

Public Meeting  
July 15, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Those present were J. Granstrom, C. MacAdams, J. Clotworthy, S. Ostrom, C. Houchins, P. McConnell 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 June 18, 2024

**Motion to accept: J. Clotworthy 2<sup>nd</sup> MacAdams  
All In Favor: Carried**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** **Motion to accept: S. Ostrom 2<sup>nd</sup> P. McConnell  
All In Favor: Carried**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** N/A

**ENGINEERS REPORT:** Greg Fusco stated Lake Drive project is complete and final voucher and change order will be on the agenda for approval at the August meeting. NJDOT 2022 award grant has been submitted for authorization to advertise. Greg stated on July 1, 2024 the application for NJDOT funding for fiscal year 2025 was submitted for the remainder of Third Ave. Greg gave an update on the water plant project and stated a pre-construction meeting with the USDA would be scheduled by Thursday and reviewed the time line of the project and stated the project is ahead of schedule. Greg addressed a question from Council member C. Houchins regarding flooding along Lake Drive.

**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> J. Clotworthy  
All in Favor: Carried**

Meeting was opened to the public. Kass Maass of 306 Christiana street inquired about the present lack of benches in the new playground. She also informed mayor and council that children have been playing ball in the playground. Mayor advised resident to reach out to him the next time they see this behavior, and he will handle it. Resident also asked for clarification on who is responsible for replacing trees when they are taken down by the shade tree commission. Mayor brought up the need for the Shade Tree Commission to meet soon. Boro Administrator explained the process of how trees can

be replaced by the Shade Tree Commission. Kass asked about who is responsible for the maintenance of easements, and was advised it was the responsibility of the homeowner. She also brought up the overall look of the asphalt in town and the gardens in front of borough hall. Mayor let the resident know that this is something that is on the agenda, and a person to help with town beautification was being introduced at the meeting tonight. Charles Hughes of 31 North Childs Street Woodbury, NJ stated that he brought in a petition to the borough for a ballot question about the GCL Line. Tony Alberio of Woodbury, NJ presented options to talk to FEMA on how to fix the flood problem. He also brought up opinion on how the GCL line will stifle our ability to fix the flood problem, and provided a pamphlet listing potential negatives in regards to the GCL line.

**Motion to close: J. Clotworthy 2<sup>nd</sup> P. McConnell  
All in Favor: Carried**

**OLD BUSINESS: ORDINANCES**

**(Introduced on June 18, 2024) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - Public Hearing**

**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 in the Controls for Major Developments, in the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn**

**Motion to Open to the Public: J. Clotworthy 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Ostrom  
Motion to Close to the Public: C. MacAdams 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Ostrom**

**Adoption:**

**Motion to Adopt: By: C. MacAdams 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Ostrom  
Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FIRST READINGS: INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance No. 15-2024 - Amending Chapter 141, Vehicles and Traffic, in the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn**

**Ordinance No. 16-2024 - Amending Chapter 112, Parks and Recreation, in the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn**

**Introduction:**

**Motion to Introduce: C. MacAdams 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Ostrom  
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. 117-2024** - Authorizing a Property Tax Exemption for a Totally Disabled Veteran, Steven Salvador, Jr. - Block 166, Lot 11.01

**RESOLUTION NO. 118-2024** - Authorizing Renewal of Liquor License for 2024-2025 for the Brooklawn American Legion and Ray-Bets Liquors

**RESOLUTION NO. 119-2024** - Authorize Award of Contract for Construction of a Pickleball Court Project to Pickletile, LLC in the Amount of \$139,000

**RESOLUTION NO. 120-2024** - Appointment of Part Time Parks Maintenance - Harry T. Murray

**RESOLUTION NO. 121 - 2024** - Authorize Sustainable New Jersey Green Team

**RESOLUTION NO. 122 - 2024** - Authorize Sustainable Land Use Pledge

**Motion to accept: C. MacAdams 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Clotworthy  
Roll Call Vote: 6-0**

**RESOLUTION NO. 123-2024** - Authorizing the Submission of a Question to the Public in a Non-Binding Referendum at the General Election on November 5, 2024

**Motion to accept: C. MacAdams 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Ostrom  
Roll Call: 5- 1 abstain**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Clotworthy  
Roll Call Vote: 6-0**

**OPEN TO COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Council member B. Darrow discussed the June fireworks event and talked about the concern for disruption of the event due to other incidents in other municipalities and the alternate plan put in place with the help of the Brooklawn Police Department. Council member C. Houchins gave an update on New Jersey Sustainable and talked about a new Recycle Coach app that will be helpful to get instant information to our residents. Council member Houchins stated she will be taking over the plans for the Community garden. Council member J Clotworthy gave an update on the water plant progress and the updates provided to residents and also discussed the bench program. Council member S. Ostrom gave an update on the Borough Homes and stated Council member Houchins has been instrumental with the legalities of rental properties. Council member P. McConnell stated the fireworks were very nice and then discussed the concern she has about the growth along the curb lines and the lack of maintenance and how it looks. Council president C. MacAdams discussed the improvements to the waterfront, including the renovations to the basketball court as well as the addition of the new pickle ball court that will be constructed in the near future and the positive aspects of having the new court. Council member MacAdams also discussed the amended ordinances which would restrict parking at the waterfront during certain hours and also restrict the use of hammocks to avoid people sleeping. A future ordinance being worked on would be restricting parking in the half circle near Term Automative to help increase both appearance and public safety. Sergeant M. Brewster discussed the June fireworks event and the plan that was put in place and also stated there was one incident involving a dog, and also discussed the increased police presence and patrolling of the waterfront. Fire Chief McKinney stated there will be a few volunteer applications hopefully at next month's meeting. Administrator Giles thanked Council members Ostrom and Houchins on the new changes to the Borough Homes. Ryan also thanked everyone involved with the fireworks event. Administrator Giles discussed the new rules regarding ABC pocket liquor license and the possible approval of the transfer of a particular license. Solicitor Higgins discussed the process.

**SWEARING IN:** Harry T. Murray

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:**

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

*Next regular meeting scheduled for Monday, August 19, 2024*