

Public Meeting
October 15, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Those present were J. Granstrom, C. MacAdams, 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 & executive sessions of September 16, 2024

Motion to accept B. Darrow **2nd** J. Clotworthy
All In Favor: Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

OATH OF OFFICE: Swearing in of Sgt. Michael Brewster to the position of Police Captain

ENGINEERS REPORT: Greg Fusco gave an update on the water plant project. Greg Stated on November 7 the state will hold a public meeting regarding Solvay and the settlement that was awarded. There will be both an in person meeting which can be viewed online.

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

Ron Villanova 207 Horton Ave. addressed Mayor and Council regarding an issue with his neighbors and the debris in their yard including mouse infestation. Mr. Villanova shared photos of what it looks like. Mr. Villanova stated his frustrations with the Code Enforcer. Both Mayor Granstrom and Administrator Giles assured Mr. Villanova that they will have someone at the property the next day to reassess the situation. Kathleen Maass 306 Christiana St. inquired about the benches in Memorial park. An update was given by Council member Clotworthy and Council member Houchins. Kathleen Maass

also inquired about the salary increase for the crossing guards. Council member McConnell stated the personnel committee would be meeting to discuss it that week. Brittany Henry 221 S. Hannevig inquired MS4 maps that she would like to have regarding flooding. Mike Ostrom addressed her question. Brittany also inquired about the Fund Commissioner and what the job details are and Administrator Giles clarified it is an appointed position and what the Commissioner duties are. Brittany asked for clarification in regards to Resolution No. 146-24 - Authorizing the Submission of an Award Extension Request for LA-2023 MA Brooklawn Borough Improvements to Third Street to the New Jersey Department of Transportation. Administrator Giles explained the reason for the resolution. There was a discussion with Brittany Henry and council regarding the GCL line. Gary Bobo presented a letter to Council for use of the ballfield for the season.

Motion to close C. MacAdams 2nd P. McConnell
All in Favor: Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCES: (Introduced on September 16, 2024) 2nd Reading – Public Hearing

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

Motion to Open to the Public By P. McConnell 2ndC. MacAdams

Motion to Close to the Public By P. McConnell 2nd S. Ostrom

Adoption:

Motion to Adopt: By P. McConnell 2nd C. MacAdams

Roll Call Vote: 5-0 (1 abstain)

NEW BUSINESS:

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. 141-24 - Approving Participation with the State of New Jersey in a Safe and Secure Communities Program for 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 142-24 - Authorization to Apply Municipal Lien

RESOLUTION NO. 143-24 - Authorize Bingo & Raffle Licenses for St. Mary's Church

RESOLUTION NO. 144-24 - Authorizing Acceptance of a Certified List from the Brooklawn Fire Department Participating Members for Eligibility in Length of Service Awards program (LOSAP) for the Year 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 145-24 - Chapter 159 - Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue And Appropriation (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87) in the Amount of \$11,233.00 - Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund

RESOLUTION NO. 146-24 - Authorizing the Submission of an Award Extension Request for LA-2023 MA Brooklawn Borough Improvements to Third Street to the New Jersey Department of Transportation

RESOLUTION NO. 147 -24 - Authorize Tobacco- Free Worksite Policy for Sustainable New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 148 - 24 - Authorizing Local Support for High Life Cannabis Dispensary, Inc., for its Class 5 Cannabis Retail Business License Application to the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission

**Motion to accept B. Darrow 2nd J. Clotworthy
Roll Call Vote 6-0**

END CONSENT AGENDA

CONCLUSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

FIRE APPLICATIONS:

Acceptance of Fireman's Association Application for Membership:

Christina Stewart

Matthew McKinney

Motion to accept B. Darrow 2nd P. McConnell

All in Favor Carried

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION: Best Practices – Administrator Giles

BILLS & VOUCHERS:

List of Bills:

Motion to pay all bills and vouchers that are in order \$590,625.02

Motion to accept C. MacAdams 2nd S. Ostrom

Roll Call Vote 6-0

OPEN TO COUNCIL MEMBERS: Council member Darrow stated the streets committee met and walked the areas where there are speeding issues and will further discuss with Chief Shamus Ellis regarding signage, etc. Council member Darrow also provided an update on the ball fields including the sprinkler system. Council President C. MacAdams stated the Fall Festival was great and thanked everyone involved to make it a success and thanked Public Works for a great job cleaning up after the event. C. macadams also stated the new planting by the new shelter look very nice. Colin stated the potential start of the new pickle ball court and said it exciting. Council member Clotworthy stated we would have been in good hands with either candidate for the Police Captain position and congratulated Captain Brewster and stated he looks forward to working with him. John gave an update on the benches. John stated there was a discussion regarding the crossing guard at the personnel meeting. Council member C. Houchins discussed the Community Garden and stated there is a vendor that was recommended for the project and gave an update on the near future plans. Christina also talked to about the benches and a specific request for a bench which needed to be charged a higher rate. Christina gave an update on Sustainable New Jersey certification. Council member McConnell thanked everyone for a great job on the Fall Festival. P. McConnell inquired about leaf collection. Mayor Granstrom stated the new personnel committee have gone right to work. Mayor discussed the fall festival and thank everyone involved. Administrator Giles. Fire Chief McKinney stated the Brooklawn Fire Department has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from State Farm for the purchase of new fire gear and stated the presentation is scheduled for Halloween night but he would inform council when it would be. Administrator Giles thanked both Todd Twichell and David Chorzelewski for an exceptional job on the fall festival and discussed the event. Administrator Giles discussed with Mayor and Council the possibility of an increase in water bills which would generate money toward the revenue to pay the debt service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION NO. 149-24 - Discuss Borough Homes at 8:10 pm

Motion B. Darrow **2nd** C. MacAdams

Back in to public session at 9:35 pm

RESOLUTION NO. 150-24 - Authorization to Cancel Accounts Deemed Uncollectable

Motion: S. Ostrom **2nd** J. Clotworthy

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Motion C. MacAdams **2nd** S. Ostrom

All in favor: Carried

Next regular meeting scheduled for Monday, November 18, 2024