

Public Meeting
September 16, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Those present were J. Granstrom, J. Clotworthy, B. Darrow, P. McConnell, S. Ostrom
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 August 19, 2024

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

PRESENTATION: For Detective Amber Nicholas (Commendatory Police Service Citation) presented by Police Chief Shamus Ellis

ENGINEERS REPORT: Greg Fusco discussed pre-construction meeting for drainage project at the fire house and stated bids were received for Third St. phase one project. Greg suggested discretionary funding from the D.O.T. Greg gave an update on the water treatment 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 B. Darrow 2nd J. Clotworthy
All in Favor Carried

Brittany Henry 221 N. Hannevig asked Greg Fusco to clarify reimbursement process regarding the water system updates and expressed concerns on the burden to the taxpayers, which Administrator Giles explained. The resident also inquired about a rumor regarding the possible mergers of the Brooklawn Police and Fire Departments with other municipalities. Administrator Giles stated there is no truth or has there been discussion about this. Resident expressed concern regarding parking issue in the area of the ballfield and apartments along Browning Road. Police Chief Ellis addressed the issue.

Resident inquired if there will be a public meeting for the proposed GCL plan prior to election day. Resident at 115 Pennsylvania Road followed up on allowing chickens and inquired if she could present a proposal to council. Resident stated concerns traffic come off the circle onto Hannevig Road, especially with a close proximity to the school. Administrator Giles stated it is a county road and would have to contact the county regarding a solution to the problem. Kathleen Maass 306 Christiana St. expressed her concerns regarding speed bumps and parking in the area of the school and playground and that all areas should be looked at when it comes to the decisions of controlling safety and traffic. K. Maass also inquired about the two old benches in memorial park and if they will be replaced to match the new benches. Debbie Ignaczewski 308 Haakon Road expressed concerns about sewer smells in her basement as well as neighbors that have experienced the same smell. Mayor Granstrom stated he will make Mike Ostrom aware of the situation.

**Motion to close P. McConnell 2nd S. Ostrom
All in Favor Carried**

OLD BUSINESS:

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

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

**Motion to Open to the Public By J. Clotworthy 2nd S. Ostrom
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Adoption:

Motion to Adopt: By J. Clotworthy 2nd S. Ostrom

Roll Call Vote: 4-0

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCES: First Reading - Introduction of Ordinance

Ordinance No. 19-2024 - Adding Article III, Lead Paint Inspections, to Chapter 116, Rental Properties, in the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn

Ordinance No. 20-2024 - Re-Adopting the Redevelopment Plan for Area Located Within the Borough of Brooklawn

Ordinance No. 21-2024 - Amending Chapter 121, Signs, in the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn

Ordinance No. 22-2024 - Amending Article III, Off Street Parking and Loading Facilities, in Chapter 150, Zoning, in the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn

Ordinance No. 23-2024 - Amending Article VI, Design Standards, in Chapter 151, Land Use, in the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn

Introduction:

Motion to Introduce: J. Clotworthy **By** 2nd B. Darrow
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. 135-2024 - Authorization to Apply Municipal Lien

RESOLUTION NO. 136-2024 - Authorize Bingo and Raffle Licenses for Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund

RESOLUTION NO. 137-2024 - Authorizing a Property Tax Exemption for a Totally Disabled Veteran, Joseph T. Connors - Block 24, Lot 2

RESOLUTION NO. 138-2024 - Referring Certain Matters to the Brooklawn Planning Board for Review and Recommendations Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26

RESOLUTION NO. 139-2024 - Authorize Rejection of all Bids for "The Improvements to Third Street - Phase 1, from Browning lane (C.R. 659) to Center Street

RESOLUTION NO. 140-2024 - Authorize Kei Engineering to Apply for Discretionary Funds for the Third Street Project

Motion to accept J. Clotworthy **By** 2nd B. Darrow
Roll Call Vote 4-0

END CONSENT AGENDA

CONCLUSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

BILLS & VOUCHERS: \$456,328.52

List of Bills:

Motion to pay all bills and vouchers that are in order

**Motion to accept S. Ostrom 2nd P. McConnell
Roll Call Vote 4-0**

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

Salary Increase for Safety (Crossing Guards) Administrator Giles stated the current salary for the crossing guards. Council member Darrow suggest the police committee get together and discuss the matter. Ryan stated the budget cost would be discussed with the police committee when they meet for further discussion.

Use of Church Parking Lot (Frank Chappell) - Administrator Giles stated the timeline of the use of the parking lot to sell his fall items while construction is being completed at the diner. Council agreed to allow the use of the lot.

Handicap Parking Space - Administrator Giles stated resident at 304 Haakon Road is requesting a handicap parking space due to health issues.

Liquor License Transfer - Administrator Giles discussed the possible transfer of a pocket license. Ryan stated there are three Borough Homes that will be vacant shortly and the possible sale of a Borough home that can be discussed at a future meeting.

OPEN TO COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council member Ostrom stated we will be having a meeting regarding senior safety. Council member Darrow stated there has been an issue with homeless people in memorial park. Council Darrow also discussed the use of the ball fields but the organization interested in using it would attract too many people for the Borough to deal with. Council member Darrow suggested we should have our fall festival on an events page on Facebook. Bruce also stated that the Borough handyman Harry is definitely an asset to the community with this work ethic. Council member McConnell stated we have touched on everything she had in mind to discuss and had no further comment. Council member Clotworthy discussed the benches and what has been ordered. J. Clotworthy also discussed the new water update for residents.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

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

Next regular meeting scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2024