

Public Meeting
April 16th, 2018

Meeting was opened by T. Branella at 6:30pm. Those present were P. McConnell, M. Mevoli, G. Gilbert, P. Moses and J. Granstrom. J. McCleary 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 March 19th, 2018:

Motion – G. Gilbert
2nd – P. McConnell
All In Favor: Carried.

Committee Reports:

Motion – P. McConnell
2nd – M. Mevoli
All in Favor: Carried.

Engineer's Report:

Administrator Giles gave a brief review of the engineer report since Mr. Fusco could not make the meeting.

Item #1: We received \$125,000 from the NJDOT to complete the rest of Sixth Street. We have money in our capital funds to cover any engineering cost so moving forward shall be minimal impact to our budget.

Item #3: We submitted an application for CDBG funding for 2018-2019. They are doing the funding differently this year. Every year we receive approximately \$20,000. This year they are awarding 5-6 towns in Camden County \$250,000. This application is to be used to renovate the Saint Maurice Church to make it ADA Compliant.

Item #7: Year 2018 Open Space Grant was applied for in March. If we are awarded, the funding will be used for a Dog Park.

Item #11: The USDA water project is nearing completion. We replaced numerous valves and hydrants throughout town. We will be reconfiguring the water plant in the coming months. The sewer part of the project is under review. Once we get the approval from the USDA, we will go out to bid.

Old Business

Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 5-2018 Ordinance of the Borough of Brooklawn Renaming
Bergen Street to MacAdams Way

Second Reading

Public Hearing

Motion to Table until May 21st – J. Granstrom

2nd – G. Gilbert

Approved through Roll Call vote

Budget:

Resolution No. 89-2018 – Authorize Self Examination of the 2018 Budget

Motion – M. Mevoli

2nd – G. Gilbert

Approved through Roll Call vote.

Resolution No. 90-2018 – Authorization to Read the 2018 Municipal Budget by
Title Only

Motion – P. McConnell

2nd – M. Mevoli

Approved through Roll Call vote.

Adoption of 2018 Municipal Budget by Title Only

Public Hearing – Nothing Noted.

Motion – P. McConnell

2nd – G. Gilbert

Approved through Roll Call vote.

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. 91-2018 – Support the “UDrive. UText. UPay.” for 2018 Statewide
Distracted Driving Crackdown

Motion – J. Granstrom

2nd – M. Mevoli

Approved through Roll Call vote.

Open to the Public:

Gene Ambrose and Michael Ciarrocchi, Marlton NJ, presented plans to convert the former CJ's Auto Body into an auto body and used car lot. They presented the governing body with a packet of pictures and drawings of the proposed site. The governing body asked numerous questions about the site. The site is allowed to reopen as an Auto Body but needs to get the ordinance changed in the Redevelopment Plan to allow use for sales of used cars.

Chet Atkins of JPOM, Moorestown NJ, gave a presentation on constructing a billboard on the corner of Westbrook Lanes property. The location is in the redevelop zone. JPOM's engineer presented plans for the billboard. Scott Smith, Borough Planner, questioned numerous issues that he found after reviewing the plans. After numerous questions from mayor and council, the recommendation was to allow for changes in zoning and refer the plans to the planning board. They asked to place the ordinance on the next council meeting.

Iwona K, 101 Fifth Street, talked about the issues with parking along her street during baseball games. She was asking if we can do anything to keep people from parking along the street. She said she sees them sitting in the car and dumping trash out of their car. The police chief said he is aware but it is not illegal to park on a public street. He said he will look into ideas that may curb the issues. .

Approval of payment of bills: \$ 260,389.60

Motion – M. Mevoli

2nd – P. McConnell

Approved through Roll Call vote.

Communications:

- ❖ 2nd Annual Spring Fair & Paper Shred Event will be held on Saturday, May 5th at the Community Center from 10 am to 4 pm

Request from ALS Hope Foundation to host a carnival on Brooklawn's waterfront park. Mayor Branella stated that the foundation will come before council with a presentation of the event. The event is to be held sometime in 2019.

Open to Council:

M. Mevoli thanked everyone for coming out to the Easter Egg Hunt. He thanked everyone who helped make the event a success. He gave a brief report on the event. He also announced that the Brooklawn Little League Opening Day was held over the weekend and was a nice day for baseball.

P. McConnell and P. Moses invited everyone to the Shade Tree Ceremony to be held on April 21st, 2018. They will be dedicating a tree to Councilman Michael Mevoli. The event is held on the Fireman's Circle at 11am.

Mayor Branella wants to create a text service that will notify the residents quickly in event of emergency or opening of the overpass due to the circle flooding. Administrator Giles said he is working on it. She also let everyone know that the Girl Scouts have asked to build some gym station along the walking path. She has a meeting with the group to discuss the idea.

Resolution No. 92-2018 - Authorizing an Executive Session for Collective Bargaining Agreement (Police Contract) at 9:00pm.

Motion - G. Gilbert

2nd - M. Mevoli

All in Favor: Carried.

Reconvened at 9:32pm.

Resolution No. 93-2018 - Authorization to Execute Agreement between the Borough of Brooklawn and the Police Department

Motion - J. Granstrom

2nd - M. Mevoli

Approved through Roll Call vote.

Motion to Adjourn - M. Mevoli

2nd - G. Gilbert

All in Favor: Adjourned.

Ryan Giles
Borough Clerk