

Public Meeting
February 22, 2022

Meeting was opened by Mayor Branella at 6:30pm. Those present were J. McCleary, M. Mevoli, J. Granstrom, P. Moses and P. McConnell. The Solicitor was Timothy Higgins, Esq. J. Clotworthy joined the meeting at 6:39 pm

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

MEETING MINUTES: Regular Session - January 18, 2022

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

ENGINEER'S REPORT - Greg Fusco discussed the CDBG submission and playground improvements. Greg also stated the Camden County Open Space submission is due March 31, 2022. Greg also discussed the drainage issues at the Fire Department. Greg stated both he and Ryan are close to completing the application to the USDA for improvements to the water treatment plant. He discussed the steps taken to date. Ryan Giles inquired about the bidding to finish 2nd street and the 2nd phase of 4th street. Greg stated it would be by May.

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. McCleary 2nd J. Granstrom
All in Favor**

Colin MacAdams of 105 Timber Blvd. inquired about an update regarding the fences at the ball park and also about an update on the bus shelter on New Broadway. Administrator Giles stated he did acquire one quote for the fences and was waiting on a second quote. Ryan also stated there is no update regarding the bus shelter, but there is the possibility of a new shelter and where it could be located.

**Motion to close P. McConnell 2nd P. Moses
All in Favor - Carried**

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCES:

Public Hearing:

(Introduced on January 18, 2022)

ORDINANCE No. 1-2022 - COLA Ordinance for 2022

ORDINANCE No. 2-2022 - Salary Ordinance for 2022

ORDINANCE No. 3-2022 - Amending Article IX , Stormwater Management Controls for Major Development, in Chapter 123, Stormwater Management, in the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn

Motion to Open to the Public By P. Moses 2nd P. McConnell
Motion to Close to the Public By P. Moses 2nd J. McCleary
All in Favor

Adoption/Action

Motion to Adopt: By P. McConnell 2nd J. Granstrom
Roll Call Vote 6-0

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of:

ORDINANCE No. 4-2022 - Amending Article II of Chapter 150, Zoning in the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn

First Reading

Motion to Introduce: By P. McConnell 2nd P. Moses
Roll Call Vote 6-0

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. 62-2022 – Authorizing the SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program for \$20,380.00

RESOLUTION NO. 63-2022 – Authorize Bingo and Raffle License for Holy Angels Catholic School

RESOLUTION NO. 64-2022 – Authorize Bingo and Raffle License for Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 65-2022 - Authorize Bingo and Raffle License for The Arc of Camden County

RESOLUTION NO. 66-2022 – Authorizing Preliminary Approval for the Placement of a Crossroads of the Revolution Sign in the Borough of Brooklawn from the American Battlefield Protection Program

RESOLUTION NO. 67-2022 – Directing and Authorizing the Brooklawn Planning Board to Undertake a Preliminary Investigation to Ascertain Whether Certain Properties and Areas Within the Borough of Brooklawn are in Need of Redevelopment

RESOLUTION NO. 68-2022 – Authorize Application for Program Year 2022 for Community Development Block Grant Funding

RESOLUTION NO. 69-2022 - Authorize Person to Person Transfer for Liquor License

RESOLUTION NO. 70-2022 - Authorize Bingo and Raffle License for South Jersey Mothers of Multiples

**Motion to accept J. McCleary 2nd M. Mevoli
Roll Call Vote 6-0**

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION: Plans for lot located at 299 Crescent Blvd. (Next to Citgo) Solicitor Higgins stated he needs to get in touch with the attorney for the property owner and he will email Mayor and Council with the results of the contact.

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$397,338.11

**Motion to accept P. McConnell 2nd M. Mevoli
Roll Call Vote: 6-0**

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL/DEPARTMENT HEADS

Public Works Assistant Superintendent M. Ostrom stated all is good within the Department and that an order was placed for benches and picnic tables along the waterfront. Police Chief S. Ellis read an email he received regarding Officer Amber Gundle and an act of kindness she recently offered to someone. Mayor Branella expressed her pride in the Police Department and Officer Gundle. Chief Ellis also stated plans are in the work for a National Night out in the fall. Emergency Management Coordinator Ed Grant announced that he submitted his letter of resignation and thanked everyone for the opportunity he had to serve the Borough of Brooklawn. Ed introduced Michael DeBeaumont to Mayor and Council who will be taking on the role of OEM Coordinator upon Ed's retirement. Mayor stated the appointments/swearing in would take place at the March Council meeting. Both Ed Grant and Norman Wallace will serve as Deputy OEM Coordinator until Ed's official retirement.

Council President J. McCleary thanked Ed Grant for all his service and dedication to the Borough over the years. Julie also stated she would like to meet with Todd, Ryan and Mayor regarding a couple of late Borough rental issues and also stated things are going well with Borough Homes. Council member Moses thanked Ed Grant for his dedication over the years. Patrick thanked Public Works for working closely with the Shade Tree Commission with tree removals. Patrick also stated there is Shade Tree information and Sustainable information that will be included in the upcoming newsletter. Council member M. Mevoli thanked Ed Grant and stated it was a pleasure working with him for many years. Mike stated he would like to schedule a Police committee meeting regarding a few items of discussion. Mike also discussed the 2022 baseball season and the paperwork that was recently sent to all the teams that will be utilizing the fields. Council member Mevoli also discussed the maintenance of the ball fields. Council member Mevoli discussed the equipment at the playground. Council member J. Granstrom discussed a situation with a neighbor who inquired about a handicap parking space and what the process is. Council member Granstrom also inquired about a request he received about possibly placing a dedication plaque for a dog that recently passed away. Mayor Branella stated she would further discuss the matter with Council member McConnell.

J. Granstrom also discussed with Mayor and Council the video camera near the bus shelter that has been damaged on two occasions.

Council member J. Clotworthy stated he has an upcoming meeting with the School Board and also a meeting planned with Council President J. McCleary regarding the playground improvements to the playground with the grant money. John also thanked Ed Grant for his years of service. Mayor Branella discussed the County PFNA guidelines

for drinking water and stated we are taking a pro-active approach to seek grant funding for a filtration system but assured everyone the drinking water is safe to drink. Mayor also stated a letter would be going out to residents in the near future regarding this matter. Mayor Branella discussed the new Go Puff store located in the shopping plaza. Administrator Ryan Giles thanked Ed Grant for all his service and wished him the best of luck. Ryan discussed the details of the maintenance and sprinkler systems for the ballfields as well as new equipment purchased through Open Space. Ryan also discussed the community garden project and funding that will be used for it. Administrator Giles touched upon the Borough Homes and that the homes are at 100% capacity. Deputy Clerk Todd Twichell thanked Ed Grant for his service to Brooklawn and stated it was a pleasure to work with him. Todd also expressed the Coyle Family's appreciation to be able to rent a Borough Home and to be able to stay in the Borough. Todd also stated a Go Puff article will be in the upcoming newsletter. Administrator Giles shared the screen and mentioned there will be new "Autistic Child in Area" signs that will be installed in areas where needed. Mayor Branella discussed the new park benches that will be installed and thanked Council member McConnell and Dee MacAdams for their effort on the project.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

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

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, March 21, 2022