

Public Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

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

Swearing in: Captain Michael Brewster as Police Chief by Mayor Granstrom

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 & Executive Session held August 6, 2025
Regular Session & Executive Session held August 18, 2025

Motion: C. MacAdams 2nd B. Darrow
All In Favor: Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS: **Motion:** C. MacAdams 2nd P. McConnell
All In Favor: Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you note from Camden County Ladies Auxiliary for use of the community center. Thank you note from Michelle Mickle for the recent proclamation she received.

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 P. McConnell
All in Favor: Carried

Debbie Mason 217 5th St. expressed her thoughts on the proposed McDonalds project and thinks it would be something positive for Brooklawn by creating jobs and also getting rid of the church that she feels is an eye sore.

Ann Baish 411 Haakon Road stated she thought the McDonald's project was not moving forward and expressed her concerns why she is against it moving forward. Solicitor Lozuke explained the process to the residents and stated the project would have to be approved by Planning & Zoning and that any residents within a 200 feet radius of the proposed project would be notified and would have the opportunity to express their concerns with the project.

George Thorpe 220 MacAdams Way expressed his views on the McDonald's project and stated he is in favor of it and it would be something good for Brooklawn, including generating revenue, and it would be well worth it for the community.

Brittany Henry 221 N. Hannevig expressed concern about the removal of the no right turn sign when the circle floods and the flow of traffic and then inquired if the school would have to close during the proposed construction project. Solicitor Lozuke stated it would not be closed. Resident asked if the amounts stated in the change orders on the listed resolutions would be covered by the Solvay settlement. Administrator Giles addressed the question.

Motion to close: 2nd
All in Favor: Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE: 2ND Reading (ORDINANCE TABLED)

Ordinance No. 15-2025 – Guaranty Ordinance of the Borough of Brooklawn, Fully, Unconditionally and Irrevocably Securing the Payment of the Principal and Interest on Those Certain Borough Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds (Brooklawn Board of Education Project), Series 2025, in an Amount not to Exceed \$7,500,000 to be Issued by the Camden County Improvement Authority for the Purpose of Providing Additional Security Therefor and Determining Certain Other Matters in Connection Therewith

Motion to table: B. Darrow
2nd: J. Haller
Roll Call Vote: 6-0

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCES: First Reading - Introduction of Ordinances

Ordinance No. 16-2025 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Completion of Various Capital Improvements in the Borough of Brooklawn, Appropriating the Sum of \$360,000

Ordinance No. 17-2025 - Amending Chapter 141, Vehicles and Traffic, in the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn

Ordinance No. 18-2025 – Amending Chapter 112, Parks and Recreation, in the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn (by title only)

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

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. 129-25 - Authorization to Apply Municipal Lien

Resolution No. 130-25 - Authorizing Bingo and Raffle Licenses for Hero Scholarship Fund

Resolution No. 131-25 - Authorizing Bingo and Raffle Licenses for Getting' It Dunn

Resolution No. 132-25 - Authorize Appointment of eXp Realty LLC for the Sale of Brough Homes Located at 215 Horton Ave. and 207 New Jersey Road

Resolution No. 133-25 - Authorizing the Sale of Borough Homes Located at 215 Horton Ave. and 207 New Jersey Road

Resolution No. 134-25 - Authorization to Rescind Municipal Lien for 107 Fourth St.

Resolution No. 135-25 - Authorizing the Appointment of Tax Assessor - Michael Bernardin

Resolution No. 136-25 - Authorizing Change Order No. 4 - to reflect the addition of new pressure transmitters to replace the old gauges prior to and after the new GAC equipment as requested by the system operator. (Increase of \$229,745.00)

Resolution No. 137-25 - Authorize Change Order No. 5 - to reflect work necessary to address unforeseen foundation conditions encountered during the construction of the new pole barn structure. (Increase of \$11,300.00)

Resolution No. 139-25 - Authorize Appointment of Police Chief - Michael Brewster

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

OPEN TO COUNCIL MEMBERS: Council member J. Haller discussed the community garden and stated the community garden will be set up at the fall festival. Council member Haller also mentioned possible having a wine/cheese night and movie night for the kids. Council member S. Ostrom gave an update on Borough homes and some of the things that are being addressed and will be included on the agenda of the next worksession. Council member B. Darrow acknowledged the donation by Lowes for the ballfields and community garden and gave an update on the ballfields. Council president C. MacAdams discussed the pickleball court and the repair being completed to the glass and the painting of it. Council member P. McConnell mentioned the date for the Fall Festival and also talked about the 8th grade class scarecrow making fundraiser event at the community center. Council member McConnell expressed her concerns about the trash and littering behind the school. Council member J. Clotworthy gave an update on the community center including key fobs and website for reserving the center. Public works superintendent M. Ostrom gave an update on the 4th street project and bulkhead fencing on Pershing Road. M. Ostrom stated there were seven new dumpsters ordered. Mayor Granstrom gave an update on new businesses and construction project at the circle and bridge to Westville. Mayor Granstrom also discussed the open space grant and a recent meeting with the Camden County representatives that visited the pickleball court and were very impressed. Borough Administrator Giles talked in depth about the new businesses coming to town and also gave an update on the raffle.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: RESOLUTION NO. 138-2025 -Excluding public participation within a portion of a meeting of the Borough of Brooklawn pursuant to NJSA 10:4-12

Motion: B. Darrow 2nd P. McConnell
All in favor: Carried

Time in: 7:45 pm **Time out:** 9:17 pm

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: P. McConnell 2nd S. Ostrom
All in favor: Carried

Next meeting (work session) scheduled for Wednesday,