

Public Meeting
January 19, 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 December 21, 2020 & Reorganization - January 4, 2021

Motion - P. Moses

2nd - J. McCleary

All in Favor: Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion - P. McConnell

2nd - J. Granstrom

All in Favor: Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter received by Police Chief Shamus Ellis regarding Officer Cody Nicholas was read by Mayor Branella

PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION: To the Brooklawn Christmas Spirit Committee

AWARD PRESENTATION: To Officer Cody Nicholas

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Greg Fusco stated there are 2 actions on the agenda. The first reading of an Ordinance regarding revised Stormwater Management Control Regulations and change order no. 4 and voucher no. 4. Greg also stated Pershing Road work will commence once weather permits. Greg also stated the Borough received \$235,000 for phase 3 of Lake Drive/2nd Street project. Plans and specifications will begin as soon as possible. He stated the Water project is moving along. Greg inquired about the home application from the County. Greg stated a request for the water committee to get together for a discussion. Greg inquired if a decision was made on the height of the community garden fence. Administrator Giles stated a decision has not been made and will follow up regarding it.

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 - J. Granstrom
2nd - P. McConnell
All in favor - carried

John McKinney 113 Lake Drive stated he is having an issue with feral cats. Todd Twichell stated the current situation of the TNR program and stated he would contact Mr. McKinney and speak to him regarding his concern.

Motion to close - P. McConnell
2nd - J. McCleary
All in favor - carried

PRESENTATION BY MR. SINGH: Attorney David Hodulik representing Mr. Singh presented plans for the lot located at 299 Crescent Blvd. The plans were previously presented to the Planning & Zoning Board. Mr. Hodulik gave details of the improvements that would be made and stated it would be a lot to house cars that are being repaired. There was a discussion between Council and Attorney Hodulik who fielded questions. Mayor Branella stated we would like to continue the conversation and that the Borough would be in touch as to the next step.

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of:

ORDINANCE No. 1-2021 - COLA Ordinance for 2021

Introduction of:

ORDINANCE No. 2-2021 - Salary Ordinance

Introduction of:

ORDINANCE No. 3-2021 - Adopting Revised Stormwater Management Control Regulations

Introduction of:

ORDINANCE No. 4-2021- Establish a Government-Private Energy Aggregation Program in the Borough of Brooklawn

Introduction of:

ORDINANCE No. 5-2021 - Amending Chapter 72, Construction Codes, Uniform, for the Borough of Brooklawn, County of Camden, State of New Jersey

First Reading

Motion to Introduce: By P. McConnell 2nd J. McCleary

Roll Call Vote

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. 50-2021 Authorizing Tax Assessor to File, Stipulate, Settle Both Regular and Added/Omitted Tax Appeals, and Roll Back Tax Complaints for the Borough of Brooklawn

RESOLUTION No. 51-2021 – Authorization for Increase of Temporary 2021 Budget

RESOLUTION No. 52-2021 – Authorizing Change Order No. 4 from Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC for Work Performed on the 2020 Street Improvement Project – No increase or decrease

RESOLUTION No. 53-2021 – Approval of Telephone Allowance for Mayor and Council

RESOLUTION No. 54-2021 – Approval of Telephone Allowance and Travel Expenses for Certain Borough Employees

RESOLUTION No. 55-2021 - Approval to Pay Certain Bills Prior to Council Meetings

RESOLUTION No. 56-2021 - Authorize the Application of Bingo and Raffle License for Holy Angels Catholic School

RESOLUTION No. 57-2021 - Approving the Sale of Certain Land by the Borough of Brooklawn to Palus Regern Properties LLC and Authorizing the Execution of all Documents Necessary to Implement Said Sale

RESOLUTION No. 58-2021 - Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement by and Between the Borough of Brooklawn and the City of Gloucester Relative to the Short-Term Rentals of Certain Public Works Equipment by the Borough of Brooklawn

RESOLUTION No. 59-2021 - Authorize Appointment of Municipal Judge - Krisden McCrink

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

END CONSENT AGENDA

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION: Reminder of date change for February Council meeting to Tuesday, February 16, 2021

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$210,943.46

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

OPEN TO COUNCIL: Council President J. McCleary congratulated all those recognized at the meeting and stated how proud she is to be part of the Brooklawn Community. Council member McCleary also stated there are new tenants moving into 2 Borough homes and in addition would like to hopefully move forward with plans for the street dedications which were postponed due to the pandemic and hopefully that will be in the near future. Council member Moses commended Police Chief Ellis on the fantastic job by the police dept. and congratulated Officer Nicholas as well as the Spirit Committee.. P. Moses also stated the green team had a zoom meeting and plans are moving forward to distribute assignments to members and looks forward to Sustainable certification this year. Council member McConnell commented on the progress of the 2nd and 4th St.

projects. Council member Clotworthy stated the streets project looks great and also congratulated everyone acknowledged during the meeting. John also commented on the startup success of the green of team and thanked both Council members Moses and McCleary.

Council member Granstrom thanked Police Chief Ellis and the Police Dept. for their hard work. Council member Mevoli stated that Brooklawn has a fantastic Police Dept. and thanked everyone for all their hard work. He also stated we all have done a fantastic job as a team during the pandemic. Chief Shamus Ellis thanked everyone for their support. Mike Ostrom gave a Public Works update which included the trash truck situation. Mayor Branella thanked Chief Ellis on his departments hard work and how proud she is of Officer Nicholas. Mayor also mentioned there is a plan in the works to acknowledge our Borough employees going forward at our Council meetings. Mayor stated she would like Council members to come up with small projects for each committee and share their ideas with what they come up with. D. Clerk T. Twichell gave an update on the Borough's website and newsletter and stated he would follow up with Sandi Kelly on where we stand with the progress. Administrator Giles stated he is proud of those who volunteer in our community, especially the new generation of families that make up our community.

Motion to Adjourn – J. Granstrom
2nd – P. McConnell
All in Favor: Carried

Next Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 2021