Paws for the Cause" on November 1st.

Councilwoman McConnell discussed the opening of the Brooklawn Dog Park. She thanked Public Works for all their help, especially Gene Cufuni for his work on the project.

Mayor Branella stated the Councilman Clotworthy was unable to attend the meeting and presented a recap of the response percentages for the US Census.

Camden County (71.5%) National self-response (67%) New Jersey (69.5%) self-response Brooklawn's self-response (68.1%) Mayor stated that in spite of Covid, she felt that we had very results.

RESOLUTION No. 123-2020 - Executive Session for matters of purchase, lease or selling of real property

Motion - J. McCleary
2nd - M. Mevoli
All in favor: Carried

Motion to return to public meeting at 8:18 pm

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

RESOLUTION No. 124-2020 - Authorizing sale of former police detective car to the Borough of Westville for the amount of \$1.00

Motion - M Mevoli
2nd - P. Moses
Roll Call Vote: 5-0

RESOLUTION No. 125-2020 - Authorizing public auction for the sale of real property in the Borough of Brooklawn at 408 Paris Avenue

Motion - J. McCleary
2nd - P. McConnell
Roll Call Vote: 5-0

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

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

Next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2020