

Public Meeting
May 17, 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. J. Granstrom arrived at 6:57 pm

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 April 19, 2021

Motion - J. Clotworthy
2nd - P. McConnell
All in Favor: Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion - P. Moses
2nd - M. Mevoli
All in Favor: Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Branella read two letters received from residents thanking the Brooklawn Police Department

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Greg Fusco stated N.J.D.O.T. has announced that applications for the 2022 street and road projects are due to be submitted before the deadline of July 1, 2021. There was a discussion regarding possible streets in need of restoration. Greg stated he has not heard from Kimberly Nance regarding the connector project. Mayor Branella stated she would reach out to her regarding additional information. Greg discussed the County Open Space Program and the recent meeting with Jack Sworaski. Mayor Branella discussed the bulkhead and the seeds that were put down and stated we need something that is low maintenance.

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. McConnell
2nd - J. Clotworthy
All in favor - carried

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Hearing: Tabled from April 19th, 2021

(Introduced March 15th, 2021)

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

TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING

Motion to Open to the Public By _____ 2nd _____

Motion to Close to the Public By _____ 2nd _____

Adoption:

Motion to Adopt By _____ 2nd _____

Roll Call Vote

Public Hearing:

(Introduced April 19, 2021)

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

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

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

Adoption:

Motion to Adopt By: P. Moses 2nd: J. McCleary

Roll Call Vote: 6-0

Public Hearing:

(Introduced April 19, 2021)

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

Motion to Open to the Public By: M/ Mevoli 2nd: J. McCleary

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

Adoption:

Motion to Adopt By: J. Clotworthy 2nd: P. Moses

Roll Call Vote: 6-0

Public Hearing:

(Introduced April 19, 2021)

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

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

Adoption:
Motion to Adopt By: M/ Mevoli 2nd: P. McConnell
Roll Call Vote: 6-0

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of:
ORDINANCE No. 11-2021 - Establishment of a Green Development Checklist for Major Development (In Title Only)

First Reading
Motion to Introduce: By: P. Moses 2nd: P. McConnell
Roll Call Vote: 6-0

Introduction of:
ORDINANCE No. 12-2021 - Regulating Outdoor Lighting in the Borough of Brooklawn (In Title Only)

First Reading
Motion to Introduce: By: P. Moses 2nd: M. Mevoli
Roll Call Vote: 6-0

Introduction of:
ORDINANCE No. 13-2021 - Adding Chapter 121A, Smoking in Public Areas, in the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn

First Reading
Motion to Introduce: By: M/ Mevoli 2nd: J. Granstrom
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. 81-2021 – Authorizing Support for New Jersey’s Wildlife Plan

RESOLUTION NO. 82-2021 – Authorizing a Sustainable Land Use Pledge

RESOLUTION NO. 83-2021 - Authorization Designating the Borough of Brooklawn an Idle-Free Zone

RESOLUTION NO. 84-2021 - Authorization to Apply Municipal Lien

Motion to accept: P. Moses 2nd: J. McCleary

Roll Call Vote: 6-0

END CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$918,151.13

Motion to accept – P. Moses

2nd – P. McConnell

Approved through Roll Call Vote: 6-0

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/DEPARTMENT HEADS

Council member J. McCleary gave an update on Borough Homes including the painting of 2 homes. Julie stated we need to raise the standards of our Borough Homes and set the example for all our residents. Council member Mevoli thanked the Police Department for all their efforts and congratulated the Department on the letters received by our residents. All is going well with the baseball fields and that the new scoreboard is going up. Councilmember P. Moses discussed the success of both the recent Arbor Day tree dedications. Patrick gave a Sustainable NJ update and also stated he would be contacting Council member J. McCleary regarding rain garden collaboration with Rotary Club. Patrick also stated the Borough received two proclamations for the work that the Shade Tree Commission has accomplished. Council member P. McConnell discussed the upcoming plans for the fireworks on June 26th. Trish stated the fireworks, food trucks and DJ would be our official celebration for 2021 and also announced we will have the Fall Festival. Deputy Clerk T. Twichell gave an update on upcoming events. Council member J. Granstrom mentioned the upcoming yard sale on Saturday, June 5, 2021. Council member J. Clotworthy thanked everyone involved in the recent tree dedication for J. Cerrone. John also discussed his role with Sustainable NJ and thanked those departments

he is working with. John stated he has spoken with Mr. Singh of Victoria Square and the possible sale of the property. Council member Clothworthy discussed the possibility of a couple of summer outdoor food trucks events. Fire Chief McKinney stated the Fire Department may get involved in the yard sale this year. Police Chief Ellis apologized for his phone connection. Administrator Ryan Giles discussed Alice Costello school graduation and a car parade they would like to have. Ryan stated the budget exit conference took place with no findings. The audit will be accepted at the next Council meeting. Ryan discussed the school taxes and what the change is anticipated to be. Ryan asked about the Borough Home property located on MacAdams Way. Council member McCleary stated she would like to see the property sold so the money can be used to improve the existing Borough Homes.

RESOLUTION NO. 85-2021 - Executive Session on Personnel (formal action)

Motion: J. Granstrom
2nd: P. McConnell
All in favor: Carried

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: P. Moses
2nd: P. McConnell
All in favor: Carried

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, June 21, 2021