

Public Meeting
April 15th, 2013

Meeting was opened by Theresa Branella at 6:00pm. Those present were G. Gilbert, J. Granstrom, J. Meehan, and M. Mevoli. The Solicitor was Timothy Higgins, Esq.. P. MacAdams and J. McCleary were absent.

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

Mayor Branella asked everyone for a moment of silence for all of the victims and first responders at the Boston Marathon bombing this afternoon.

Reading and approval of minutes of February 25th and March 6th, 2013:

Motion – G. Gilbert
2nd – M. Mevoli
All in favor: Carried.

Open to Public:

Dan Friel, 203 Pennsylvania Road. Asked why some of our trees are being removed in front of Borough homes. This bothers me, because I like trees and wonder why a good tree was being removed. Mayor Branella explained that our engineers felt two trees had to be removed because they have cause issues to our right of ways. In reference to the one on New Jersey Road, the tree has surface rooted twenty to thirty feet along the road and has caused damage to the driveway of the property. In reference to the tree removal on Pennsylvania Road, it was too close to a water main and was uprooting the sidewalk. Mr. Friel thanked everyone for the answer.

Closed to the public.

Presentation to Dave Barcklow for Safety Award:

Dave Barcklow, Public Works Supervisor and Safety Coordinator, was presented an award from Camden County JIF for excellence in Brooklawn's Safety program. He was given an award certificate by council president M. Mevoli.

Resolution # 78A -13 Cancelling Chapter 159 Resolution for Railroad Crossing

Motion – G. Gilbert
2nd – M. Mevoli
All in Favor: Carried.

Resolution # 79-13 Read 2013 Budget by Title Only

Motion – M. Mevoli
2nd – J. Granstrom
All in Favor: Carried.

Public Hearing on 2013 Budget

No questions or comments from the public.

Adoption of 2013 Municipal Budget

Motion – G. Gilbert
2nd – M. Mevoli
All in Favor: Carried.

Old Business:

Ordinance:

2-13 Salary Ordinance
Second Reading
Public Hearing – Nothing noted from the public
Motion – J. Granstrom
2nd – M. Mevoli
All in Favor. Carried.

New Business:

Ordinance:

3-13 Bond Ordinance - \$ 423,000
First Reading
Motion – J. Granstrom
2nd – G. Gilbert
All in Favor: Carried.

4-13 Amending Chapter 151 – Land Use Regulations
First Reading
Motion – G. Gilbert
2nd – M. Mevoli
All in Favor: Carried.

Resolutions:

80-13 Authorize Change Order No. 2 for Bud Concrete
81-13 Authorize Change Order No. 1 for Iuliucci Landscaping
82-13 Rejection of all bids for Trash Collection
83-13 Urging the Legislature to Retain Funding in Recycling Fund in 2014 Budget
84-13 Refer Certain Matters to Planning Board for Review
Motion – G. Gilbert
2nd – M. Mevoli
All in Favor: Carried.

Approval of payment of bills: \$ 530,007.26

Motion – M. Mevoli
2nd – J. Meehan
All in favor: Carried.

Open to Council:

M. Mevoli said everything went well during Brooklawn's Opening Day for Baseball. There seems to be more and more kids playing every year. We have a meeting tomorrow night with all the athletic associations to discuss the rules and regulations of the fields, how to maintain them and to respect each other's schedule.

J. Granstrom said it was great to see a lot of new faces joining Brooklawn's baseball association. He also stressed that there is a lot more people involved and playing this year.

Mayor Branella told everyone that Planet Fitness is open and wants everyone to check it out. She told everyone that the Shade Tree received the tree USA Growth Award for their work on the Commission over the last year. We are the 2nd town in Camden County to receive this award. The shade tree should be proud of their achievement in such a small time.

Motion to Adjourn – M. Mevoli
2nd – G. Gilbert
All in favor: Adjourned.

Ryan Giles
Borough Clerk