

Public Meeting
August 16, 2021

Meeting was opened by Mayor Branella at 6:30pm. Those present were J. McCleary, M. Mevoli, J. Granstrom, P. Moses, 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 July 19, 2021

Motion to accept: J. Clotworthy 2nd: J. McCleary
All In Favor: Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion to accept: M. Mevoli 2nd: P. Moses
All In Favor: Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

ENGINEER'S REPORT - Greg Evans stated there were no action items on this month's Engineer's Report. Greg requested the governing body allow for scheduling of the fieldwork project for the fall for the FY2021 Municipal Aid project. (2nd phase of 2nd St./Lake Drive) Greg stated for the 2020 Street Improvement Program that the sod work would be completed by the fall if not sooner depending on the weather, so the project can then be closed out. Greg discussed the Open Space Application. Greg also discussed the USDA Water Improvements, stating all requirements will be completed and submitted to Ms. Deb Tort by the end of the week.

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. McCleary 2nd: J. Granstrom
All in Favor: Carried

Mr. Bob Sobel from VHB Civil Engineering and Environmental Firm attended the Council meeting to answers questions from Mayor and Council in regards to the grant application that VHB will be submitting on behalf of the Borough of Brooklawn pertaining to the property located at 609 Woodbury-Gloucester Pike.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of:

ORDINANCE No. 17-2021 - Adding Article III to Chapter 130, Taxation, in the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn

First Reading

Motion to Introduce: By: J. Granstrom 2nd: P. Moses

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. 107A-2021 - Authorization to Apply Municipal Lien

RESOLUTION NO. 108-2021 - Resolution Supporting Redevelopment at 609 New Broadway (Block 110 Lot 1) aka 609 Woodbury - Gloucester Pike - Brooklawn Borough, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 109-2021 - Authorizing to Opt in to Examination Exemption Civil Service Hiring Procedures

RESOLUTION NO. 110-2021 - Approving Participation in the State of New Jersey Body - Worn Camera Grant Program

Motion to accept: P. Moses 2nd: M. Mevoli

Roll Call Vote: 6-0

END CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$401,560.35

Motion to accept: M. Mevoli 2nd: J. McCleary

Roll Call Vote: 6-0

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Council President J. McCleary discussed Borough Homes and gave an update on the progress of renovations to date. Julie also gave an update on the Brooklawn newsletter and stated she would like a meeting with Sandi Kelly in September regarding future time lines and completion of the newsletter. Council member McCleary stated the street naming that has been delayed due to the pandemic will take place during the Fall Festival. Council member M. Mevoli stated there was a recent incident at the Empire Diner where a customer was choking while eating and was assisted by owner Dervis Akturk who sprang into action to help by performing the Heimlich maneuver. Mayor Branella suggested posting the news story on Facebook. Chief Shamus Ellis discussed the Body Worn Cameras. Council member J. Granstrom stated on a recent walk that there were a few people cleaning along the boat ramp. Council member Granstrom stated they were not Brooklawn residents, but that they visit Brooklawn often and enjoy the waterfront and took it upon themselves to clean up. Council member J. Clotworthy stated if anyone needs help with any projects that he is there to help. Council member P. Moses gave an update on both the Shade Tree Commission and Sustainable New Jersey. M. Ostrom reported all is good with Public Works, keeping up with regular summer maintenance Mike stated an upgrade was done to the garden at water works, freshening up the mulch and rock garden. Mayor Branella stated some ongoing projects including do not knock need to be revisited. Mayor Branella requested Council Members to think about other projects that were discussed in the past. Police Chief Ellis stated about 40 residents have requested stickers "Do Not Knock" stickers. Mayor Branella requested the information be shared on Facebook. Mayor also inquired about the welcome packet and getting them out to new residents and to inquire with Maria Branson to provide addresses. Mayor Branella stated Tim Higgins will be drafting a letter in support of the new cannabis business coming to Brooklawn. Administrator Giles read a letter of support from a resident thanking Public Works for their hard work and efforts. The auction for 217 MacAdams Way was held and one bid of \$45,000 was submitted. Administrator Giles shared with Council the information regarding the plants for the Pershing Road bulkhead and also shared images showing what plants that will be used for the project.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

**Motion: P. Moses 2nd: J. Clotworthy
All in favor**

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, September 20, 2021