

Public meeting  
May 20, 2024

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

**Appointment of Council Member:** The Camden County Democratic Committee presented the following three names:

Christina Houchins, Kathleen Maass, Kevin Everhart

**Nomination of Council Member:** Christina Houchins

Motion: P. McConnell

2nd B. Darrow

Roll Call Vote 4-0

Swearing in

**MEETING MINUTES:** Regular & executive sessions held April 16, 2024

**Motion to accept B. Darrow 2<sup>nd</sup> C. MacAdams  
All In Favor: Carried**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Motion to accept C. MacAdams 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Ostrom  
All In Favor: Carried**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**N/A**

**ENGINEERS REPORT:** Greg Fusco stated voucher 3 and change order 3 is on the agenda for approval by the governing body for work completed on Lake Dr. project. Storm Water Control Ordinance needs to be adopted due to revisions by the state due to climate change. Greg discussed the submission of the application for NJDOT municipal aid application 2025 which is due July 1, 2024 and a resolution needs to be passed. It was stated that DOT has approved the drainage improvements by the firehouse and bids are scheduled to be received on June 13, 2024. Greg stated the FY2023 NJDOT application for Third St. Phase 1 plans and specifications will be submitted before the end of June. Greg gave a water treatment plan update to council.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Ostrom**

Meeting was opened to the public. John Kravcowicz of 126 New Jersey Road requested that a timeline be added to the cleanup of the Multani Mart property. Boro Clerk stated he would send this request to the property owner in a letter. Pat Newcome of 117 Pennsylvania Road commended those who worked on the bench project. Kass Maass of 306 Christiana Street requested that the existing benches in memorial park be refurbished. The Mayor stated that he intends to speak on this later in the meeting. Andrew Kairis 311 New Broadway offered suggestions on how to better disseminate information to residents about various updates throughout town. Boro Clerk briefly explained the process of receiving information about state-related projects, as well as what kinds of information can and cannot be disseminated. There was a brief discussion over potential options. Mayor Granstrom discussed requesting digital signage from the state to give updates to motorists about the D.o.T. project at the circle. Boro Clerk was advised to contact the state on this matter. A member of the public questioned why the superintendent of public works was not present at the meeting. It was explained that as Foreman, Mike Ostrom represents public works at council meetings, and that the Superintendent would only be expected to appear in his absence. After, the member of the public had questioned why a letter was received about the water. A lengthy discussion was held on this matter. Mr. Smith of 25 Chiswick Drive in Lindenwold, requested information on who can be contacted to determine a timeline for the Water Plant project. Mike Ostrom provided information on the process of how a project of this size is processed. William Johnson of 304 Chestnut Street inquired about the possibility of receiving reimbursement for water bills. Mayor Granstrom stated that this would not be happening at this time. A discussion about the reasons behind this ensued. Boro Clerk explained why water still has to be collected on during this time. Mayor Granstrom also briefly described how our water plant operates differently than privatized water companies in the area. Jeff Haller of 212 Maude Avenue expressed his desire to see council work toward the revitalization of Victoria Square.

**Motion to close C. MacAdams 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Ostrom  
All in Favor: Carried**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **BOND ORDINANCE**

**ORDINANCE No. 10-2024** - Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Completion of Capital Improvements for the Water Treatment Plant in and for the Borough of Brooklawn Appropriating the Sum of \$1,600,000

**Motion to Open to the Public By S. Ostrom 2nd C. MacAdams**  
**Motion to Close to the Public By B. Darrow 2nd C. MacAdams**

**Adoption:**

**Motion to Adopt: By B. Darrow 2nd C. MacAdams**

**Roll Call Vote: 4-0 1 (Abstain)**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Introduction of:**

**BOND ORDINANCE**

**Ordinance No. 11-2024** - Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment and the Completion of Various Capital Improvements in and for the Borough of Brooklawn Appropriating the Sum of \$720,000

**Motion to Introduce: C. MacAdams By 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Darrow**  
**Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

**Ordinance No. 12-2024** - Amending Chapter 141, Vehicles and Traffic in the Borough of Brooklawn

**Motion to Introduce: C. MacAdams By 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Darrow**  
**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. 90 -2024** - Acceptance of Resignation of Stevan Prager - Planning & Zoning

**RESOLUTION NO. 91-2024** - Acceptance of Resignation of Tom Carbin - Public Works

**RERSOLUTION NO. 92-2024** - Acceptance of Resignation of Eugene Cifuni - Borough Handyman

**RESOLUTION NO. 94 -2024** – Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87) in the Sum of \$100,000 for Local Improvement Grant Fund

**RESOLUTION NO. 95-2024** Authorization to Approve Voucher No. 3 in the Amount of \$75,003.32 and Change Order No. 3 for Work Completed to Date by Landberg Construction, LLC for the Reconstruction and Storm Drainage Improvements to Lake Drive from Second Street Phase 1 to Third Street

**RESOLUTION NO. 96-2024** – 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

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-2024** – Appointment of Shade Tree Commission Chairperson - Rick Franchi

**Motion to accept B. Darrow 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Ostrom**  
**Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

**RESOLUTION NO. 93-2024** – Authorizing Borough Home Rental Increase for 2024 – 2025 (RESOLUTION TABLED)

**Motion to table: B. Darrow 2<sup>nd</sup> C. MacAdams**  
**Roll Call Vote: 4-1**

**END CONSENT AGENDA**

**CONCLUSION OF NEW BUSINESS:**

**ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:**

Location of a Community Garden – A discussion of a community garden located on Browning Lane that is not sponsored by the Borough was discussed. Administrator Giles asked if Council had any concerns or issues with the garden and there were none.

**BILLS & VOUCHERS:**

List of Bills:

Motion to pay all bills and vouchers that are in order

**Motion to accept C. MacAdams 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Roll Call Vote 5-0**

**OPEN TO COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Council member B. Darrow discussed the ballfields including the need for new locks at the Legion Field and new doors on the shed at the Firemen's Field and requested a "for school use" sign be put up. Council member Darrow expressed his concerns with C&L Machine and keeping their property tidy. Bruce also discussed the plans for the June 22 fireworks event and that there would not be a 4<sup>th</sup> of July event this year. Council member S. Ostrom discussed Borough Homes which included inspections, rental increases, repairs and communicating with the Borough Homes tenants. Council member Darrow spoke about new bleachers at the ballfield. Council member P. McConnell had no comment. Council member C. Houchins stated she is very excited to be a part of Council and talked about her involvement in the community over the years. Council president MacAdams talked about the new pickleball field. Colin thanked M. Ostrom for all his efforts and discussed new stop signs along Lake Drive. Council president MacAdams discussed plans for the waterfront basketball court including paving, new nets and a new fence. Council member MacAdams discussed the parking situation at Term Automotive. Colin suggested a sign be placed on New Broadway where the new crosswalk is. Police Chief Ellis stated he has a sign that can be placed there. Administrator Giles discussed the need for a new Borough handyman and that for now any small projects will be handled by public works. Ryan congratulated Council member Houchins on her appointment to Council and that he looks forward to working with her. Mayor Granstrom discussed the possibility of a 5 day work week and also mentioned the possibility of forming a town watch. Mayor Granstrom congratulated Rick Franchi on his appointment and discussed what he would like to see completed going forward with the Commission. Mayor Granstrom expressed concerns about the area of Marne Rd. and New Broadway and the pavement heaving. Public Works superintendent M. Ostrom he will look into if there are plans for paving by the county. Fire Chief John McKinney apologized to Mayor and Council about not attending the last council meeting. Council member Ostrom encouraged residents to continue to attend meetings and email her with any concerns. It was agreed by Council on request of Administrator Giles that the next meeting be at the Community Center in June.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 98 - 2024 -** Discussing contracts and personnel

**Motion: C. MacAdams 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Houchins**  
**Roll Call Vote 5-0**

**Back in public at 9:35 pm**

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion C. MacAdams 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Ostrom**  
**All in favor: Carried**

*Next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2024*