

Public Meeting
February 16, 2021

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 Session – January 19, 2021
Special Meeting – January 27, 2021

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

ENGINEER’S REPORT: Greg Fusco stated he will need a copy of the Stormwater Ordinance Revisions to send to the County. Greg stated Kei will be processing the application for discretionary aid for the water main crossing. Greg stated the water project plant improvements have been completed and we are now waiting to get out on the state highway when the weather cooperates. Voucher 2 and change order 3 are on the agenda. Greg stated he had a conversation with Patrick regarding rain water garden near the inlet on Pershing Road. He stated he will provide more information as the project moves along. He also stated there nothing to report on the roads project due to the weather.

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

Motion to close – M. Mevoli
2nd – J. McCleary

All in favor - carried

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Hearing:

(Introduced on January 19, 2021)

ORDINANCE No. 1-2021 - COLA Ordinance for 2021

Motion to Open to the Public: P. Moses 2nd: M. Mevoli

Motion to Close to the Public: P. McConnell 2nd: M. Mevoli

Adoption/Action

Motion to Adopt: M. Mevoli 2nd: P. McConnell

Roll Call Vote

Public Hearing:

(Introduced on January 19, 2021)

ORDINANCE No. 2-2021 - Salary Ordinance

Motion to Open to the Public: J. Granstrom 2nd: J. McCleary

Motion to Close to the Public: J. Granstrom 2nd: M. Mevoli

Adoption/Action

Motion to Adopt: P. McConnell 2nd: J. McCleary

Roll Call Vote

Public Hearing:

(Introduced on January 19, 2021)

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

Motion to Open to the Public: P. Moses 2nd: M. Mevoli

Motion to Close to the Public: M. Mevoli 2nd: J. Granstrom

Adoption/Action

Motion to Adopt: P. Moses 2nd: P. McConnell

Roll Call Vote

Public Hearing:

(Introduced on January 19, 2021)

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

Motion to Open to the Public: J. McCleary 2nd: P. McConnell

Motion to Close to the Public: P. Moses 2nd: P. McConnell

Adoption/Action

Motion to Adopt: P. McConnell 2nd: J. McCleary

Roll Call Vote

Public Hearing:

(Introduced on January 19, 2021)

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

Motion to Open to the Public: J. Granstrom 2nd: P. Moses

Motion to Close to the Public: J. Granstrom 2nd: P. McConnell

Adoption/Action

Motion to Adopt: J. Granstrom 2nd: M. Mevoli

Roll Call Vote

Public Hearing:

(Introduced on January 27, 2021 – Special Council Meeting)

ORDINANCE No. 6-2021 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of a Trash Truck for the Borough of Brooklawn - \$200,000

Motion to Open to the Public: M. Mevoli 2nd: P. Moses

Motion to Close to the Public: M. Mevoli 2nd: P. McConnell

Adoption/Action

Motion to Adopt: J. Granstrom 2nd: M. Mevoli
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. 61-2021 – Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement by and Between the Borough of Audubon Park and the Borough of Brooklawn Relative to the Services of a Tax Collector and Qualified Purchasing Agent by and for the Borough of Audubon Park

RESOLUTION No. 62-2021 – Authorizing Membership for the Borough of Brooklawn to Enter into a Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with Participating Units

RESOLUTION No. 63-2021 - Authorize Application for CDBG Program Year 2021

RESOLUTION No. 64-2021 – Authorizing the Cancellation of Unused Grant Balances in the Municipal General Ledger

RESOLUTION No. 65-2021 – Authorizing Change Order No. 3 from B & H Contractors for Work Performed on the Water Treatment Plant Improvements with an Increase Amount of \$8,284.50

RESOLUTION No. 66-2021 – Authorizing Application and Agreement for 2021 Local Aid Infrastructure Funding

Motion to accept – J. Clotworthy
2nd – P. McConnell
Roll Call Vote 6-0

END CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$284,502.17

Motion – P. Moses

2nd – J. McCleary

Approved through Roll Call Vote: 6-0

OPEN TO COUNCIL: Council member Granstrom stated he has had conversations with neighbors along the waterfront including a new flag pole and suggested a regular meeting with those residents with new ideas and then would present the ideas to council in the future. Council member Clotworthy discussed his role in Sustainable NJ and also would like to come up with a plan to focus on promoting the small businesses in Brooklawn. Council member Mevoli discussed the police dept. rules and regulations and Gloucester Catholic making improvements on the Barth baseball field including a new scoreboard. Council member McConnell suggested improvements along Browning Road including planting trees or adding lamp posts. Council President McCleary stated the new website is up and looks great. Council member McCleary also discussed the quarterly newsletter and getting on a tighter schedule with Sandi Kelly. Julie asked if it possible to replace the lights along Pershing Road especially while the Pershing street project is going on. Council President McCleary discussed the potential for marketing not only our businesses, but also our properties in the Borough. Council member McCleary requested Administrator Giles to set up a meeting regarding a tenant issue. Council member Moses discussed the progress of Sustainable NJ and also stated if help is needed with the Marketing Committee that he would happy to help. Public Works Superintendent Mike Ostrom stated the water plant is coming along great and that the project will serve our community well for years to come. Mike also stated Tom Carbin was promoted to a Foreman position. Mike also confirmed with the upcoming snow event we are expecting that the roads will be brined. Administrator Giles discussed a shared service agreement with Merchantville for trash collection. Ryan discussed with Council the abandoned properties in Brooklawn and Westville and that a list that will be compiled by Gene Cufuni so that these properties can be addressed. Ryan stated he would like to discuss the 2021 Municipal Budget with the finance committee prior to introducing it at the March meeting. Ryan stated he needs to have a meeting with the water committee. Mayor Branella thanked Administrator Ryan on his continuing efforts with the budget each year.

Motion to Adjourn – P. McConnell

2nd – P. Moses

All in Favor: Carried

Next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, March 15, 2021