

Public Meeting
July 19, 2021

Meeting was opened by Mayor Branella at 6:30pm. Those present were J. McCleary, M. Mevoli, J. Granstrom, P. McConnell, J. Clotworthy
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 on June 21, 2021

**Motion to accept P. McConnell 2nd M. Mevoli
All In Favor**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Motion to accept J. Clotworthy 2nd P. McConnell
All In Favor**

CORRESPONDENCE: Deputy Clerk stated Gloucester City High School received their recent proclamation and was very pleased to be a part of the June Council meeting. The group also stated they plan to make the Brooklawn cleanup day an annual occurrence.

ENGINEER'S REPORT - Greg Fusco stated there is a change order final for the work completed at 208 S. Hannevig and 405 Paris Ave. on the agenda for approval. Contractor representatives from USDA had a meeting and went through final requirements for the project close out. Greg stated Kelly Evans will be communicating with both Ryan and Todd on any final paperwork that will be needed.

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 J. Granstrom 2nd M. Mevoli
All in Favor**

**Motion to close M. Mevoli 2nd J. Granstrom
All in Favor**

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Hearing:

(Introduced June 7, 2021 – Special Meeting)

ORDINANCE No. 14-2021 - Permitting the Operation of Class 5 Cannabis Businesses and Prohibiting the Operation of all Other Classes of Cannabis Businesses Within the Borough of Brooklawn

**Motion to Open to the Public By M. Mevoli 2nd J. Clotworthy
Motion to Close to the Public By P. McConnell 2nd J. McCleary**

Adoption:

**Motion to Adopt By J. Clotworthy 2nd P. McConnell
Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

Public Hearing:

(Introduced June 7, 2021 – Special Meeting)

ORDINANCE No. 15-2021 - Amending Article II of Chapter 150, Zoning, in the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn

**Motion to Open to the Public By M. Mevoli 2nd P. McConnell
Motion to Close to the Public By M. Mevoli 2nd J. Clotworthy**

Adoption:

**Motion to Adopt By J. Clotworthy 2nd P. McConnell
Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

Public Hearing:

(Introduced June 21, 2021)

ORDINANCE No. 16-2021 – Vacating Portions of a Certain Right-Of Ways Within the Borough of Brooklawn

**Motion to Open to the Public By M. Mevoli 2nd P. McConnell
Motion to Close to the Public By M. Mevoli 2nd J. Granstrom**

Adoption:

**Motion to Adopt By J. Clotworthy 2nd J. Granstrom
Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

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. 98-2021 – Authorizing Acceptance of 2020 Audit

RESOLUTION NO. 99-2021 – Authorizing Cancellation of Prior Year Outstanding Checks

RESOLUTION NO. 100-2021 – Authorizing Dedication by Rider for LOSAP

RESOLUTION NO. 101-2021 – Authorization to Apply Municipal Lien

RESOLUTION NO. 102-2021 – Authorizing Change Order No. 5 – Final for Work Performed by M.D. Remodeling, LLC for the Building Renovation Projects: Renovations to Borough Homes at 208 S. Hannevig Avenue and 405 Paris Avenue with an Increase of \$9,010.00

RESOLUTION NO. 103-2021 – Authorizing the Adoption of Rules and Regulations for the Brooklawn Police Department

RESOLUTION NO. 104-2021 – Authorization Directing the Planning Board of the Borough of Brooklawn to Prepare and Adopt a Master Plan Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28 ET SEQ.

RESOLUTION NO. 105-2021 – Authorizing Refund to Lien Holder for Erroneously Applied Subsequent Tax Payments

RESOLUTION NO. 106-2021 – Authorize Establishing the Fees for Police Services Pursuant to Chapter 39-9 of the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn

RESOLUTION NO. 106A-2021 – Authorize Agreement 2022 Local Aid Infrastructure Funding Program for Fourth Street – Phase 2

**Motion to accept P. McConnell 2nd M. Mevoli
Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

END CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$202,486.17

Motion - M. Mevoli

2nd - J. Clotworthy

Approved through Roll Call Vote: 5-0

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/DEPARTMENT HEADS

Deputy Superintendent M. Ostrom stated summer projects and keeping things clean are going well, as well as working with 45 feet of sewer lateral was completed at a Borough home. Quarry blend has been ordered to complete the walking path. Mike discussed the maintenance of the ballfields that he has discussed with M. Mevoli. Chief Shamus Ellis stated Tom Persechino begins his class Officer Gundle is kicking off a trading card program and will launch it at the Brooklawn Fall Festival. Chief Ellis stated he wants to have arrows in the area of Haakon Road along the 130 South where traffic merges from 3 lanes to 2 lanes. Chief Ellis stated that M. Ostrom has been in contact with the state regarding this issue. Councilman Granstrom commended the public works department for their hard work and also thanked the Brooklawn Police Department as well. Council member Clotworthy gave an update on Sustainable NJ. Council member McConnell stated the great job and efforts by Public Works Department and also stated a possible August event would be nice. Council member Mevoli thanked the public works for their hard work this summer and that the Borough looks very good. Council member Mevoli discussed the Legion ball field and some improvements they would like to make and stated he would like to have a meeting with Mayor Branella and Administrator Giles so they can make a presentation of the improvements they would like to make. Mike also discussed the Cerrone Field and a discussion he had with Greg Evans on the possible redesign of the area. M. Mevoli also discussed the Delta variance and his concerns regarding live meetings. Council President McCleary thanked the public works department for their hard work, especially with the challenging heat conditions. J. McCleary gave an update on the Borough Homes and the renovations that continue. J. McCleary thanked everyone involved in the Sustainable NJ and the great job accomplishing everything. Julie also reminded everyone of a Rotary event happening on July 29th at Vitale's restaurant. Administrator Giles discussed the amusement licenses and asked Council if the fees for 2021 should be waived and it was agreed that the fees would be waived for this year. Ryan stated the tax rate was struck and it resulted in a tax decrease and gave details of the reason for the decrease. Administrator Giles asked to be kept in the loop regarding the Cerrone Field. Administrator Giles discussed the heat related incidents with public works in both Westville and Brooklawn. Ryan stated cooling hats were purchased for the employees. Deputy Clerk T. Twichell stated the Fall Festival is coming along with the planning stages. Mayor Branella discussed the County Veteran Affairs Services event that took place recently at the Brooklawn American Legion for a medal service.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

**Motion M. Mevoli
2nd P. McConnell
All in favor**

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, August 16, 2021