

Public Meeting  
July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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

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

**Reading and Approval of Minutes of June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015:**

Motion – M. Mevoli  
2<sup>nd</sup> – G. Gilbert  
All in favor: Carried.

**Committee Reports:**

Motion – G. Gilbert  
2<sup>nd</sup> – J. Meehan  
All in Favor: Carried.

Proclamation was presented to Police Chief Francis McKinney by Mayor Branella. Mayor Branella also presented Chief McKinney the key to the borough. Everyone on council said some kind words for the police chief who is retiring at end of the month. Mayor and Council applauded his 29.5 years of service and commitment to the Borough of Brooklawn.

A Check for \$23,000 was presented to the ALS Foundation by J. McCleary. She thanked the ALS Foundation and all the volunteers who helped with the ALS race in April. She is looking forward to working together for the next event.

**Open to the Public:**

Gary Rinear, 304 Marne Road, talked about finishing the 9/11 Memorial. He said when they built the memorial they left grooved lines in the brick to put in a timeline of events in the future. He wanted to know if he had permission to look into putting business card size plates etched with information about how the events unfolded on 9/11. Council said he can continue to complete the project and let the offices know if he needed help.

Pat Heiser, 221 South Hannevig Avenue, said there are a couple telephone poles that are rotten out and need to be removed. The mayor said she is meeting with PSEG this week and would notify them.

**Engineers Report from Greg Fusco, Kei Engineering:**

Item #1: The office has submitted an application for 2015 NJDEP Recreational Trails Program to continue construction of multi-purpose walking path along waterfront. Looking to mark out the path within the next month.

Item #3: We were awarded \$200,000 from Camden County Improvement Authority to purchase three homes in the borough. The borough is purchasing 218 New Jersey Road on Wednesday.

Item #4: We prepared the 2015 NJDOT Municipal Aid application for the reconstruction of Sixth Street to Lake Drive. Unfortunately we did not get award any funding for 2015.

Item #7: Year 35 and 36 CDBG funding is being used for Community Road. The project has begun and should be completed by the end of July.

Item #8: Railroad Crossing project is completed. PSEG finished the concrete apron and the contractor, Charles Marandino, has completed the punch list to finalize the project. Reimbursement for the funding will be submitted to the NJDOT once the canceled checks are received from the borough.

Item #9: The fieldwork on the USDA project is complete. We met with D. Domico for the project and we are starting the replacement of Creek Road Pump Station. The rest of the project will be bid out over the winter.

G. Fusco thanked everyone for the time.

### **Old Business:**

#### Ordinance:

# 12-15 Amending Chapter 141 – Vehicles and Traffic

# 13-15 Amending Chapter 116 – Rental Properties

Second Reading

Public Hearing – Nothing Noted from the Public.

Motion – M. Mevoli

2<sup>nd</sup> – G. Gilbert

All in Favor: Carried.

### **New Business:**

#### Resolutions:

# 98-15 Authorizing Purchase of Certain Lands for \$103,000

# 99-15 Authorizing to Apply Municipal Liens

# 100-15 Acceptance of Resignation – Michael Kemp

# 101-15 Authorization to Execute Grant Agreement with DEP for Green Communities Grant

# 102-15 Authorizing Execution of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the State of New Jersey

# 103-15 Appointment of Provisional Police Chief – Shamus Ellis

# 104-15 Authorizing Change Order No. 2 for Charles Marandino for Community Road Project

Motion – J. McCleary

2<sup>nd</sup> – M. Mevoli

All in Favor: Carried.

**Approval of payment of bills: \$ 464,024.90**

Motion – J. Meehan  
2<sup>nd</sup> – J. McCleary  
All in favor: Carried.

**Open to Council:**

M. Mevoli congratulated J. McCleary on her tireless work on the ALS Race and for raising a lot of money for a great cause. He thanked everyone for their help for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. It was a nice day and everyone had a good time.

G. Gilbert asked about missing trash cans at the ballfields. He said they still haven't been replaced. D. Domico said she would make sure to get them.

J. Meehan talked about using our waterfront to showcase our town. He suggested maybe doing an event there the day the fireworks are being shot off by Westville on October 17<sup>th</sup>. He said a music festival, Chili cook off, or a movie night would all be viable options. Mayor Branella said we should look into all our options and do something.

Executive Resolution # 104A-15 for Personnel Matters at 7:02 pm for approximately 15 minutes.

Motion – M. Mevoli  
2<sup>nd</sup> – G. Gilbert  
All in Favor. Carried.

Reconvened at 7:27pm.

**Motion to Adjourn – J. Meehan**

2<sup>nd</sup> – G. Gilbert  
All in favor: Adjourned.

Ryan Giles  
Borough Clerk