

Public Meeting
November 18, 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 October 15, 2024

Motion to accept B. Darrow 2nd P. McConnell
All In Favor: Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Administrator Giles read a letter from a new resident thanking the Brooklawn Police Department for their work in the community, especially recently, during Halloween.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Greg Fusco discussed the water treatment plant modifications and a timeline for delivery of equipment. Council president MacAdams inquired where the equipment is being shipped from and also asked about a timeline for completion.

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 S. Ostrom
All in Favor: Carried

Pat Cerrone expressed his concerns regarding the removal of a traffic sign with the construction of the future McDonalds. Solicitor Tim Higgins stated it was not appropriate to discuss a current P & Z application in public forum with Mayor and Council.

Joan Keith 232 Christiana St. expressed concerns over the new construction of McDonald's and the increase in the amount of traffic that flows through the Borough.

Deborah Ignaczewski 308 Haakon Road presented to Council about the possibility of an ordinance restricting parking within 5 feet of a residential driveway. Solicitor Tim Higgins addressed the question regarding this.

Frank Chappell 317 S. Broadway, Gloucester City asked permission from Mayor and Council to set up his Christmas tree sales for the holiday season in the former St. Maurice Church parking lot. Frank stated he is normally set up at the Falcon Diner but due to construction, cannot set up there. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined by Council that the space can be used for this season with proper documentation provided by Mr. Chappell. There was a motion made by Council member J. Clotworthy to allow use of the space with said proper documentation and it was seconded by Council member P. McConnell.

Motion to close C. MacAdams 2nd B. Darrow
All in Favor: Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCES: First Reading - Introduction of Ordinances

Ordinance No. 24-2024 - Adopting the Redevelopment Plan for Area Located Within the Borough of Brooklawn Known as "St. Maurice Redevelopment Plan"

Motion to Introduce By: C. MacAdams 2nd B. Darrow
Roll Call Vote: 5-0

Ordinance No. 25-2024 - Amending Chapter 141, Vehicles and Traffic, in the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn

Motion to Table By: P. McConnell 2nd S. Ostrom
All in Favor: Carried

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. 151-24 - Authorization to Advertise for Purchase of Calcium Hypochlorite Tablets

RESOLUTION NO. 152-24 - Authorization to Establish and Implement a Fair and Open Process for the Selection of Various Professional Service Providers for the Borough of Brooklawn for the Year 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 153-24 - Authorize Budget Transfer #1

RESOLUTION NO. 154-24 - Establishing Certain Rules and Regulations for Recreation Areas Pursuant to Chapter 112-6 of the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn

RESOLUTION NO. 155-24 - Authorize Agreement with Camden County Animal Shelter Homeward Bound Pet Adoption, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 156-24 - Authorize Bingo and Raffle Licenses for Classified Dance Company Booster Club

RESOLUTION NO. 157-24 - Authorize Bingo and Raffle Licenses for Brooklawn American Legion

Motion to accept C. MacAdams **2nd** B. Darrow
Roll Call Vote: 5-0

END CONSENT AGENDA

CONCLUSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

Community Center – Administrator Giles along with mayor and Council discussed the use of the community center. It was decided a committee be formed to determine cost for the use of the center going forward and that a resolution will eventually be passed with details, after the committee is appointed and decides on a plan.

BILLS & VOUCHERS: \$697,207.40

List of Bills:

Motion to pay all bills and vouchers that are in order

Motion to accept: C. MacAdams **2nd** P. McConnell
Roll Call Vote: 5-0

OPEN TO COUNCIL MEMBERS: Council president C. MacAdams gave an update on the start of construction for the pickleball court. Projected start date of December 2nd

The painting of the pickle court will be in the spring. Colin discussed the new signage along the waterfront and the parking restrictions along with new tags that will be issued to residents in the new year so they can be identified as permitted to park in designated spaces. Colin stated he attended the public meeting for Solvay and gave details of the meeting discussion. Council member McConnell reminded everyone of the upcoming tree lighting. Council member Clotworthy congratulated the council members who were recently elected. Administrator Giles congratulated Council members McConnell and Ostrom on their recent re-election to Council and gave a summary of the election results. Ryan discussed the lighting situation on the ballfield. Ryan stated the reorganization is approaching and that a date needs to be selected and that a day for the work sessions need to be determined, which can be via zoom. Ryan stated he would like to coordinate with the new budget committee on the new budget. Mayor Granstrom discussed the changes for specifically the finance committee that are necessary due to a conflict of interest. Mayor also asked Chief Ellis about how effective the new signage is at the waterfront. Chief Ellis addressed the question. Fire Chief John McKinney had no comment. Public works Deputy Superintendent M. Ostrom discussed the holiday lighting and PSEG upgrades that are in the works for the near future. Mayor stated he has received complaints about a pole that is not lit at Hannevig near Browning Rd. and it is very dark in that area. M. Ostrom stated he would look into it.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: S. Ostrom 2nd: S. Ostrom

All in favor: Carried

Next regular meeting scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2024