

Public meeting  
April 17, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Mayor McCleary at 6:30 pm.

Those present were M. Mevoli, P. Moses, P. McConnell, J. Clotworthy. 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 held March 20, 2023

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** N/A

**ONGOING PROJECTS:** Progress Report

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** - Greg Fusco stated a resolution is on the agenda for approval to submit an application for Open Space Funds. Greg gave an update on the Fourth St. reconstruction project. Greg discussed the stormwater DEP grant application submitted on behalf of the Borough. Greg discussed the USDA project at the water plant regarding the PFNA situation.

**CHECK PRESENTATION BY:** Fox & Roach Berkshire Hathaway/Trident Charities  
Gloucester City/Brooklawn Rotary Club

**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** M. Mevoli 2<sup>nd</sup> P. McConnell  
**All in Favor - Carried**

Frank Cipolone 11 Second Street expressed his concerns about a water meter issue and the cost of his bill and why there was such an uptick in his usage. Mayor McCleary asked that the issue be referred to the council water committee for further discussion to resolve the matter.

Rita Conway 115 Fifth St. inquired about the letter she received regarding the PFNA's in the Borough's water and the safety of drinking it. Mayor and Council discussed what

is being done to resolve the situation in the near future and stated there would be progress letters sent to the residents.

Residents Tom and Tiffany Dolan 109 Pennsylvania and Maddy Meehan 111 Pennsylvania brought their concerns to Council regarding a few incidents that have occurred along the waterfront and in the vicinity of their properties. Each resident gave details of what has been going on and also discussed their concern regarding the police response on one of the incidents. Chief Ellis discussed the situation in question and summarized by requesting the residents to immediately call the police when whenever they see anything suspicious happening, no matter how often they call. Residents also requested additional signs to deter situations that are occurring.

**Motion to close P. Moses 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Clotworthy  
All in Favor - Carried**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **BOND ORDINANCES:**

(Introduced on March 20, 2023)

**ORDINANCE No. 6-2023** - Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment and the Completion of Various Improvements in and for the Borough of Brooklawn; Appropriating the Sum of \$750,000

**ORDINANCE No. 7-2023** - Bond Ordinance Authorizing Water Plant Rehabilitation, Renovations and Improvements in and for the Borough of Brooklawn; Appropriating the Sum of \$200,000

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

**Motion: Close to the Public By P. McConnell 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Clotworthy**

**Adoption:**

**Motion to Adopt: By P. Moses 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Clotworthy**

**Roll Call Vote 4-0**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Introduction of:**

2023 Municipal Budget by Title Only

**First Reading:**

**Motion to Introduce: By J. Clotworthy**

**2<sup>nd</sup> M. Mevoli**

**Roll Call Vote 4-0**

### **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. 90-2023** - Authorizing the Submission of the Application for Round 2023 Camden County Recreation Facility Enhancement Funding for Waterfront Park Improvements

**Motion to accept** M. Mevoli 2<sup>nd</sup> P. McConnell  
**Roll Call Vote** 4-0

## CONCLUSION OF NEW BUSINESS

### **FIRE APPLICATION:**

Acceptance of Fireman's Association Application for Membership:  
Erin K. Borchard

**Motion to accept** P. McConnell 2<sup>nd</sup> P. Moses  
**All in Favor**

**BILLS & VOUCHERS:** Approval of payment of bills - **\$139,028.10**

**Motion to accept** M. Mevoli 2<sup>nd</sup> P. Moses  
**Roll Call Vote:** 4-0

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

Police Chief Ellis stated the focus will be put on the waterfront. Public works Asst. Superintendent M. Ostrom stated he received approval from Conrail for a mural project and also discussed the new shelter down along the waterfront. Council member P McConnell stated the Easter Egg Hunt had a great turn out thanked everyone for their work to make it a success. Council member J. Clotworthy discussed a recent visit to Alice Costello School to discuss the new playground and also discussed some possible fundraising efforts would he will discuss at the next council meeting. Council member M. Mevoli gave details of the Easter Egg hunt and discussed all the events that took place with all the participants and stated it was a great turnout. Council member Mevoli also discussed the maintenance of the baseball fields. Council President P. Moses discussed

the details for the upcoming Arbor Day celebration with the school and also discussed the blinking light project for the walkway on New Broadway. Deputy Clerk T. Twichell reminded everyone that the financial disclosure statement must be completed by the end of April. Mayor McCleary thanked everyone involved making the Easter Egg Hunt such a great event.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: RESOLUTION NO. 91-2023** – Authorizing executive session to discuss personnel matters and contract negotiations

**Motion** P. McConnell **2<sup>nd</sup>** P. Moses  
**All in favor**

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** P. Moses **2<sup>nd</sup>** J. Clotworthy  
**All in favor**

*Next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 15, 2023*