

Public Meeting
October 18, 2021

Meeting was opened by Mayor Branella at 6:30 pm. Those present were
M. Mevoli, P. Moses, 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 of September 20, 2021

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ENGINEER'S REPORT - Greg Fusco stated there is a USDA grant for the water plant
available and that there is a resolution on the agenda for submitting the application.
Greg discussed the Route 47 bridge replacement. Greg asked if authorization can be
given to complete the fieldwork for the 2nd phase of Lake Drive. Administrator Giles
stated that the fieldwork portion can move forward. Greg discussed the fence project
for the community garden.

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: J. Clotworthy
All in Favor: Carried

Motion to close: J. Clotworthy 2nd: M. Mevoli
All in Favor: Carried

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. 118-2021 - Approving the Participation with the State of New Jersey in a Safe and Secure Communities Program for 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 119-2021 - Affirm the Borough of Brooklawn's Civil Rights Policy

RESOLUTION NO. 120-2021 - Authorizing Kei Engineering to Apply for Emergency Funding through the USDA

RESOLUTION NO. 121-2021 - Approving the Sale of Certain Land by the Borough of Brooklawn to Paulus Regern Properties LLC, and Authorizing the Execution of all Documents Necessary to Implement Said Sale

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

Roll Call Vote: - 3-0

All in Favor: Carried

END CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$470,760.60

Motion to accept: Mevoli 2nd: P. Moses

Roll Call Vote: 3-0

Best Practices Review by Administrator Ryan Giles - Ryan discussed the best practices and stated out of 27 questions, we achieved a score of 21 out of 23.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Deputy Clerk Todd Twichell discussed the Fall Festival and the unfortunate decision that was made to cancel the festival due to the weather forecast. Council member Clotworthy discussed the school playground and the feedback he has been getting regarding the playground equipment that needs to be addressed because of safety issues. Administrator Giles discussed the funds that are available in order to price out equipment for the playground. Ryan stated he has also spoke with Dr. Rosetti regarding

assistance with the funding for the repairs and new equipment updates. Council member Clotworthy requested a post be put on Facebook in regards to street light outages. Todd stated he would post it and also include the link that residents can report the outages directly to PSEG. Council member Patrick Moses stated the Shade Tree Federation Conference was coming up and that there would be two attendees from the Borough. Council member Moses also discussed Sustainable New Jersey and stated the Borough is very close to Bronze Certification. Council member M. Mevoli talked about the recent honorary street naming ceremony that took place at the Community Center and how very thankful he was for the recognition and for the humbling experience. Council member Mevoli discussed the playground equipment and stated it has been worked on for over a year and stated the situation is not a safety hazard. Council member Mevoli congratulated safety coordinator Gene Cufuni on a zero loss control items report which is the first time for the Borough of Brooklawn and Mike applauded Gene for his successful efforts. Fire Chief McKinney stated two members of the Fire Dept. are suffering from Covid. Public Works Assistant Superintendent Mike Ostrom discussed reconstruction happening at the water department and also the leaf pickup that will be starting for the season. Mayor Branella discussed the recent retirement party for Jim and Karen DiAmore and stated it was a very nice event. Mayor Branella also stated she was very honored and surprised at the recent honorary street renaming.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

**Motion: P. Moses 2nd: M. Mevoli
All in favor**

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, November 15, 2021