

BOROUGH OF BROOKLAWN
COUNCIL WORKSESSION
November 5, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.
Agenda

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – Those present were C. MacAdams, P. McConnell, S. Ostrom, B. Darrow, J. Haller, Mayor Granstrom

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: All in Favor: Carried

Kathleen Maass 306 Christiana St. expressed her concerns regarding cars parked where they should not be parked, across the street from her residence. Police stated they would look into the situation.

Brittany Henry inquired about the sign ordinance regarding political signs. Administrator Giles stated the ordinance will be introduced at the next council meeting. The next question was regarding the absence of bus shelters on New Broadway. Council president MacAdams addressed the question and explained the issues that have occurred in the past but the topic could be up for discussion again. The next question was regarding the third party audit of the water and if it would be made public and if the selling of the water system was considered, would it be on a public ballot. Administrator Giles explained the process. Frank Chappell addressed council regarding the use of the church parking lot for the sale of Christmas trees. There was a lengthy discussion regarding fees for the use of the parking lot.

Closed to the Public: Motion: C. MacAdams Second: S. Ostrom All in Favor: Carried

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance XXX-2025 - Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Completion of Various Capital Improvements in the Borough of Brooklawn Appropriating the Sum of \$560,000

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. XXX-25 - Authorization to Advertise for Purchase of Calcium Hypochlorite Tablets

Resolution No. XXX-25 - Authorization to Establish and Implement a Fair and Open Process for the Selection of Various Professional Service Providers for the Borough of Brooklawn for the Year 2025

Resolution No. XXX-25 - Approving Participation with the State of New Jersey in a Safe and Secure Communities Program for 2026

Resolution No. XXX-25 – Authorizing Acceptance of 2024 Audit

OPEN TO COUNCIL MEMBERS: Engineer gave an update on Third St. Project which will be completed soon and water softener system. Council member Haller inquired about the Halloween decorating contest and also about the Christmas decorating contest. Administrator Giles stated there will be a Christmas contest. J. Haller also talked about the idea of the wine and cheese event and then congratulated council member Clotworthy on his election win. Council member Darrow proposed a plan for the use of the fields with council. Council member Darrow discussed the revenue generated from the ballfields. Bruce requested a more detailed police report especially with incidents that have occurred. There was a discussion regarding areas that are not well lit and may need street lights. M. Ostrom addressed the situation and possible assistance from PSEG. Council member P. McConnell stated the tree lighting is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th. Council president MacAdams inquired about the status of John Kellemayer and a resolution authorizing him as a grant writer of the Borough and requested a resolution be on the agenda for the next meeting. Colin also gave an update on the use of the pickleball court and the increased use of the court. Colin asked that the police be sure to enforce the closing time of 8 pm for the court. Colin also congratulated John Clotworthy and Jeff Haller on their election wins. Colin inquired about an accommodation for those who are not receiving their federal assistance to extend their grace period on their water bill. Ryan stated a resolution would need to be passed. Administrator Giles congratulated those who won their election. Ryan gave an update on the raffle and discussed those businesses who donated to it. Ryan stated the 5 top prizes will be announced at the tree lighting event. The goal is to sell between 400 to 500 tickets over the next month before the drawings begin. Ryan stated if you win a prize, you will receive a Brooklawn-opoly game. Administrator Giles asked council members to let him know what everyone is looking for as he puts the new budget together so funds can be allocated. Council member McConnell stated the Girl Scouts are partnering with the Brooklawn United Church for a food drive on Saturday at 9 am.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Motion C. MacAdams 2nd S. Ostrom

All in favor: Carried

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, November 17, 2025