

Public Meeting
September 20, 2021

Meeting was opened by Mayor Branella at 6:30 pm. 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 & Executive Session Held on August 16, 2021

**Motion to accept: J. McCleary 2nd: P. Moses
All In Favor: Carried**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE: There is a lot of buzz regarding upcoming Fall Festival

ENGINEER'S REPORT - Greg Evans stated there were no action items on this month's report. Greg stated he received a call from Mayor Branella regarding the firehouse taking on water and informed Council his office will be going out to take a look at what is happening and that it could possibly be a grading issue. After it is looked at Greg stated he would update Mayor and Council.

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 2nd: M. Mevoli
All in Favor: Carried**

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Hearing:

(Introduced August 16, 2021)

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

Motion to Open to the Public By: P. McConnell 2nd: J. Clotworthy
Motion to Close to the Public By: P. McConnell 2nd: J. McCleary
Adoption:
Motion to Adopt By: J. McCleary 2nd: P. McConnell
Roll Call Vote: 6-0

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS

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. 112-2021 - Authorization to Apply Municipal Lien

RESOLUTION NO. 113-2021 - Authorization to Enter into a Shared Services Agreement by and Between the Borough of Brooklawn and Borough of Bellmawr for the Provision of Emergency Medical Services

RESOLUTION NO. 114-2021 - Authorize Chapter 159 for Clean Communities

RESOLUTION NO. 115-2021 - Authorize Chapter 159 for Drunk Driving Enforcement Grant

RESOLUTION NO. 116-2021 - Authorize the Application of Bingo and Raffle License for Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund

RESOLUTION NO. 117-2021 - Authorization Directing the Planning Board to Prepare a Redevelopment Plan for Certain Properties Along New Broadway

Motion to accept: P. Moses 2nd J. McCleary
Roll Call Vote: 6-0

END CONSENT AGENDA

FIRE APPLICATIONS:

Fire Chief John McKinney talked about the 3 applicants that submitted membership applications.

Acceptance of Fireman's Association Applications for Membership:

Nicholas J. Fuller
Taylor J. Williamson
Ronald E. Hamaker

**Motion to accept: M. Mevoli 2nd: P. McConnell
All in Favor: Carried**

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$136,860.30

**Motion to accept: P. McConnell 2nd: J. McCleary
Roll Call Vote: 6-0**

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Mayor Branella thanked those that participated in the bag for hunger at Brown's Shoprite. Mayor also discussed the upcoming retirement party for Jim and Karen DiAmore at the American Legion on October 9th. Mayor Branella talked about the Patriot Day Services on September 11th at Memorial Park. Council President J. McCleary stated the Patriot Day services were televised on one of the local news channels. Julie discussed the Borough Homes and gave updates on renovations that are both completed and ongoing. Julie stated the newsletter will be going out this week and the winter edition is already being prepared. Council President McCleary also stated the street naming dedications that have been delayed due to Covid will finally take place during the upcoming Fall Festival. Council member Granstrom stated the Patriots Day service was very nice and he also stated he enjoyed participating in the bag for hunger at Shoprite. Council member P. McConnell discussed the schedule for the street sweeper and requested that the schedule be adhered due to residents moving their vehicles and expecting the street sweeper on the day it is advertised. Council member McConnell also stated there will be both hand washing stations and hand sanitizing stations at the upcoming Fall Festival. Council member M. Mevoli discussed the Patriots Day services held recently and thanked Mayor Branella for a wonderful speech. Council member Mevoli discussed the progress on the

waterfront development as well as the park benches, and stated it will take time and need to secure grants for projects. Council member Mevoli stated he would have liked to have known about the flooding at the Firehouse recently. Council member P. Moses gave an update on both Sustainable New Jersey and the upcoming Shade Tree Commission meeting and anticipating new fall tree plantings. Council member J. Clotworthy gave an update on his involvement with Sustainable NJ and also stated he is there to help with anything for the upcoming Fall Festival. Council member Clotworthy also inquired about the sale of the church and if there was any movement on it. Administrator Giles discussed the bulkhead plantings and gave the dates for the plantings as well as a letter that will be going out to residents regarding parking during the upcoming project. Police Chief Shamus Ellis stated that all is good and that he is looking forward to Fall Festival. Fire Chief John McKinney inquired about the Fire Department's role in the fall festival. Deputy Clerk T. Twichell asked Chief McKinney to contact him to work out the details.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

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

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, September 20, 2021