

Public Meeting  
March 15, 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 -

Motion - J. Clotworthy  
2<sup>nd</sup> - P. Moses  
All in Favor: Carried

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Motion - P. McConnell  
2<sup>nd</sup> - J. McCleary  
All in Favor: Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Greg Fusco stated on the agenda is approval of resolution authorizing application for the Camden County Open Space application for 2021, and approval for a voucher no. 3 and change order no. 4 for the water treatment plant project. Greg stated he is preparing to submit application for water main connector project. Greg also discussed ground water.

**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  
2<sup>nd</sup> - M. Mevoli  
All in favor - carried

Colin MacAdams 105 Timber Blvd. addressed Council about his concerns about the danger of making a turn onto New Broadway due to the location of the bus shelter. Mr. MacAdams contacted NJ Transit and was advised to submit a request for the shelter to be moved. Mayor Branella stated we would contact NJ Transit to request the box not be blocked by their drivers. Mr. MacAdams stated that even when buses move up and do not block the bus that there is still an issue with obstruction and makes it difficult to make turns and suggested that the stop possibly be relocated. Mr. MacAdams also discussed

his concerns with those that sleep in the bus shelters. Chief Ellis encouraged the resident to please call the Brooklawn Police when he sees this.

Anthony Seriack 11 Parkview Drive Warren, NJ stated he is in contract to purchase 310 Crescent Blvd. to open a storage facility. Mr. Seriack stated he has been in touch with the Planning and Zoning secretary. Solicitor Higgins explained to Mr. Seriack the process that needs to happen in order to move forward.

Motion to close - P. Moses  
2<sup>nd</sup> - J. McCleary  
All in favor - carried

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Introduction of:**

2021 Municipal Budget by Title Only

First Reading  
Motion to Introduce: J. Clotworthy  
2<sup>nd</sup> J. Granstrom  
Roll Call Vote: 6-0

#### **Introduction of:**

**ORDINANCE No. 7-2021** - Amending Chapter 72, Construction Codes, Uniform, for the Borough of Brooklawn, County of Camden, State of New Jersey

First Reading  
Motion to Introduce: P. McConnell  
2<sup>nd</sup> J. McCleary  
Roll Call Vote: 6-0

### ***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. 67-2021** - Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Mount Ephraim for a Building Inspector

**RESOLUTION No. 68-2021** - Authorize Brooklawn Arbor Day for 2021

**RESOLUTION No. 69-2021** - Authorization to Oppose the Gibbstown Logistics Terminal and Liquefied Natural Gas Shipments

**RESOLUTION No. 70-2021** - Authorizing the Submission of the Application for Round 2021 Camden County Recreation Facility Enhancement Funding for Improvements to the Field of Dreams and Joseph W. Barth Sr. Legion Baseball Field

**RESOLUTION No. 71-2021** - Authorizing Change Order No. 4 from B & H Contracting for Work Performed on the Water Treatment Plan Improvements and Water Distribution System Rehabilitation - with an Increase of \$12,116.50

Motion to table Resolution No. 69-2021  
Motion: M. Mevoli  
2<sup>nd</sup> J. Granstrom

Motion to accept: P. Moses  
2<sup>nd</sup> J. Granstrom  
Roll Call Vote: 6-0

**END CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$476,651.99**

Motion to accept: M. Mevoli  
2<sup>nd</sup> P. Moses  
Roll Call Vote: 6-0

**COMMENTS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Council member P. Moses stated May 1, 2021 will be the Arbor Day Tree Dedication and discussed the progress of Sustainable NJ. Council member M. Mevoli discussed the new scoreboard at Barth Baseball Field and gave details regarding the fundraising for it and installation. Council member P. McConnell stated there will be a virtual jellybean contest this year for Easter and also discussed the spotted lantern bug problem and recruiting volunteers to help remove the tree deposits before they hatch and create a larger problem. Council member McConnell inquired about the D.A.R.E. program and who the contact person is for that. Council President J. McCleary stated the Borough Homes Committee had a meeting regarding a tenant issue and a good resolution was found and resolved. Council President McCleary gave a progress report on Borough homes and projects/repairs that are being completed. J. McCleary also thanked Council member P. Moses for the idea of working on a rain garden in collaboration with Rotary Club. Council member Clotworthy thanked Administrator Giles for his efforts with the new budget and stated it was a good learning experience to work on the committee. John also gave an update on his progress toward Sustainable NJ and also discussed business development, in particular Victoria Square. J. Clotworthy also discussed the possibility of a food truck festival with safety precautions in place. Council member J. Granstrom spoke about input he is receiving from residents regarding ideas about our waterfront and would have more information to share at the next meeting. Police Chief Shamus Ellis discussed the online participation that the police department has been participating in with NCMEC (National Center for Missing and Exploited Children) M. Ostrom gave a Public Works update and stated the merger is going very well. He also mentioned there is an incentive of a one-thousand-dollar grant through the County by holding a shredding event. M. Ostrom also stated the Community Center is reopened to NJ Water Association with all CDC guidelines in place. Mayor Branella through the American Rescue Plan, the Borough of Brooklawn will receive \$190,000 for services and improvements and Alice Costello School will receive 1.2 million dollars. Administrator R. Giles discussed solar fields. Ryan discussed investing in the Jimmy Cerrone field by investing in a small stage and utilizing the area for performances and events. Ryan also discussed the upcoming Centennial for the Borough of Brooklawn. Administrator Giles gave a public works update and then discussed the need for new body cameras for the police department as well as a new police vehicle. Ryan stated at the next meeting there will be an authorization for a Capital Bond Ordinance in the amount of \$390,250 to cover the various projects he discussed in details. Email will be sent regarding financial disclosures soon.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: P. Moses  
2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Clotworthy  
All in favor

*Next meeting scheduled for Monday, April 19, 2021*