

Public Meeting
September 21, 2020

Meeting was opened by Mayor Branella at 6:30pm. Those present were J. Clotworthy, M. Mevoli, 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 session held August 17, 2020

Motion - P. McConnell

2nd - P. Moses

All in Favor: Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion - P. Moses

2nd - P. McConnell

All in Favor: Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: 2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Letter - Administrator Giles discussed the letter received from the State of NJ regarding the acceptance of applications and the available funding.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Greg Fusco discussed the AT & T request for welding on the Brooklawn water tower. Administrator Giles asked that a letter be drafted that includes the request and the guidelines to follow for any work being done. Greg discussed the progress of the road improvement project. He stated Railroad Ave. is being worked on and then work will move to 2nd and 4th Streets. Councilman Mevoli asked about a timeline for the completion of the project. Mayor Branella stated the plans for the Community Garden have been submitted. Administrator Giles stated to Greg, he would like to have a chain link fence installed as part of the project.

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 - P. Moses

2nd - J. Clotworthy

All in Favor: Carried

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Motion - P. McConnell

2nd - P. Moses

All in favor: Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of:

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

First Reading

Motion to Accept - P. McConnell

2nd - J. Clotworthy

Roll Call Vote: 4-0

Introduction of:

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

First Reading

Motion to Accept - M. Mevoli

2nd - P. Moses

Roll Call Vote: 4-0

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. 112-2020 - Authorization to Apply Municipal Lien

RESOLUTION No. 113-2020 - Authorizing the Purchase of 2020 Ford F250 Pickup Truck and Equipment from All American Ford in Point Pleasant

RESOLUTION No. 114-2020 - Authorizing the Purchase of 2020 Ford F250 Pickup Truck and Equipment from the Borough of Westville

RESOLUTION No. 115-2020 - Authorize the Renewal of the 2020 - 2021 Liquor Licenses

Motion - P. Moses

2nd - M. Mevoli

Roll Call: Vote 4-0

END CONSENT AGENDA

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

- Non-Life Hazard Use Fees (see Google drive for correspondence from Fire Official Richard Thomas) Ryan discussed a letter received from Richard Thomas requesting the non-life hazard fee for this year be waived due to the pandemic. During a roll call vote of 4-0 this year's fire safety fee collection was suspension for 2020.
- Halloween: Mayor Branella stated the Borough will leave the decision up to parents if they choose to take their children trick or treating. There will be a forthcoming plan to distribute a sign to residents to place on their window or door who choose not to participate this year. Fire Chief John McKinney stated the Fire Dept. will set up tables and distribute hot dogs and candy between 3 and 7 pm.
- Diaper Drive: Police Chief Shamus Ellis discussed the Camden County Prosecutors Diaper Drive that continues through September 27th. He stated the drive has been very successful and thanked everyone for their donations. Mayor Branella encouraged everyone to consider a donation for the drive.

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$254,785.30

Motion - P. McConnell

2nd - M. Mevoli

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/DEPARTMENT HEADS

Councilman Moses stated that an email was sent to all participants on the NJ Sustainability Green team to allow access to the website and that dates are being coordinated for an initial zoom meeting with Sandi Kelly. He also stated that the Shade Tree Commission has new plantings scheduled for October. Councilman Moses also inquired about the opt out option for Aggregation Program. Councilwoman McConnell discussed the new dog park and Mayor Branella asked about new welcome packets for residents. Mayor also asked Councilwoman McConnell about being a liaison between the public works departments of Brooklawn and Westville. Administrator Giles stated he would discuss more details with her. No comments from Councilman Mike Mevoli. John Clotworthy discussed the 2020 Census and the increase in the percentage of replies for Brooklawn. He also stated the possibility of the Census being extended and that flyers have been passed out to residents to remind them to complete it. Councilman

Clotworthy asked if anyone can help distribute flyers, that there are still more available at Borough Hall.

Resolution # 116 - 2020 – Executive Session for Employment Matter regarding Police Promotion (Time in 7:00 pm Time Out 7:15 pm)

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

Resolution # 117 - 2020 – Appointment of Michael Brewster as Police Sergeant

Motion – M. Mevoli
2nd – P. McConnell
Roll Call Vote: 4-0

Motion to Adjourn Meeting – P. McConnell
2nd – M. Mevoli
All in Favor: Carried

Next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2020