

Work Session Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Those present were J. Granstrom, C. MacAdams, B. Darrow, P. McConnell, J. Clotworthy, S. Ostrom The Solicitor was Brian Louzke

Public Notice:

This meeting was advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, and complies with all the laws therein.

Open to the Public:

Kathleen Maass 306 Christiana St. inquired about the process of applying for a Borough Home and the process of the wait list.

John Clotworthy 104 Fourth St. addressed council regarding an honorary name change of Salem Road to Westbrook Lane. There will be further discussion regarding this matter. Motion to close to the public by C. MacAdams, second by S. Ostrom all in favor was carried.

ITEM OF DISCUSSION:

- Old Pine Farm Natural Land Trust Representative – Russell Burke had a lengthy discussion with council regarding the use and viability of our waterfront and the steps involved in the process.

CURRENT ORDINANCES:

- Amending and Supplementing Chapter 150, Entitled “Miscellaneous Regulations”, of the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn
- Amending and Supplementing Chapter 112, Entitled “Parks and Recreation”, of the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn
- Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Completion of Various Improvements Capital Improvements in the Borough of Brooklawn Appropriating the Sum of \$945,000

Administrator Giles inquired if council had any questions regarding the ordinances that will have a 2nd public reading at the next council meeting.

NEW ORDINANCE:

- Land Use Alternates

RESOLUTIONS:

- Authorizing Acceptance of a Certified List from the Brooklawn Fire Department of Participating Members for LOSAP (Length of Service Awards Program) for the Year 2025

ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

- Fire Department Mutual Aid Plan (Signatures)

Administrator Giles asked all of council to sign the mutual aid plan. Council president MacAdams requested holding off on signing the plan until it can be explained to council by Chief McKinney

Memorial Park Landscaping – Council member McConnell discussed the removal of dead bushes and adding some landscaping and flowers to enhance the overall look of the park for the season.

OPEN TO COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council member Darrow discussed the maintenance of the baseball fields including the installation of the new bleachers. B. Darrow also talked about the installation of netting along Browning Road. Council member McConnell discussed the community center and stated it looks much more organized. Council member McConnell discussed the date for the Easter Egg Hunt which will be Saturday, April 19th. Council member Ostrom stated next year will be the 250th birthday of America. Council member Darrow discussed the idea of having a monthly get together at the pavilion with local wineries. Both council member J. Clotworthy and Public Works Superintendent M. Ostrom gave an update on the new water project. Council member Clotworthy inquired about the street sweeper that was discussed at the last meeting. Council member Clotworthy discussed the installation of the benches in the playground. Council president MacAdams discussed the no parking signage at the waterfront and aside from the resident permit parking there should be no parking after 9 pm. C. MacAdams also gave a time line on the fencing, concrete as well as the pickle ball court. Colin talked about the installation of the new speedbumps and the painting of stipes for parking along Pershing Road, and speedbumps for Timber Blvd. Colin stated he reached out to NJ Transit regarding our concerns about the new GCL project. Colin talked about a March Madness contest for our residents with the winner receiving a gift card. Captain Brewster addressed council with updates from the Brooklawn Police Department. M. Ostrom stated there will be a water shutdown on route 130 northbound Tuesday March 11 for a replacement in regards to a tie in. Administrator Giles stated we received \$25,000 from the 2024-25 Recreational Grant for improvements at the Legion Field. Ryan stated there is a need for an ion exchange at the water plant. Ryan explained the process to fund the project. M. Ostrom explained more in detail what needs to be replaced. Ryan will follow up with quotes and prepare a bond ordinance. Ryan discussed the tax increase and asked if the finance committee would meet to discuss it. Ryan gave an update on Rodeway Inn regarding repairs to the structure. Ryan stated he would like to open up the police contract for 2 addendums. One regarding captain's salary and the other for adding an academy rate. Council member Clotworthy asked Captain Brewster to explain the process from start to finish when an officer is hired. There was further discussion regarding the placement of the ion exchange at the water plant.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: C. MacAdams 2nd P. McConnell

All in favor: Carried