

Public meeting
February 20, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Those present were J. Granstrom, P. McConnell, C. MacAdams, S. Ostrom. The Solicitor was Timothy Higgins

Public Notice:

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

Acceptance of Resignation Mayor McCleary

Motion to accept C. MacAdams 2nd S. Ostrom
All In Favor Carried

Acceptance of Resignation of Council President Position

Motion to accept C. MacAdams 2nd S. Ostrom
All In Favor Carried

Nomination of Council President J. Granstrom by Council member S. Ostrom
Motion to accept P. McConnell 2nd C. MacAdams
All In Favor: Carried

MEETING MINUTES: Regular & Executive Sessions held January 16, 2024

Motion to accept C. MacAdams 2nd S. Ostrom
All In Favor: Carried

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

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE No. 1-2024 - COLA Ordinance for 2024

ORDINANCE No. 2-2024 - Salary Ordinance for 2024

Motion to Open to the Public P. McConnell 2nd S. Ostrom
Motion to Close to the Public By S. Ostrom 2nd J. Granstrom

Adoption:

Motion to Adopt: C. MacAdams 2nd P. McConnell

Roll Call Vote: 4-0

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of:

ORDINANCE No. 3-2024 - Amending Chapter 141, Vehicles and Traffic in the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn

ORDINANCE No. 4-2024 - Amending Section 72-3 in Chapter 72, Construction Codes, Uniform, in the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn

ORDINANCE No. 5-2024 - Amending Article II of Chapter 150, Zoning, in the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn

ORDINANCE No. 6-2024 - 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. 7-2024 - Amending Article IV, Tree Removal and Replacement, in Chapter 114, Property Maintenance in the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn

ORDINANCE No. 8-2024 - Amending Ordinances No. 14-2021, No. 15-2022 and 5-2023, to Permit the Operation of Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, Class 4 and Class 5 Cannabis Businesses and Prohibiting the Operation of Class 6 Cannabis Businesses, Within the Borough of Brooklawn

Motion to Introduce by: J. Granstrom **2nd** P. McConnell
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. 66-2024 - Authorizing Participation with the State of New Jersey in a Safe & Secure Communities Program for 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 67-2024 - Authorize Bingo & Raffle Licenses for Wheels of Change

RESOLUTION NO. 68-2024 - Authorize Bingo License for The Women's Club of Westville

RESOLUTION NO. 69-2024 - Authorize Bingo & Raffle Licenses for The Arc of Camden County

RESOLUTION NO. 70-2024 - Authorize Bingo & Raffle Licenses for Avon Parents and Teachers

RESOLUTION NO. 71-2024 - Authorize the Execution and Submission of the Application for Local Recreation Improvement Grant, FY2024 for the Field of Dreams and Legion Field Improvements

RESOLUTION NO. 72-2024 - Authorizing the Execution and Submission of a C.D.B.G. Application, Year 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 73-2024 - Authorize Bingo & Raffle Licenses for Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund

RESOLUTION NO. 74-2024 - Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement by and Between the Borough of Brooklawn and Borough of Bellmawr for the Provision of Emergency Medical Services

RESOLUTION NO. 75-2024 - Referring Certain Matters to the Brooklawn Planning Board for Review and Recommendations Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26

Motion to accept C. MacAdams **2nd** P. McConnell
Roll Call Vote: 4-0

END CONSENT AGENDA

CONCLUSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

BILLS & VOUCHERS:

List of Bills:

Motion to pay all bills and vouchers that are in order

Motion to accept C. MacAdams **2nd** J. Granstrom
Roll Call Vote: 4-0

ENGINEERS REPORT: Greg Fusco stated there are two resolutions on the agenda. One for submission of the application for local recreation improvement grant, FY2024 for the Field of Dreams and Legion Field Improvements and the second resolution for authorizing the execution and submission of a C.D.B.G. Application, Year 2024. Greg also discussed the timeline regarding water improvements and compared the current grant process and length of time to complete vs. contracting the project through American Water.

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 C. MacAdams 2nd S. Ostrom
All in Favor: Carried

Mayor, Council, Public Works and Borough Engineer fielded many comments and questions from residents during the public session, which included: Steven Prager 208 Paris Ave. expressed his concerns with the pressing matters with our water and stated we need to unite as a community to get the problem solved and encouraged reaching out with emails and phone calls to state officials to help expedite the process. Christina Stewart 114 N. Wilson questioned the qualifications of the engineer and asked why the process was not completed correctly the first time. Britney Henry 221 N. Hannevig Ave. stated she sent emails to the DEP regarding free water through a grant but must be submitted by the Borough and stated she has all the contacts to provide and also inquired about the temporary system that Bellmawr installed. After an inquiry regarding American Water. Administrator Ryan Giles explained the cost of switching to American Water. Cheryl Cellucci 307 Paris Ave. asked for an honest timeline of when this water problem will be completed and if the town have an option of switching to American Water to solve the problem. Acting Mayor J. Granstrom stated if the water was sold to American Water, it would be a year and a half out for the changeover. John Krauzowicz of 126 New Jersey Road inquired what kind of filters would we use to compete with American Water. Public Works Assistant Superintendent M. Ostrom stated it would be carbon filtration filters and once the filtration system is installed, it would be maintained by Brooklawn. Kelly Blymer 100 Timber Blvd. stated the residents of Brooklawn need bottled water until the water situation is rectified and stated that we need the elected officials to take care of this problem. Dr. Sam Rosetti of Alice Costello School stated the school invested in water jugs when for the students as soon as the problem was discovered Mr. Rosetti stated he is happy to provide a letter of support if needed to provide to officials to get help with bottled water for our residents. Kathleen Maass 306 Christiana St. stated the letter of support that Sam Rosetti mentioned, should also come from Mayor, Council and the entire school board and to work together. Tina Devita 206 Sixth St. encouraged

everyone to contact the media to bring attention to the problem. Acting Mayor Granstrom encouraged everyone to contact state officials. Joe Penola stated we need to come together as a community and to be persistent to have our voices heard. Jim Blymer 20 Second St. inquired about the new filtration system and how the new system would work. Andrew Kairis 311 New Broadway asked why it took so long to have a meeting to explain the situation to our residents and also requested that the residents receive periodic updates regarding the water situation. Administrator Giles discussed the lawsuit against Solvay Chemical Company. Christina Rubino 110 Second St. expressed concerns about how information is communicated to the residents and the need to get better at it.

Motion to close P. McConnell 2nd S. Ostrom
All in Favor: Carried

OPEN TO COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council member S. Ostrom thanked the public for coming and stated she understands everyone concerns. Council member MacAdams thanked everyone for coming and the passion that everyone had. Council member MacAdams stated a strategic planning committee is being organized and encouraged everyone to get involved and gave the dates for the upcoming meetings. Council member P. McConnell stated the speed bumps along Timber Blvd. were repaired and that the playground equipment is being maintained each month. Acting Mayor J. Granstrom gave an update on the police department and the academy trainees. J. Granstrom discussed the lighting situation down at the gazebo area. Council member MacAdams recognized Sargent Hirst on his recent retirement. Police Chief Ellis discussed a recent lock down situation at Alice Costello School. Fire Chief stated there was a student who graduated firefighting 1 & 2 and stated that this summer, there will be a few more in training. EMS gave a report on the calls that were completed and thanked the Borough for the shared service agreement that was recently approved. Administrator Giles discussed the Bond Ordinance at the next council meeting for the water situation. Administrator Giles discussed liquor licenses and a new ruling regarding pocket licenses and the transfer of a pocket license we have to another municipality. Acting Mayor Granstrom inquired about the flooding along Timber Blvd. and a solution to the problem, including a possible sea wall. Administrator Giles discussed possible options to move forward with a plan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Resolution 76-2024 - Authorizing Executive Session to discuss redevelopment

RESOLUTION NO. 77-2024 - Authorization to Execute a Use and Occupancy Agreement on Behalf of Delco Development to Have Access to the Redevelopment Site Prior to Signing the Redevelopment Agreement

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

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

Next regular meeting scheduled for Monday, March 18, 2024