

Public Meeting  
May 16, 2022

Meeting was opened by Mayor at 6:30 pm. Those present were J. McCleary, M. Mevoli, J. Granstrom, P. Moses, P. McConnell . The Solicitor was Timothy Higgins

This Meeting was advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, and complies with all the laws therein.

**MEETING MINUTES:** Regular Session of April 18, 2022

**Motion to accept J. McCleary 2<sup>nd</sup> P. McConnell  
All In Favor**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** **Motion to accept P. Moses 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Mevoli  
All In Favor**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** **None**

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** - Greg Fusco announced that applications are due by July 1, 2022 for and a resolution will need to be passed at the next meeting for submission. Greg asked Mayor Branella to make an announcement. Mayor Branella stated the Borough of Brooklawn was awarded one million dollar grant from USDA.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Granstrom  
All in Favor**

**Motion to close J. McCleary 2<sup>nd</sup> P. McConnell  
All in Favor**

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PRESENTATION:** Police Chief Shamus Ellis introduced Police Officer Amber Gundle who gave a presentation and details about Brooklawn's National Night Out Event. Mayor Branella presented Office Gundle with an appreciation award from the Borough.

**ITEM OF DISCUSSION:** A presentation by Indigo Dispensary: Topics included who they are, their history, vision, community engagement, security, traffic flow, etc. The presentation was followed by a Q & A session with Mayor and Council.

**BUDGET:**

**Adoption of 2022 Municipal Budget:**

**Motion to Open to the Public By P. Moses 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Mevoli  
Motion to Close to the Public By P. Moses 2<sup>nd</sup> P. McConnell**

**Adoption:**

**Motion to Adopt: By P. McConnell 2<sup>nd</sup> J. McCleary  
Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Public Hearing:**

**(Introduced on April 18, 2022)**

**ORDINANCE No. 7-2022 - Authorize Capital Bond for \$418,000.00**

**Motion to Open to the Public By P. Moses 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Mevoli  
Motion to Close to the Public By P. McConnell 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Mevoli**

**Adoption:**

**Motion to Adopt: By M. Mevoli 2<sup>nd</sup> P. McConnell  
Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

**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. 83-2022 - Appointment of Deputy Emergency Management  
Coordinator - Ed Grant**

**RESOLUTION NO. 84-2022 - Authorization to Participate in the Defense Logistics  
Agency, Law Enforcement Support Office, 1033 Program**

**RESOLUTION NO. 85-2022 - Acceptance of Resignation of Police Officer Francesco  
Alessio**

**RESOLUTION NO. 86-2022** – Authorizing Acceptance of a Certified List from the Brooklawn Fire Department Participating Members for Eligibility in Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) for the year 2021

**RESOLUTION NO. 87-2022** – Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator - Michael DeBeaumont

**Motion to accept P. Moses 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Mevoli  
Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

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

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$448,391.08**

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

#### **COMMENTS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Council member P. Moses discussed the recent Arbor Day celebration with Alice Costello School and stated it was a really nice day with the students. Patrick also stated that new spring tree plantings will be scheduled in the near future. Council member P. McConnell stated she was very happy to be able to attend the Arbor Day celebration with the school and also stated the celebrations committee will meet soon regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Council President J. McCleary discussed the plans for the playground improvements. Council member Julie discussed Borough Homes and stated she is pleased with everything and the process that is being made and the standards that are being maintained. Julie also commended Council member Moses on a job well done for the school Arbor Day. Council member J. Granstrom stated things are going well in the Borough. He stated there has not been any meetings regarding flood issues. Mayor Branella addressed the progress on a County level. Council member M. Mevoli commended Council member Moses on a nice job on the Arbor Day celebration. Council member Mevoli discussed a new fence that was installed along MacAdams way to discourage individuals from entering in the area of the school. Council member Mevoli also discussed an alternate plan for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade due to the safety concerns of New Broadway. Mayor Branella stated the growth around the trees throughout the Borough needs to be cleaned up. Mayor also discussed the upcoming Mayor's Association meeting and the EMS topic that will be discussed and asked Todd Twichell to attend to take notes. Mayor stated a porta potty should be placed at the waterfront for the public use. Borough Administrator Ryan Giles discussed the annual financial

disclosures. Ryan stated the ballfield sprinkler project was completed. Ryan discussed the 100 year celebration planning and the first meeting that will be scheduled before the next Council meeting and then monthly going forward to raise funds. Ryan stated he is hoping for 100,000 budget. Deputy Clerk Todd Twichell mentioned the upcoming yard sale and fireworks celebration.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion P. McConnell 2nd P. Moses  
All in favor**

*Next meeting scheduled for Monday, June 20, 2022*

Respectfully submitted,  
Todd Twichell  
Deputy Clerk