

Public meeting
June 20, 2023

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

Those present were M. Mevoli, J. Granstrom, P. Moses, P. McConnell, 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 session held on May 15, 2023

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

ONGOING PROJECTS: Mayor McCleary gave a Progress Report on current projects

PRESENTATION: Proclamation and Honorary Street Re-Naming for Kass Maass

ENGINEER'S REPORT - Greg Fusco stated there are two ordinances on the agenda for introduction regarding the protection of trees and also salt storage, the ordinances are mandated by the state. Greg also stated there is the 2nd reading of the flood ordinance, also mandated by the state and a resolution to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the FY2024 Municipal Aid Funding Program for improvements to Third Street. Greg also stated there is a change order and voucher on the agenda for DiMeglio Construction, 4th street Phase 2 project. Greg stated the Discretionary Aid application for storm water drainage improvements at the fire hall was submitted to the DOT. The DEP Water Supply division has been in touch regarding the application for the treatment at the plant regarding the PFNA plan. Greg is happy with their quick response.

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 P. McConnell
All in Favor: Carried**

Pat Newcome of 117 Pennsylvania Road stated her concerns regarding the flooding the circle and the timing of the gates being opened. It was also mentioned that the push notifications are being received. Mayor McCleary asked that OEM Coordinator Michael DeBeaumont be contacted regarding the notifications. Pat Newcome also stated her concerns regarding the speeding in the alleyway behind her home and also the smell of cannabis along the waterfront. Mayor stated that the information would be discussed with Police Chief Ellis when he returns from vacation. Jim Blymer 20 2nd St. inquired about the possibility of receiving updates on the bridge construction project. Mr. Blyer inquired about the Town Hall meeting date and Mayor stated we are waiting to possibly have a representative from the DEP and are waiting for confirmation. Christina Rubino of 108 2nd Street expressed her concern about the stop signs on her Street being blocked from the trees that need to be pruned back. Christina also expressed her concerns about the flooding along 2nd St. and inquired when the project would be completed and requested the possibility of providing residents with a timeline of the work schedule. Fran McKinney 108 Lake Drive asked about the 2nd Street project and his concerns about the delay of completing the plans in regards to flooding. Mr. McKinney stated he would like to know when the project will be complete and if it is definitely on the project list. Council member Mevoli assured the resident that the project will be completed.

**Motion to close P. Moses 2nd J. Granstrom
All in Favor: Carried**

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Hearing: (Introduced on May 15, 2023)

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 Open to the Public By P. Moses 2nd P. McConnell
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Adoption:

**Motion to Adopt: By J. Granstrom 2nd P. McConnell
Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance Introduction

First Reading:

ORDINANCE No. 9-2023 – Adding Article III, Regulation of Privately-Owned Salt Storage Facilities, in Chapter 114, Property Maintenance, in the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn

ORDINANCE No. 10-2023 – Establish Requirements for Tree Removal and Replacement and Penalties for Non-Compliance in the Borough of Brooklawn to Protect the Environment, Public Health, Safety and Welfare

Motion to Introduce: By P. Moses 2nd 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. 103-2023 - Authorize Chapter 159 – Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation in the Amount of \$15,000 - Stormwater Assistance Grant

RESOLUTION NO. 104-2023 – Authorize Chapter 159 – Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation in the Amount of \$4559.83 – Clean Communities Grant

RESOLUTION NO. 105-2023 – Authorize Chapter 159 – Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation in the Amount of \$2,000.00 – PSE&G Grant

RESOLUTION NO. 106-2023 – Authorization to Apply Municipal Liens

RESOLUTION NO. 107-2023 - Authorization to Increase Rent on Borough Owned Homes for 2023-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 108-2023 – Authorize Renewal of Liquor Licenses for 2023-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 109-2023 – Authorizing Appointment of Planning and Zoning Alternate Member – Alexander Ortiz

RESOLUTION NO. 110-2023 – Authorization to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the FY2024

Municipal Aid Funding Program for “The Improvements to Third Street from Center Street to Lake Drive – Phase 2”

RESOLUTION NO. 111-2023 -Authorization to Approve Voucher No. 1 and Change Order No. 1 for Work Performed by DiMeglio Construction Company, Inc. for the Reconstruction of Fourth Street – Phase 2 Project (no increase or decrease)

RESOLUTION NO. 112-2023 – Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement by and Between the Borough of Brooklawn and the Borough of Oaklyn Relative to Certain Professional Services – Ryan Giles – Qualified Purchasing Agent

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

CONCLUSION OF NEW BUSINESS

BILLS & VOUCHERS:

List of Bills:

Motion to pay all bills and vouchers that are in order

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

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/DEPARTMENT HEADS
MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Public Works Asst. Superintendent M. Ostrom discussed the flood equalizer on New Broadway that is part of the NJDOT project. M. Ostrom also mentioned a new Public Works employee for grass cutting. M. Ostrom assured Mayor and Council that all no smoking signs are installed on the waterfront and that new signs are ordered. No comment from Council member S. Ostrom. Council member McConnell discussed the upcoming fireworks and inquired if there was a rain date. Council member Granstrom discussed the speeding in the Borough and reminded everyone to get a license plate if possible, so they can be reported to the police. Council member M. Mevoli discussed the ballfields and also the uncleanliness at one of the bathrooms that is being addressed with the team. Council member Mevoli also discussed the maintenance of the grass at the fields. Council member Moses Mayor McCleary reminded everyone about the fireworks as well as the 4th of July event. Mayor also stated the Memorial Day services in Memorial Park was well attended and very nice. Mayor McCleary stated that the format of the Council meetings will have a change in the months to come.

Council President Moses stated he is continuing to work with Ryan on the moving of the bus shelter on New Broadway and also stated he continues to work on the crosswalk

project on New Broadway and Town Center. Council member Moses also stated there will be a Shade Tree meeting coming up and that he will work with M. Ostrom on the trimming of the trees along 2nd street and that he would be discussing the 4th of July plans with the celebrations committee.

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

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, July 17, 2023