

Public Meeting  
April 19, 2021

Meeting was opened by Mayor Branella at 6:30pm. Those present were J. Clotworthy, J. McCleary, 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 & Executive Session of March 15, 2021

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

N/A

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Greg Fusco stated there was an action item to approve Voucher No. 5 and Change Order No. 5 for Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC. Greg also stated the adopted Stormwater Control Ordinance was sent to the County Planning Board for review. Greg stated a meeting with Senator Cruz-Perez took place to discuss possible funding for the water connection with Westville and that the Discretionary Aid application has been completed. Greg also discussed the N.J.D.O.T. Municipal Aid Application and 2020 street improvement program.

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

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

**BUDGET:**

**RESOLUTION No. 72-2021** - Authorization to Participate in the Budget Self Examination for the Year 2021

Motion to accept - J. McCleary  
2<sup>nd</sup> - J. Clotworthy  
Roll Call Vote: 5-0

**RESOLUTION No. 73-2021** - Authorization to Read Municipal Budget by Title Only

Motion to accept - M. Mevoli  
2<sup>nd</sup> - P. Moses  
Roll Call Vote: 5-0

**Adoption of 2021 Municipal Budget:**

Motion to Open to the Public By - P. Moses  
2<sup>nd</sup> - P. McConnell  
Motion to Close to the Public By - M. Mevoli  
2<sup>nd</sup> - J. McCleary

Adoption:  
Motion to Adopt By - J. McCleary  
2<sup>nd</sup> - J. Clotworthy  
Roll Call Vote: 5-0

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Public Hearing:**

(Introduced March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021)

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

Motion to Open to the Public By - M. Mevoli  
2<sup>nd</sup> - P. McConnell  
Motion to Close to the Public By - P. Moses  
2<sup>nd</sup> - J. McCleary

Adoption:  
Motion to Adopt By - J. McCleary  
2<sup>nd</sup> - J. Clotworthy  
Roll Call Vote: 5-0

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Introduction of:**

**ORDINANCE No. 8-2021** - Authorizing Capital Ordinance in the amount of \$545,000

First Reading:

Motion to Introduce: By -M. Mevoli

2<sup>nd</sup> - J. McCleary

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

**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. 74-2021** - Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Somerdale for the Disposal of Solid Waste

**RESOLUTION No. 75-2021** - Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement by and Between the Borough of Bellmawr and the Boroughs of Audubon, Barrington, Brooklawn, Collingswood, Haddon Heights, Magnolia, Mount Ephraim and Runnemede for the Purchase of a Critical Incident Team Response Cargo Van Pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1

**RESOLUTION No. 76-2021** - Authorizing Refund of Overpayment of Taxes

**RESOLUTION No. 77-2021** - Authorizing Borough Homes Rental Increase

**RESOLUTION No. 78-2021** - Authorizing Purchase of Police Body Worn Cameras

**RESOLUTION No. 79-2021** - Authorizing Change Order No. 5 from Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC for work performed on the 2020 Street Improvement Program with no increase or decrease

**END CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$900,774.23**

Motion – P. Moses

2<sup>nd</sup> – P. McConnell

Approved through Roll Call Vote: 5-0

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

Councilman Patrick Moses discussed the 2 upcoming Arbor Day events planned for both the Alice Costello School and resident tree dedication and invited everyone to the event. He also gave a brief update on Sustainable NJ as well as the rain garden plan in collaboration with Rotary Club. Councilman John Clotworthy commented on the Easter bunny drive by and thanked those involved. Council President Julie McCleary gave an update on Borough Homes and discussed the renovations taking place and stated she is very pleased with the progress. Council member Patricia McConnell discussed the Easter Bunny drive by and stated it was a success in spite of the pandemic and also stated that the coloring book hand out to the kids was a nice touch. Council member Mike Mevoli echoed the same comments regarding the Easter celebration and thanked everyone involved for making it happen including the police and fire departments, then briefly discussed the ball fields and gave an update on the new scoreboard. Mike Ostrom gave a public works update. Mayor Branella stated she was happy with the Easter event and thanked those involved. Mayor also thanked members of the Gloucester High National Honor Society for their help with cleaning up Brooklawn's waterfront and stated she wants to invite them to a future Council meeting to be recognized. Mayor also stated she would like to have a town wide cleanup day with volunteers, including members of the Brooklawn United Methodist Church. Further discussion and a date would be determined. Administrator Ryan Giles discussed the Capital Ordinance that was introduced in more detail. Following Executive Session Administrator Giles discussed Ordinances 9 & 10 (water & sewer) before introduction.

**RESOLUTION No. 80-2021** – Executive Session on Personnel (7:41 pm)

Motion - M. Mevoli  
2<sup>nd</sup> - J. Clotworthy  
All in Favor – Carried

Motion to go back into Public Session at 8:06pm – M. Mevoli  
2<sup>nd</sup> – P. Moses  
All in Favor: Carried

**Introduction of:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 9-2021** – Amending Chapter 118, Sewer, of the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn, County of Camden, State of New Jersey

First Reading:  
Motion to Introduce: By: P. McConnell  
2<sup>nd</sup> – P. Moses  
Roll Call Vote: 5-0

**Introduction of:**

**ORDINANCE No. 10-2021** – Amending Chapter 145, Water, of the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn, County of Camden. State of New Jersey

First Reading:  
Motion to Introduce: By -M. Mevoli  
2<sup>nd</sup> – J. McCleary  
Roll Call Vote: 5-0

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:**

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

*Next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 17, 2021*