

Public Meeting
June 18, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Those present were J. Granstrom, C. MacAdams, J. Clotworthy, S. Ostrom, C. Houchins
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 & executive sessions held May 20, 2024

Motion to accept C. MacAdams 2nd J. Clotworthy
All In Favor Carried

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

POLICE OFFICERS SWEARING IN: Officer Brandon Jones, Officer Eric Lederer,
Officer Bryan Moye

ENGINEERS REPORT: Greg Fusco stated a resolution for application for N.J.D.O.T. Municipal Aid FY2025 is on the agenda for approval by Council. Greg also stated bids were received for the storm sewer pipe replacement project from the Brooklawn Fire Company through the Falcon Diner parking lot to Crescent Blvd. and that the project was awarded to Riverfront LLC in the Amount of \$272,775.75. Greg stated there is a first reading of a revised Stormwater control ordinance to comply with the N.J.D.E.P. requirements on the agenda. Greg gave a status update and tentative schedule including projected dates for the new water treatment system project.

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

Brittany Henry 221. N. Hannevig asked what the by-pass line is in regards to the water treatment system. Greg Fusco gave details of what the line is and how it functions. The question was also asked if anyone has reached out to Bellmawr to help supply water until Brooklawn's water issue is addressed. M. Ostrom stated Bellmawr's water supply

is for emergency purposes only. Resident also asked for clarification on the details of the USDA zoom meeting and what will be discussed. Greg Fusco addressed the question. Tiffany Dolan 109 Pennsylvania Road stated the new gazebo is beautiful and inquired if there are rules and regulations regarding the use of the gazebo. Mayor Granstrom stated that there are rules and went on to state there will be further discussions in regards to its usage by residents. Resident expressed her concerns with cars parking there and stated she has noticed there has not been as much policing in the area, as there has been loitering that continues. Tiffany Dolan suggested a non-resident fee for use of the boat ramp. Andrew Karis 311 New Broadway inquired about finding out details of certain resolutions that are on the agenda. Administrator Giles stated information is public and available at Borough Hall, as well as asking questions at each meeting prior to resolutions being passed. Britney Henery 221 N. Hannevig inquired about being able to find out details about projects including all costs involved. Administrator Giles stated all current information is available at Borough Hall for review without having to file an OPRA request. There is only a cost incurred when a box containing information wants to be reviewed and needs to be requested from off-site storage.

**Motion to close C. MacAdams 2nd J. Clotworthy
All in Favor Carried**

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCES (Introduced on May 20, 2024) 2nd Reading - Public Hearing

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

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

**Motion to Open to the Public By C. MacAdams 2nd J. Clotworthy
Motion to Close to the Public By C. MacAdams 2nd J. Clotworthy
All in favor: Carried**

Adoption:

Motion to Adopt: By C. MacAdams 2nd S. Ostrom

Roll Call Vote: 4-0

NEW BUSINESS:

First Reading - Introduction of Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 13-2024 - Amending Chapter 84 Fire Prevention, in the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn

Ordinance No. 14-2024 – Amending Article IX, in Chapter 123, Requirements and Controls for Major Developments, in the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn

Introduction:

Motion to Introduce: By C. MacAdams 2nd J. Clotworthy

Roll Call Vote: 4-0

Resolution Tabled from the May 20, 2024 Council Meeting

RESOLUTION NO. 93-2024 – Authorizing Borough Home Rental Increase for 2024 - 2025

Motion to accept C. MacAdams 2nd J. Clotworthy

Roll Call Vote: 3-1

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. 99-2024 – Acceptance of Resignation of Fire Official – Rick Thomas

RESOLUTION NO. 100-2024 – Appointment of Fire Official – Timothy O’Donnell

RESOLUTION NO. 101-2024 – Appointment of Fire Inspectors – Eric Farley and Jeff Sanderson

RESOLUTION NO. 102-2024 – Appointment of Borough Handyman – Daniel Toppin

RESOLUTION NO. 103-2024 – Chapter 159 – Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87) in the sum of \$5,179.16 – Clean Communities Grant

RESOLUTION NO. 104-2024 – Authorization to Apply Municipal Liens

RESOLUTION NO. 105-2024 – Authorizing the Tax Collector to Retroactively Apply \$500.00 to Yvonne Sliwa, 110 Pennsylvania Road, Block 5, Lot 22 for a Widow of a Veteran Deduction

RESOLUTION NO. 106-2024 - Authorizing Closure of the Brooklawn Athletic Association Parent Auxiliary Account at 1st Colonial Bank

RESOLUTION NO. 107-2024 - Cancellation of Prior Year Outstanding Check (Court)

RESOLUTION NO. 108-2024 - Authorization to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the FY2025 Municipal Aid Funding Program for the "Improvements to Third Street, Phase 3, and Horton Avenue".

RESOLUTION NO. 109-2024 - Authorizing Renewal of Liquor Licenses for 2024-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 110-2024 - Authorization to Advertise Bids for the Construction of a Pickle Ball Court Located at the Brooklawn Waterfront

RESOLUTION NO. 111-2024 - Authorize the Purchase of Bleachers for the Pop Barth Legion Field in the Amount Not to Exceed \$40,000

RESOLUTION NO. 112-2024 - Authorization for the Paving of the Basketball Courts Located at the Brooklawn Waterfront Not to Exceed the Amount of \$35,000

RESOLUTION NO. 113-2024 - Authorize Award of Storm Sewer Pipe Replacement Project at Brooklawn Fire Company to Riverfront LLC in the Amount of \$272, 775.75

RESOLUTION NO. 114-2024 - Authorize Cancellation of Outstanding Borough Homes Rental Balances Due to Prior Evictions - 217 Bergen in the Amount of \$457.58 and 206 Haakon Rd. in the Amount of \$1886.31

RESOLUTION NO. 115-2024 - Authorize Credit of One Month Rent for Borough Home Due to Unforeseen Circumstances - 222 MacAdams Way

RESOLUTION NO. 116-2024 - Authorize Appointment of Deputy OEM Coordinator - Matt McKinney

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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. Clotworthy
Roll Call Vote: 4-0

OPEN TO COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council member C. Houchins stated she is working on Sustainable NJ recertification along with other committees along with being assigned the bench program. Council member Clotworthy stated water updates are being put out to our residents and he thanked the administrative staff with helping to get the information out to our residents. Council member Ostrom gave an update on Borough Homes including new leases and information now being provided to Borough Homes tenants. Council President MacAdams stated there is a lot of redevelopment happening along the waterfront, including renovations to the basketball courts and new pickle ball courts. Colin also discussed plans for regulating the new gazebo and plans for redoing the walking path along with new lighting. Colin touched on the possibility of a new canopy at the school in the future to help protect the kids from the sun. Resident Tiffany Dolan expressed further concerns regarding the waterfront development. Council member Ostrom asked that she be notified by email regarding concerns residents may have. Fire Chief McKinney had no comment. Administrator Giles gave the details of the upcoming fireworks. Sergeant Brewster discussed the plan in place for the police department for the event. Administrator Giles confirmed that there are 4 additional officers that will be helping from other municipalities. Ryan talked about the use of the new shelter by residents incorporating the possibility of an online registration and completion of a hold harmless agreement. In addition, suggested passing an ordinance for parking hours at the waterfront. Administrator Giles stated the next meeting will be back at Borough hall and meetings going forward will be live streamed. Mayor Granstrom touched on the many construction projects happening and stated there is a lot of positive things going on.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: S. Ostrom 2nd J. Clotworthy

All in favor: Carried

Next regular meeting scheduled for Monday, July 15, 2024