

Public Meeting
February 18, 2020

Meeting was opened by Mayor Branella at 6:30pm. Those present were J. Clotworthy, M. Mevoli, P. McConnell, P. Moses, J. Granstrom, 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 session held on February 18, 2020

Motion - P. McConnell

2nd - P. Moses

All In Favor: Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion - M. Mevoli

2nd - J. McCleary

All in Favor: Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTION NO. 72-2020 - Appointment of Amber Gundle as a Full Time Police Officer

Motion - P. Moses

2nd - J. McCleary

All in Favor: Carried.

Swearing in of Officer Amber Gundle by Mayor Branella

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Greg Fusco, Kei Engineers, gave a brief report on the current projects that are ongoing throughout the town including CBGB funding for the playground.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Pat Newcome, 117 Pennsylvania Rd. expressed her concerns about the lighting near the Railroad Trestle by the Brooklawn Circle when flooding occurs. She feels it is a dangerous situation especially when coming home late at night. Ryan explained some of the upcoming projects that are in the works. Mayor and Council assured her that the lighting situation would be addressed and thanked her for coming.

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Hearing

(Introduced on February 18th, 2020)

ORDINANCE No. 1-2020 - COLA Ordinance for 2020

Motion to Open to the Public By M. Mevoli Sec. J. McCleary

Motion to Close to the Public By P. Moses Sec. J. McCleary

Adoption/Action

Motion to Adopt By J. McCleary Sec. P. Moses

Approved through Roll Call Vote: 6-0

Public Hearing

(Introduced on February 18th, 2020)

ORDINANCE No. 2-2020 - Salary Ordinance

Motion to Open to the Public By P. McConnell Sec. P. Moses

Motion to Close to the Public By M. Mevoli Sec. P. Moses

Adoption/Action

Motion to Adopt By M. Mevoli Sec. J. McCleary

Approved through Roll Call Vote: 6-0

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing

(Introduced on February 18th, 2020)

ORDINANCE No. 3-2020 - Introduction of Capital Ordinance for \$346,750

First Reading

Motion - J. McCleary

2nd - G. Granstrom

Approved through Roll Call Vote: 6-0.

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. 73-2020 - Authorize the Refund of Overpaid Taxes

RESOLUTION No. 74-2020 - Authorization to execute a signed agreement with Project SAVE

RESOLUTION No. 75-2020 - Authorization to Support Participation in the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program

RESOLUTION No. 76-2020 - Authorization to Execute a Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Westville Department of Public Works for Shared Service.

RESOLUTION No. 77-2020 - Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Westville for Electrical Sub Code Inspector

RESOLUTION No. 78-2020 - Authorize the Application of Bingo and Raffle License for South Jersey Mothers of Multiples

RESOLUTION No. 79-2020 - Authorize Application for CDBG Program Year 2020

Motion – M. Mevoli

2nd – J. McCleary

Approved through Roll Call Vote: 6-0

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$702,478.04

Motion – J. McCleary

2nd – P. McConnell

Approved through Roll Call vote: 6-0

COMMUNICATIONS:

Spring Fair - Saturday, May 9th, 2020 from 11am to 4pm at the Community

OPEN TO COUNCIL:

J. Granstrom talked about the flooding situation and the clapper valves/flood gates. There was a discussion regarding the states responsibility to check and maintain the flood gates. Mayor suggested making a phone call to look into the maintenance.

P. Moses talked about Sustainable NJ and scheduling a meeting with Sandi Kelly and also thanked Public Works for recent tree removals. P. McConnell stated she is seeking name suggestions for the dedication of the new dog park.

J. McCleary gave an update on some of the Borough Homes, including work being done at some of the properties. Julie talked about a monthly report on maintenance of the homes for the homes committee. Julie discussed the new website and marketing ideas and plans for a meeting with Sandi Kelly. She also talked about the street renaming plans and the possibility of a presentation to the recipients at the April Council meeting.

J. Clothworthy discussed the upcoming Census and the importance of getting the word out for a successful result for Brooklawn. John thanked Patrick for the website link information he provided for Sustainable NJ committee.

M. Mevoli discussed the cameras throughout town and adjustments that need to be made, especially on New Broadway. There is also a need for a camera by the clubhouse at the Legion Field. Mike also discussed the softball teams and their completed paperwork for the season.

Mayor discussed the Community Garden and mentioned to P. McConnell to be aware of the plans going forward. Mayor and Council discussed the bench missing from the waterfront with M. Ostrom. Mayor talked the ongoing flood meetings that are ongoing. M. Mevoli stated that Jerry from 1st Colonial Bank has retired and talked about a proclamation at a future meeting. Ryan discussed the Franchi property and possible foreclosure of the property. He stated there would be a future discussion regarding this.

RE-OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Pro Capital representatives gave a presentation on receivership of the abandoned properties in Brooklawn. There was a discussion of the process between Pro Capital with Mayor and Council.

Motion to Adjourn - J. McCleary

2nd - P. Moses

All in Favor: Adjourned

Next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, March 16th, 2020