

Public meeting
March 18, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Those present were J. Granstrom, P. McConnell, C. MacAdams, S. Ostrom, P. Moses, J. Clotworthy. 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.

MEETING MINUTES: Regular session held February 20, 2024

Motion to accept J. Clotworthy 2nd P. Moses
All In Favor: Carried

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

CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR: The Camden County Democratic Committee presented the following three names: Jerry Granstrom, Patricia McConnell, Stacey Ostrom

Nomination of Mayor: Jerry Granstrom

Motion made by: C. MacAdams

2nd J. Clotworthy

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

Swearing in of Mayor

Nomination for Council President:

Motion made by: P. McConnell

2nd J. Clotworthy

Roll Call Vote: 4-0

Swearing in of Council President

ENGINEERS REPORT: Greg Fusco Greg Fusco gave an update on the construction on Lake Drive. Greg stated authorization was given to advertise for the water treatment plant. Bids will be accepted on April 4, 2024 at Borough hall . After the bids are received on April 4, 2024. We will then make the recommendation to the governing body for selection of the contractor.

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. McConnell 2nd S. Ostrom
All in Favor: Carried

Steve Prager 208 Paris Ave. inquired if the Borough has received emails from the state regarding water violations or monitoring violations. P. Works superintendent M. Ostrom stated he does receive emails from the state, but was not aware at the moment if those specific emails were received. Nina Cattanea 115 Pennsylvania expressed concerns about the selling of the water to a company and would want to know more. Resident also asked if there is a way that borough residents can work with a specific council member regarding the water situation and asked if there is a checklist that may focus on addressing other problems so we don't end up where we are now. John Krauzowicz 126 New Jersey Road asked about getting money from the state or a loan to fix the problem. Mayor Granstrom addressed the question. Renter (name not stated) 501 Paris Ave. stated she is disabled and having a problem with parking. Chief Ellis asked the resident to contact her contact information regarding a handicap placard. Resident of 501 Chestnut St. stated she is having a hardship buying water and maintaining her bills. Pat Madjeski 124 New Jersey Rd. stated we need to get the water fixed without selling it and expressed concerns about selling the water to American Water. Donna Domico former P. Works former superintendent clarified the water regulations and the process of selling the water to a private company. Ron Villanova 207 Horton Ave. stated there is a violation of the number of people in the building attending the meeting and stated the length of time it has taken to fix the water. Former Brooklawn resident (name not stated) asked how often the letters regarding the water notifications and asked about the timeline of testing the water. Cheryl Cellucci 307 Paris Ave. inquired about receiving water from the state in regards to the water situation. Britney Henry 221 N. Hannevig questioned the purchase of the church in the middle of a water crisis. Resident also questioned the advertising of purchases including new water meters and a new trash truck. Administrator Giles explained the reason for the purchase of the church. A question regarding the timeline of the water project was addressed by Greg Fusco. Greg Kairis 311 New Broadway commented regarding the timeline of the new filtration system which Ryan elaborated on and gave further details. Pat Madjeski 124 New Jersey Rd. asked a follow up question regarding an interconnection with Bellmawr which was addressed by P. Works Superintendent M. Ostrom. Brynn Kairis 311 New Broadway expressed concerns about the dialog between residents and council and the need for more communication.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

(Ordinances introduced on February 20, 2024)

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 Open to the Public By P. McConnell **2nd** P. Moses
Motion to Close to the Public By P. McConnell **2nd** P. Moses

Adoption:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of:

ORDINANCE No. 9-2024 - Accepting a Grant of Easement Relative to Certain Property Owned by Francis R. McKinney and Michelle L. McKinney, and Authorizing the Execution of all Documents Necessary to Implement Said Grant of Easement

Motion to Introduce: By J. Clotworthy
2nd S. Ostrom
Roll Call Vote: 5-0

Introduction of:

2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY

Motion to Introduce: By Clotworthy
2nd P. Moses
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. 78-2024 – Authorize Bingo & Raffle Licenses for Mount Ephraim Fire Department Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-2024 – Authorizing Relocation of Bus Stops Along New Broadway

RESOLUTION NO. 80-2024 – Cancellation of Prior Year Outstanding Checks for Brooklawn Municipal Court

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

END CONSENT AGENDA

CONCLUSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

FIRE APPLICATION:

Acceptance of Fireman’s Association Application for Membership:

Brandi Massey

Motion to accept C. MacAdams **2nd P. Moses**
All in Favor: Carried

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION: Date for April Council meeting

BILLS & VOUCHERS:

List of Bills:

Motion to pay all bills and vouchers that are in order

Motion to accept C. MacAdams **2nd** P. Moses

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

OPEN TO COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Meeting was open to council commentary. Councilmember Clotworthy thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting to voice their opinions. He expressed that his major project of 2023 has since wrapped up, and he would be moving to dedicate his time to the issues with the water system. He believes everyone is working hard to resolve this issue. He also congratulated J. Granstrom and C. MacAdams on their new roles as Mayor and Council President, respectively.

Councilmember McConnell wished to express her thanks to Mike Ostrom for being able to move his schedule around to be present and available for people's questions during the meeting.

Councilmember Moses thanked everyone for coming out. He expressed that it was encouraging to see more residents engaging with the council meetings than usual. "It's good to see that people are involved." Moses also briefly discussed the current status of the bus shelter project.

Council President MacAdams also expressed his thanks to residents for coming out. MacAdams thanked Councilman Moses for his work on the bus shelter project, as well as for being flexible with him on some of the details. Some discussion was had on how to better disseminate the information about the water project progress. Work will soon begin on preparing the Baseball fields.

Public Works Superintendent Ostrom reiterated that work on the water project will continue to progress. Ostrom briefly described various electrical and lighting improvements that will be worked on in town. He wanted to thank the Clean Shores program for assisting in a cleanup of the riverbank, as they were able to clean over 32 tons of trash and debris with their help.

EMS Chief reported that their team responded to 40 calls. Fire Chief stated that they've been forming a good working relationship with the fire department of Westville.

Clerk thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting tonight, and congratulated Mayor and Council President for their new roles. He briefly explained his family's lengthy history in town. He expressed his love for the town, but his disappointment in personal attacks that he was receiving from people. He expressed his sympathies to the water issue, but wanted to stress the importance of expressing kindness through this issue.

Mayor Granstrom stated that he and Councilmembers McConnell and Ostrom met with Senator Norcross, who expressed that "Brooklawn has a friend in Washington." The mayor wants to address the flooding in town, and is looking at different ways to go

about it. He thanked everyone for their attendance, and congratulated Council President on his new position.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Motion S. Ostrom 2nd P. McConnell
All in favor: Carried

Next regular meeting scheduled for Monday, April 16, 2024