

Public Meeting
April 20, 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 March 16, 2020

Motion - T. McConnell

2nd - P. Moses

All In Favor: Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion - M. Mevoli

2nd - J. Granstrom

All in Favor: Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Greg Fusco, Kei Engineers stated there was a resolution on the agenda authorizing submission of application through Camden County Open Space for improvements to the ball fields. He also stated the DOT announced application deadline for 2020 municipal streets and roads. A decision on what projects will be completed is needed, so a resolution can be adopted to submit the application. The slip lining work is completed, and final measurements for final voucher and final change order will be completed by next month to close the project and prepare to close on the loan. Contract 1 distribution system work along with work done last year with filters and wells has all been approved by the USDA. The only thing that needs to be completed is the water treatment plant work. The USDA reviewed specifications and sent back some comments, Greg stated he has met with Mike Ostrom and will resubmit to move forward to advertise for bids. Greg stated it will be necessary to extend the bonding for the project. He stated he will work with Bellmawr regarding their Warren Ave. plant to be able to get information to the USDA to finalize the schedule and hopefully have everything completed by the end of the year. Ryan stated he will roll over the water portion for another year. Greg stated once the schedule is put together he will email it to Ryan to discuss. Ryan stated that Councilwoman Julie McCleary inquired about the three Borough Homes that were being worked on. Greg gave an update and

stated that the projects should be completed and finalized for approval by May. Ryan stated any leftover money could be used for additional curb appeal to the properties as well as painting.

J. McCleary inquired about the large dumpster at the Paris Ave. property. Greg stated he would look into it and have it removed.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Motion - M. Mevoli

2nd - J. McCleary

All in favor: Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION No. 86-2020 - Authorization to Participate in the Budget Self Examination for the Year 2020

RESOLUTION No. 87-2020 - Authorization to Read the 2020 Municipal Budget by Title Only

Motion: M. Mevoli

2nd: P Moses

Roll Call Vote 6-0

***Introduction of: Public Hearing:
(Introduced March 16th, 2020)***

2020 Municipal Budget by Title Only

Motion to Open to the Public by M. Mevoli 2nd by J. Granstrom

Motion to Close to the Public by M. Mevoli 2nd by P. Moses

Adoption/Action

Motion to Adopt by M. Mevoli 2nd by P. Moses

Roll Call Vote 6-0

NEW BUSINESS:

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. 88-2020 – Authorizing Change Order No. 4 to Increase Contract by \$101,802.85 for U.S.D.A. Sliplining Project

RESOLUTION No. 89-2020 – Authorizing Submission of Application through Camden County Open Space for Improvements to the Ball fields

RESOLUTION No. 90-2020 – Authorizing the Submission of an Application to the New Jersey Local Finance Board

RESOLUTION No. 91-2020 – Authorization to Execute a 5 Year Lease Agreement with AT&T for Cell Phone Tower

RESOLUTION No. 92-2020 – Authorization to Estimate 3rd Quarter Billing Cycle for Municipal Taxes

RESOLUTION No. 93-2020 – Authorizing Participation with the State of New Jersey in a Safe & Secure Communities Program for 2020

Motion – J. McCleary

2nd – P. Moses

Approved through Roll Call Vote: 6-0

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$143,113.39

Motion – M. Mevoli

2nd – J. McCleary

Approved through Roll Call Vote: 6-0

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor discussed the book box at Borough Hall that has now been converted to a food basket for those who may need help during these uncertain times. She thanked Todd for getting it organized and stated that any excess will be donated to Brooklawn United Methodist Church.

OPEN TO COUNCIL:

Mayor Branella thanked everyone for all their efforts during these challenging times and thanked each dept. for all their hard work including fire, police, public works and administrative staff. Council President J. McCleary talked about the progress of the Borough Homes and inquired about a possible date for renting the vacant properties. Julie asked that a list of any late rental payments be forwarded over to her. She also discussed the new Borough website and asked everyone to get their content submitted for the new site. Julie thanked the Mayor

for her leadership shown to the Borough during the pandemic and also working with the Mayor's Association and many numerous conference calls as well as all the work she has put into it. T. McConnell stated she was happy to see everyone healthy and hopes everyone stays safe. Mike Mevoli expressed his condolences to Skip Granstrom. Mike also thanked all the employees of the Borough for all their efforts and hard work with what we are going through. Mike brought up the camera situation at Public Works and Ryan stated he is working on it to get it back up and running. Mike asked everyone to be sure to submit their financial disclosure form. Patrick expressed his condolences to Skip Granstrom and thanked Public Works and Police for their hard work. He talked about Sustainable NJ and also about an upcoming virtual tree planting for the 3rd grade class of Alice Costello School. John Clotworthy thanked Ryan for putting the zoom meeting together and thanked everyone for their hard work and efforts. John discussed the Census and where we stand. John stated there is no schedule for door to door Census taking, but that with many people being at home, it is hopeful everyone will complete their census. Skip Granstrom thanked all of Council for all their condolences and for reaching out to him and his wife during this difficult time. He thanked Chief Shamus for all the notifications that have been sent out regarding Covid and thanked the Mayor for her leadership. Mayor Branella acknowledged the Easter bunny drive by celebration and thanked the Police Dept. for helping to make it happen. Ryan gave a detailed update to everyone on the workings of the Borough offices during the pandemic and stated Public works merger has been successful and a lot is being done. Ryan stated Chief Ellis and the Police dept. are doing a great job. It was also noted that the zoom meeting worked out well and Ryan reminded everyone about the financial disclosure deadline and to please complete it by the deadline. Mayor closed by reminding everyone to stay safe and how proud she is of our Borough and all our residents.

Motion to Adjourn – P. Moses

2nd – P. McConnell

All in Favor: Adjourned

Next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2020