

Worksession Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2025

Worksession 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

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: Motion C. MacAdams Second P. McConnell All in Favor Carried
Pat Cerrone 405 Haakon Road addressed council regarding his concerns over the McDonald's project. Greta Mils 107 4th St. addressed council regarding a property lien of \$300.00 and explained she is the new owner and has been trying her best regarding the overgrowth at her property. After a discussion with council and M. Ostrom, it was decided a resolution would be passed at the next council meeting to resend the lien. Mike Kind 110 Third St. stated he agreed with Pat Cerrone regarding his comments on McDonalds. Debra Ignaczewski 308 Haakon inquired about the distance that offenders are required to stay away from school property and how that factors into the McDonald's property regarding said distance. Solicitor Lozuke stated he would look into it. There was a lengthy discussion regarding sewer line issues at residences on Timber Blvd.

Closed to the Public: Motion Second All in Favor Carried

ORDINANCES:

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. xxx-25 – Authorization to Apply Municipal Lien

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

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

Water Capital Request and General Capital Request – Administrator Giles discussed the need for repair of the softener tank at the water plant and improvements to the community center and council chambers. Administrator Giles requested initiating a Bond Ordinance \$400,000 for these projects. Public works superintendent M. Ostrom elaborated on things that need to be addressed at the water plant.

Raffle – Administrator Giles gave an update on the progress of the raffle sales.

Tax Sale – Administrator Giles stated the tax sale is scheduled for the third week in October and that notices were sent out.

Sale of Borough Homes – Administrator Giles discussed the sale of the two Borough homes that will be going up for sale. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the assessed values, advertising and auction of the properties.

OPEN TO COUNCIL MEMBERS: Engineer stated reconstruction project on 3rd St. continues. Captain Mike Brewster stated the police dept. will participate in the upcoming 9/11 memorial service at Brooklawn United Methodist Church. There a discussion regarding having two additional crossing guards stationed at two locations for a total of 2.5 hours per week each at two locations for pre-k students. Council agreed for the safety of the students to move forward with the plan. Public works superintendent M. Ostrom gave a public works update. Council member Haller gave an update on the community garden and discussed the recent event and that it was very successful and that he is looking forward to next year's garden. Council member S. Ostrom stated all is good with Borough homes and stated that Christina Houchins is doing a great job. Council member B. Darrow discussed the revenue from the use of the baseball fields and gave an update on the netting. Council member Darrow acknowledged the donations from Lowes for the maintenance of the fields. Council member P. McConnell reminded everyone about the community shred event on Sept. 13, fall festival on October 4 and the trunk or treat on October 16. Council president C. MacAdams discussed the pickle ball court and repainting of it, as well as the anticipated opening date. Council member J. Clotworthy gave an update on the key fobs and scheduling of the use of the community center. John also discussed the raffle. Mayor Granstrom discussed moving forward with the purchase of a golf cart for Harry. Administrator Giles. Administrator Giles read 3 correspondences received from residents thanking both Christina Houchins and Mike Ostrom.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Motion S. Brewster 2nd P. McConnell

All in favor: Carried

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, September 15, 2025