

Public meeting
December 16, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Granstrom at 6:30 pm. Those present were P. McConnell, S. Ostrom, C. Houchins, B. Darrow. J. Clotworthy The Solicitor was Tim 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 of November 18, 2024

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 158-A - Authorize Appointment of Temporary/Provisional Police Officer Bryan Moye, Jr.

Motion to accept: P. McConnell 2nd B. Darrow
Roll Call Vote: 4-0

OATH OF OFFICE: Swearing in of Officer Bryan Moye Jr. by Mayor Granstrom

ENGINEERS REPORT: Greg Fusco stated gave an update on the water project and delivery of equipment. Greg stated there are 2 change orders on the agenda for approval.

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: S. Ostrom 2nd C. Houchins
All in Favor: Carried

Pat Cerrone 405 Haakon Rd. spoke extensively about the development agreement with regards to the Borough of Brooklawn Delco development. He stated: he feels if the ordinance is passed it would take away power from the land use board to correct major deficiencies in the site plan submitted to the land use board. He asked that the ordinance be tabled to get further clarification on the numerous issues.

Adam Shapiro asked permission from the redevelopment committee to redevelop the storage containers behind 310 Crescent . He stated he will be using the containers to store overflow of equipment to run his operation as a cannabis facility. Mr. Shapiro also stated that the containers behind building one will not be seen from the street or residents. Council made a motion to allow him to go to the land use board regarding the containers on his property.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCES: (Introduced on November 18, 2024) 2nd Reading – Public Hearing

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

Motion to Open to the Public: B. Darrow 2nd S. Ostrom
All in Favor: Carried

Pat Cerrone addressed Council and stated the importance of tabling the ordinance as he Discussed earlier in the meeting during the open to public portion.

Motion to Close to the Public: J. Clotworthy 2nd S. Ostrom
All in favor: Carried

Motion to table: J. Clotworthy
Second: B. Darrow
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. 158-24 – Authorization for the Cancellation of Property Tax Balances Less Than \$10.00

RESOLUTION NO. 159-24 – Cancellation of Items General Capital Ordinance

RESOLUTION NO. 160-24 - Authorize Budget Transfer #2

RESOLUTION NO. 161-24 - Authorize Award of Contract for Purchase of Calcium Hypochlorite Tablets

RESOLUTION NO. 162-24 - Authorize Bingo & Raffle Licenses for Stratford Swim Club Booster Club

RESOLUTION NO. 163-24 - Authorization of Deferred School Taxes

RESOLUTION NO. 164-24 – Recognizing the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Definition of Antisemitism

RESOLUTION NO. 165-24 – Authorization to Approve Change Order No. 1 to Extend the Contract Time of (61) Calendar Days to Allow for the Delivery of the GAC Treatment System and Steel Chlorine Contact Tank (no increase or decrease in contract amount – remains at \$1,581,900.00)

RESOLUTION NO. 166-24 – Authorization to Approve Change Order No. 2, in the Scope of Work to be Done in Completing the Construction of a GAC Treatment System Contract Cost from \$1,581,900.00 to \$1,633,972.11 (Increase of \$52,072.11)

RESOLUTION NO. 167-24 - Authorize Bingo & Raffle Licenses for PTA New Jersey Congress Avon Parents and Teachers

Motion to accept: S. Ostrom 2nd P. McConnell
Roll Call Vote: 5-0

END CONSENT AGENDA

CONCLUSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

Reorganization meeting date: the date of Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 6:30 pm
Mayor and Council discussed dates for worksession – January 15, 2025 at 6:30 pm
Beginning in February 1st Wednesday of the month for Worksessions

BILLS & VOUCHERS:

List of Bills:

Motion to pay all bills and vouchers that are in order

Motion to accept: S. Ostrom 2nd B. Darrow

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

OPEN TO COUNCIL MEMBERS: Council member Clotworthy acknowledged thanked Mayor for his new assignments, but had no further comments. Council member Houchins stated she has a date for the community garden and will be discussing it with PW Deputy Superintendent M. Ostrom and she is looking forward to the project. Mayor Granstrom inquired about the rental of the community center. Administrator Giles stated that will be a topic of discussion for the community center. Council member Darrow discussed new lighting for the ballfields and the gathering of estimates. Bruce stated Harry will be painting the concession stand but wants to make sure he is not out there in the elements doing work. Council member McConnell thanked Fire Chief McKinney for his help on the day of the tree lighting and also thanked everyone involved and stated it was a nice turnout, then wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Council member S. Ostrom thanked Council member Houchins for her knowledge and expertise regarding the Borough homes committee that she serves on with her and stated she has taken the reigns since is her "wheelhouse". Mayor Granstrom stated the road at the intersection of Broadway & Marne is sinking. Mayor asked who do we reach out to for repair. Public Works Superintendent M. Ostrom stated he will reach out to the county regarding the situation. Mayor stated the light along Timber Blvd. was fixed. Administrator Giles discussed questions that were fielded regarding the new GAC filtration system. Ryan stated we have not heard anything back from Solvay. Administrator Giles stated the DEP is scheduled at some point to visit municipalities in regards to the settlement. Ryan discussed the painting of the water tower. Administrator Giles discussed end of year topics including the budget and capital money sitting in surplus. Ryan stated if there are any questions regarding taxes and assessments to contact either himself or the tax accessor Jim Duda. Administrator Giles stated it was unfortunate we did not celebrate the 100 year anniversary and would like to see possibly an event in the new year but the decision is up to council. Ryan thanked everyone for their work and spoke about each department regarding accomplishments and changes to come in 2025. Ryan wished everyone happy holidays and stated there will be a holiday luncheon on Thursday and Council is invited to attend.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: P. McConnell 2nd S. Ostrom

All in favor:

Next regular meeting scheduled for Monday, January 20, 2025