Public Meeting Minutes June 16, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm Those present were C. MacAdams, P. McConnell, S. Ostrom, B. Darrow, J. Clotworthy J. Haller. The Solicitor was Brian Lozuke

Public Notice:

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

MEETING MINUTES: Work Session held May 7, 2025; Regular Session held May 19, 2025

Motion to accept C MacAdams 2nd B. Darrow

All In Favor: Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Motion to accept B. Darrow 2nd P. McConnell

All In Favor: Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: Administrator Giles read a note from Congressman Norcross thanking Mayor and Council for the flowers he received recently during his hospitalization.

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 B. Darrow All in Favor: Carried

John Krauzowicz 126 New Jersey Road inquired about the need for stakes for the community garden.

Justin Benoit 304 Haakon Road addressed council about a public parking issue he is having with neighbors.

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

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. 105-2025 – Authorize Chapter 159 in the Amount of \$5,136.77 – Clean Communities

RESOLUTION NO. 106-2025 - Authorize Acceptance of Resignation of Tax Assessor - James Dudda

RESOLUTION NO. 107-2025 - Authorize Raffle License #18-25 for Brooklawn American Legion Post - Fundraisers for Seniors

RESOLUTION NO. 108-2025 - Authorize Chapter 159 in the Amount of \$84,913.20 from New Jersey Economic Development Authority

RESOLUTION NO. 109-2025 - Authorizing Local Support for Puffin Store NJ Inc. for its Class 1 Cannabis Cultivation Businesses and Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturing Businesses License Application to the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission

Motion to accept: 4-2 B. Darrow: no J. Haller: no

RESOLUTION NO. 110-2025 - Authorizing Liquor Licenses for 2025-20260

Motion to accept: 5-0 Abstain: 1 (John Clotworthy)

RESOLUTION NO. 111-2025 - Authorizing to Apply Municipal Liens from Code Enforcement Charges

Motion to accept: J. Clotworthy **2**nd P. McConnell **Roll Call Vote:** 6-0

END CONSENT AGENDA
CONCLUSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

BILLS & VOUCHERS:

List of Bills:

Motion to pay all bills and vouchers that are in order

Motion to accept: C. MacAdams **2**nd B. Darrow Roll Call Vote: 6-0

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

Pickleball Court - There was a lengthy discussion regarding the pickleball court. A motion was made to move forward with the project to become ADA compliant

Motion to accept: B. Darrow 2nd C. MacAdams **Roll Call Vote:** 6-0

Assessor Replacement – Administrator Giles stated the advertisement was submitted for publication for a new tax assessor. Ryan stated interviews would be done when he returns from vacation.

Borough Homes – Administrator Giles discussed the two properties the Borough is considering selling and the bidding process. Solicitor Lozuke explained the process of a public auction. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the process of the selling procedure. Administrator Giles discussed with council the maintenance of Borough homes by a new company that was researched by Christina Houchins.

OPEN TO COUNCIL MEMBERS: Council member McConnell reminded everyone about the upcoming fireworks event. Council member Ostrom discussed Borough homes maintenance. Stacey read an official accommodation that Chief Ellis received for Sargent Raymond McKenny Jr. during a mutual aid call for assistance during a 2024 Gloucester County event. Council member Darrow discussed the flea market at the church parking lot and discussed the ongoing parking situation during baseball games. Bruce Darrow also stated we are waiting for the nets at the ball field to go up. Council member Clotworthy gave an update on the community center and plans going forward that are in the works. Council member MacAdams inquired about upcoming water shut offs and confirmed notice was given to residents effected. Public works superintendent gave an update and stated if anything is needed to please email him and he will be sure to get it done. Council member Haller stated the town wide yard sale was a success. Jeff thanked public works for picking up the extra items that were icked up that didn't sell. Sergeant McKenney discussed a possible internship with a college student who needs to complete 135 hours and would work with Detective Amber Nicholas. Motion was made by Council member Clotworthy and a second by Council member McConnell and 6-0 vote. Mayor Granstrom discussed the installation of the bulkhead along New Broadway and gave details of the recent discussion with the engineers of the project he had along with Mike

Ostrom. Public works superintendent Mike Ostrom elaborated on the discussion as well. Council president MacAdams discussed a recent meeting with GCL representatives and stated they are taking the concerns of the Borough seriously and will be meeting with them again. Administrator Giles stated the tree in Noreg Circle is a hazard tree and it was recommended it be removed as soon as possible. Administrator Giles asked council if there was anything they want to present to Chief Ellis on his retirement. Administrator Giles stated the application process for Solvay is now open. Administrator Giles discussed the fundraising plans to benefit our seniors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Resolution No. 112- 25 - Anticipated Litigation

Motion: P. McConnell 2nd: S. Ostrom

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: P. McConnell 2nd S. Ostrom

All in favor: Carried

Next meeting (work session) scheduled for Wednesday, July 3, 2025