

Public meeting
May 15, 2023

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

Those present were M. Mevoli, J. Granstrom, P. McConnell, J. Clotworthy, S. Ostrom.
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 & executive sessions held on April 17, 2023

**Motion to accept M. Mevoli 2nd J. Granstrom
All In Favor**

COMMITTEE REPORTS: **Motion to accept P. McConnell 2nd M. Mevoli
All In Favor**

CORRESPONDENCE:

ONGOING PROJECTS: Progress Report - Mayor and Council gave an update on all of the projects that are currently being worked on and the new businesses coming to town in addition to the events that are planned.

ENGINEER'S REPORT - Resolution for NJDOT application is on the agenda for approval. DOT 2024 application is due by July 1. A resolution will need to be passed for submission. An update on the 4th reconstruction project was given. Open Space application was recently submitted for the waterfront improvements.

HONORARY STREET NAME DEDICATION: Two Street Stompers

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. Clotworthy 2nd P. McConnell
All in Favor: Carried**

Marie MacAdams 102 Pershing Road expressed her concerns for the speeding issues she has witnessed along Pershing Road, as well as the fishing that occurs along the bulkhead. Resident requested something be done especially since there are no sidewalks. Both issues were placed with the police department and parks committee.

Colin MacAdams 105 Timber Blvd. expressed his concerns as well regarding the speeding along Pershing Road as well as continuing problems along the waterfront.

**Motion to close M. Mevoli 2nd P. McConnell
All in Favor**

OLD BUSINESS:

RE-ADOPTION OF BOND ORDINANCES:

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 to Open to the Public By M. Mevoli 2nd J. Clotworthy
Motion to Close to the Public By M. Mevoli 2nd P. McConnell**

**Adoption:
Motion to Adopt: By J. Clotworthy 2nd M. Mevoli
Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

BUDGET:

RESOLUTION No. 93-2023 - Authorization to Participate in the Budget Self Examination for the Year 2023

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

RESOLUTION No. 94-2023 - Authorization to Read Municipal Budget by Title Only

**Motion to accept J. Clotworthy 2nd M. Mevoli
Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

Adoption of 2023 Municipal Budget:

**Motion to Open to the Public By J. Clotworthy 2nd J. Granstrom
Motion to Close to the Public By J. Clotworthy 2nd P. McConnell**

**Adoption:
Motion to Adopt M. Mevoli 2nd J. Granstrom
Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

First Reading:

ORDINANCE No. 8-2023 - Amending the Borough of Brooklawn, County of Camden and State of New Jersey Code of Ordinances to Repeal Chapter 86, Flood Damage Prevention; to Adopt a New Chapter 86, Flood Damage Prevention; to Adopt Flood Hazard Maps; to Designate a Flood Plan Administrator; and Providing for Severability and Effective Date

**Motion to Introduce: By P. McConnell 2nd M. Mevoli
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. 95-2023 - Authorization to Adopt a 3-Year Cooperation Agreement with the County of Camden

RESOLUTION NO. 96-2023 - Authorizing Acceptance of Resignation from Police Officer James Burkhardt

RESOLUTION NO. 97-2023 - Authorizing Reappointment of Joshua Blackiston to the Position of Full Time Police Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 98-2023 - Authorizing a Stipend for Baseball Field Maintenance for Michael Mevoli

RESOLUTION NO. 99-2023 - Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of up to \$2,624,000 of General Obligations Bonds, Series 2023, of the Borough of Brooklawn

RESOLUTION NO. 100-2023 - Authorizing the Execution and Submission of a N.J.D.O.T. FY2023 Local Transportation Project Funding Application

RESOLUTION NO. 101-2023 - Authorization to Apply Municipal Lien

RESOLUTION NO. 102 – Authorize Emergency Resolution No. 102-23 for Emergency Infrastructure Improvements

**Motion to accept J. Clotworthy 2nd P. McConnell
Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

CONCLUSION OF NEW BUSINESS

BILLS & VOUCHERS:

Approval of payment of bills: \$575,353.50

**Motion to accept M. Mevoli 2nd P. McConnell
Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Abstain: 1**

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/DEPARTMENT HEADS

Public Works update was given by Mike Ostrom. Fire Chief McKinney had no comments. Council member Mevoli thanked Fire Chief McKinney for his help with the preparation for Fire Department member John Boker's funeral. Police Chief Shamus Ellis stated all is good in the police department. Council member J. Clotworthy gave an update on the progress of the playground project. Council member M. Mevoli discussed the recent JIF meeting he attended. Council member Mevoli thanked safety coordinator Gene Cufuni and Police Chief Ellis and the Fire Dept. for their efforts regarding safety in the Borough. Council member Mevoli discussed the new signage needed along the waterfront with Chief Ellis. Council member Mevoli also discussed the baseball fields and recent vandalism that has occurred. Council member Ostrom had no comment. Council member McConnell thanked Council member Moses for the recent celebration Arbor Day and acknowledged what a success it is each year. Mayor McCleary mentioned the sensitivity training that employees have completed and also wanting to include DEI training and also thanked Administrator Giles for the passage of the budget. Administrator Giles discussed the gazebo at the waterfront. Ryan asked when volunteers should be recruited for the new playground. Ryan stated money has been allocated for a new lawnmower.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

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

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 20, 2023