

Public Meeting
August 19, 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 session July 15, 2024

**Motion to accept J. Clotworthy 2nd S. Ostrom
All In Favor: Carried**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

N/A

ENGINEERS REPORT: Greg Fusco stated there are vouchers on the agenda for work completed. Greg stated pre-construction meeting for the Storm Sewer Pipe Replacement from the Brooklawn Fire Company is scheduled for the August 27, 2024. Authorization was received to advertise for the NJDOT Municipal Aid funds for fiscal year 2023 -3rd St. Phase One project and bids will be accepted within a week and recommendations will be discussed at the September meeting. Greg gave an update on the progress of the water treatment plant 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 J. Clotworthy
All in Favor: Carried**

Jennifer Groatman 215 Pennsylvania Road inquired about future plans regarding development and the safety of the kids as well as parking for the Alice Costello School staff. The question was addressed by Administrator Giles, Mayor and Council and what the plans are, including a fence and parking for the staff. Options were discussed regarding what would be the best situation. Andrew Kairis 311 New Broadway inquired about fence ordinance that was being introduced and also regarding resolution of appointment of OPRA Attorney and what an OPRA Attorney is. Question was also asked to clarify resolution regarding Planning Board Conflict Engineer. Resident of 115 Pennsylvania Road inquired about an animal ordinance that would allow chickens as

pets. The question was addressed by Attorney Tim Higgins. Brittany Henry inquired about the resolution regarding the purchase of twelve Motorola Solutions Radios and inquired about the model numbers, then went on to ask when the next water sample update would be provided. Administrator Giles addressed the question with timeline of next results. Resident also inquired about the ordinance regarding re-introduction of the bond ordinance, which Administrator Giles clarified.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCES (Introduced on July 15, 2024) 2nd Reading - Public Hearing

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

**Motion to Open to the Public By J. Clotworthy 2nd S. Ostrom
Motion to Close to the Public By C. MacAdams 2nd C. Houchins**

Adoption:

**Motion to Adopt: By C. MacAdams 2nd J. Clotworthy
Roll Call Vote: 4-0**

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCES: First Reading - Introduction of Ordinance

Ordinance No. 17-2024 - Amending Chapter 83, Fences, in the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn

Ordinance No. 18-2024 - Re-Introduction of Bond Ordinance Authorizing Water Plant Rehabilitation, Renovations and Improvements in and for the Borough of Brooklawn; Appropriating the Sum of \$200,000

Introduction:

**Motion to Introduce By: J. Clotworthy 2nd S. Ostrom
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. 124-2024 - Authorization to Enter into the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Agreement for the Purchase of a Police Vehicle

RESOLUTION NO. 125-2024 - Authorization to Purchase a 2025 Chevy Tahoe in the Amount of \$67,609.88 from Pelligrino Chevrolet, Inc. through the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance

RESOLUTION NO. 126-2024 - Authorization to Apply Municipal Lien

RESOLUTION NO. 127-2024 - Authorize Appointment of Class III Officer - Anthony Hirst

RESOLUTION NO. 128-2024 - Authorize Borough Attorney to Proceed with "In Rem" Foreclosure

RESOLUTION NO. 129-2024 - Authorize Appointment of Borough Building Inspector - Wayne Hans

RESOLUTION NO. 130-2024 - Authorize Appointment of Gary Marek - OPRA Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 131-2024 - Authorize Appointment of Tom Leisse, PE as the Planning Board Conflict Engineer

RESOLUTION NO. 131-2024 - Authorizing the Submission of an Application to the New Jersey Local Finance Board Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(d) and N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26

RESOLUTION NO. 132-2024 - Authorize Acceptance of the 2023 Audit

RESOLUTION NO. 133-2024 - Authorization to Purchase Twelve (12) Motorola Solutions Radios for the Brooklawn Police Department in the Amount of \$67,261.20 (New Jersey State Contract #T-0106/19198)

RESOLUTION NO. 134-2024 - Authorization to Purchase Bleachers for the Borough of Brooklawn in the Amount of \$31,733.79 from Ben Shafter Recreation (New Jersey Contract #16-Fleet-00135)

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

END CONSENT AGENDA

CONCLUSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

FIRE APPLICATION:

Acceptance of Fireman's Association Application for Membership:

Rachel Gurcik
Brandon Welsh
Jason Boyce

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All in Favor: Carried**

BILLS & VOUCHERS:

List of Bills:

Motion to pay all bills and vouchers that are in order

**Motion to accept J. Clotworthy 2nd S. Ostrom
Roll Call Vote: 4-0**

OPEN TO COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council member J. Clotworthy discussed the water update and sharing it through emails and social media. Council member C. Houchins gave an update on the bench program and stated there will be a shred event on September 21st at Borough hall. Christina also talked about the new Recycle Coach app being up and running for all of our residents and talked about the benefits of it. Council member S. Ostrom stated she spoke with Police Chief Ellis to go over recent purchases for the Police Department. Council President C. MacAdams gave an update on the waterfront improvements including basketball court improvements and stated there has been a lot of positive feedback. Colin also talked about the new fence that will go around the basketball court as well as the construction of the pickle ball court. Colin also discussed the no parking ordinance that was passed and the new enforcement of no parking after 9 pm. Sargent Brewster thanked everyone for the success of National Night Out and stated everyone is looking forward to the Fall Festival. Mayor Granstrom a public meeting to be held at the Brooklawn Community Center regarding the GCL line. Administrator Giles stated we will work on coordinating the meeting. Mayor also mentioned the possibility of a fishing pier. Administrator Giles thanked Detective Amber Gundle and everyone involved with the success of National Night Out. Ryan discussed the details of the upcoming school board referendum. Ryan stated there will be a Bond Proposal question on the November ballot. Ryan gave a breakdown of the numbers for tax payers if it passed. Council president MacAdams discussed some examples of what the funds would be used for. A resident inquired if there will be a school board meeting to inform residents how funds will be used if the bond referendum is passed. Council president MacAdams stated there will be a presentation for residents to make sure everyone is informed.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Motion 2nd

All in favor: Carried

Next regular meeting scheduled for Monday, September 16, 2024