

Public Meeting
September 16th, 2019

Meeting was opened by Mayor Branella at 6:30pm. Those present were G. Gilbert, J. McCleary, M. Mevoli, P. McConnell, P. Moses, and J. McCleary. 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.

MEETING MINUTES: Regular August 19th, 2019 Meeting

Motion - J. McCleary
2nd - P. McConnell
All In Favor: Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Motion - P. Moses
2nd - J. McCleary
All in Favor: Carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Scott Smith, Kei Engineers, gave a brief report on the current projects that are ongoing throughout the town.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Many tenant from Brooklawn Norse Apartments spoke about the ongoing issues at the complexes. Kimberly Hutton, 301 Browning Lane Apt. 1B, said she has HUD assistance and is scared she will lose assistance. She lives with her son and wants to make sure she doesn't come home to a locked up building. There is no one answering any calls for maintenance. Gerald Kuras of 301 Browning Lane Apt. 5A, Cherylene Kennedy of 301 Browning Lane Apt. 2C, Edward Trivigino of 301 Browning Lane Apt 5B, Michael Donahue of 401 Browning Lane Apt. 9C, Joan Wimberley of 301 Browning Lane Apt. 4B., Caroline Cowling of 301 Browning Lane Apt. 3A, each expressed their concerns about the current state of the property. They said that there is no one to whom to pay the rent. They have leaking ceilings and pipes. There is sewage in the basement every time in rains. They also said there are mice, rodents, and cockroaches throughout the different apartments. The doors are not secure and they don't feel safe. Mayor Branella let everyone know that we found that the management company disappeared a few weeks ago. The borough has been trying to find a contact to someone who will be responsible for these issues. However, we do not have a person of contact and cannot give any advice about what you can do to rectify the problems. Administrator Giles said that the maintenance of the outside will be maintained by the DPW and the trash will continue to be picked

up. Mayor Branella said she will gather some information and give it to all tenants when we have a plan. She asked everyone to meet with Officer Brewster of the Brooklawn Police Department to leave contact information. This will help us keep in contact with everyone. The councilmembers each expressed their apologies to the tenants and hope we can come up with a solution beneficial to them.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Hearing

(Introduced August 19th, 2019)

ORDINANCE No. 10-2019 – Ordinance of the Borough of Brooklawn, County of Camden, Amending Chapter 141, Vehicles and Traffic, Adding Article XV, Traffic Control during Construction, in the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn

Second Reading

Open to the Public – Nothing noted from the public.

Motion to Adopt – J. McCleary

2nd – P. McConnell

Approved through Roll Call Vote: 6-0

Public Hearing

(Introduced August 19th, 2019)

ORDINANCE No. 11-2019 – Ordinance of the Borough of Brooklawn, County of Camden, Amending Chapter 141, Vehicles and Traffic, in the Code of the Borough of Brooklawn

Second Reading

Open to the Public – Nothing noted from the public.

Motion to Adopt – M. Mevoli

2nd – J. Granstrom

Approved through Roll Call Vote: 6-0

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions:

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. 130-2019 – Appointment of Part-Time Public Works Employee – Jeff Haller

RESOLUTION No. 131-2019 – Appointment of Part-Time Public Works Employee – Patrick Helm

RESOLUTION No. 132-2019 – Authorize Change Order No. 1 for Reconstruction of Wells No. 1 and No. 3 with Increase of \$6,030.70

RESOLUTION No. 133-2019 – Authorize the Application of Bingo and Raffle License for Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund, Inc.

RESOLUTION No. 134-2019 – Authorization to Apply Municipal Lien(s)

RESOLUTION No. 135-2019 – Authorize Change Order No. 2 for Reconstruction of Sixth Street with Decrease of \$14,570.00

RESOLUTION No. 136-2019 – Appointment of Sub-Code Plumbing Inspector – Gerald Recigno

Motion – P. Moses

2nd – P. McConnell

Approved through Roll Call vote: 6-0.

RESOLUTION No. 137-2019 – Authorization for Planning Board to Undertake a Preliminary Investigation to Ascertain whether Certain Properties and Areas within the Borough of Brooklawn are in Need of Redevelopment

Motion – J. McCleary

2nd – P. Moses

Approved through Roll Call vote: 6-0.

Approval of payment of bills: \$ 375,039.43

Motion – M. Mevoli

2nd – P. McConnell

Approved through Roll Call vote: 6-0.

Communications:

- **Flu Shot Clinic Wednesday, September 18, 2019 - Borough Hall (10 am - noon)**
- **Brooklawn Fall Festival Saturday, October 19, 2019 (New start time 11 am)**

Open to Council:

Mayor Branella and all the council members expressed their concerns for the people in the Brooklawn Norse Apartments. Councilman Granstrom really wants to make sure we do everything we can to get the tenants information about their rights. Councilman Mevoli said, “I am glad I took my anxiety

medicine, because I can't imagine what these tenants are going through." Councilwoman McCleary expressed her concern about how management could let the tenants live in such a dire situation and hope the management companies are held responsible. They asked the administrator to keep everyone informed of the progress with finding a solution.

Motion to Adjourn - P. McConnell

2nd - M. Mevoli

All in Favor: Adjourned.

Ryan Giles
Borough Clerk