

“GOD BLESS AMERICA”

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 5, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Belmar held on the above date at **6:00 pm** at the Belmar Municipal Building, 601 Main Street.

PRESENT: Mayor Doherty, Councilman Brennan, Councilwoman Nicolay, Councilwoman Keown-Blackburn, Councilman Magovern, Borough Attorney George McGill Esq., Business Administrator Colleen Connolly, and Borough Clerk April Claudio

“Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to The Coast Star, the official newspaper of the Borough of Belmar, and the Asbury Park Press on December 4, 2015 and notice of this meeting was prominently posted on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building and filed with the Clerk of the Borough of Belmar.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Our troops and their families

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Doherty offered the following resolution for adoption: **2016-71, RESOLUTION APPOINTING ACTING CHIEF OF THE BELMAR POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL**, which was seconded by Council member Keown-Blackburn and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Keown-Blackburn, Brennan, Nicolay and Doherty

Mayor Doherty administered the Oath of Office to Chief Huisman.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

- BBP parking recommendations
 - o Tom Burke, member of the BBP, stated the BBP wants to work with the Mayor and Council to address the parking concerns in town. One suggestion is parking kiosks on 10th Avenue west of Main Street and in the Plaza. He presented a map that lists the parking areas near Main Street including time limits. The BBP feels it will be beneficial to try to work with the spots that we already have and make some changes. Suggested creating a commuter area near the train station.
 - o Council member Brennan stated most train stations charge for parking. It won't address the parking issues in the summer when it's crowded but feels it would be a good idea to charge the commuters who park there all day.
 - o Council member Keown-Blackburn suggested a pick up and drop off area near the train station. Mr. Burke stated they had thought of a taxi stand and could expand on that.
 - o Mr. Burke also stated the parking lines and “no parking” designations on Main Street need to be repainted.
 - o Council member Keown-Blackburn stated she wouldn't want residents to have to pay to park in the Plaza during the Friday and Saturday night concerts. She asked how many parking spaces are being taken up by employees of the business owners. Mr. Burke stated he did not know but the BBP plans on meeting with all the businesses to encourage them to use alternate transportation methods and keep the parking spaces in front of their stores open.
- Redevelopment Plan Amendment & Master Plan Re-Exam
 - o Dave Roberts, Maser Consulting, explained the 10 year time period for a master plan re-exam is expiring in August and the Planning Board is anxious to get started on it. Also in 2014 the Mayor and Council created an advisory committee to study the seaport redevelopment plan. This committee suggested the redevelopment area be extended to include additional areas of town. There is new redevelopment law that allows non condemnation redevelopment areas to be created. While the Planning Board is updating the master plan it's a good idea to also look into whether or not to expand and amend the redevelopment plan.
 - o Mayor Doherty stated it is important that everyone know there will be no use of eminent domain there will be no master redeveloper, and there is no coercion.
 - o Council member Magovern asked about the process. It is a combination of the Planning Boards suggestions and Mr. Roberts' suggestions. Mr. Roberts stated the Mayor and Council is the one that decides whether or not to adopt the amended plan recommended by the Board.
 - o Council member Brennan asked about incorporating sustainability. Mr. Roberts stated that

element is already in the plan.

PETITIONS: Ms. Claudio stated she received a referendum petition on ordinance 2016-01 and has certified the petition to the Mayor and Council. Ms. Connolly stated on advice of Counsel she has rejected the petition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council member Keown-Blackburn made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2016 meeting, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Keown-Blackburn, Nicolay and Brennan
ABSTAIN: Magovern and Doherty

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Council member Magovern: Denise Brooks, a resident and referee for College Women’s Basketball, will be a referee for the championship game tonight. Mikayla and Maryna Mabrey who play for Notre Dame set a Guinness World Record for the most foul shots in a minute.

Council member Keown-Blackburn: Thanked Recreation Director Ray Claudio for opening the gym to seniors to walk during the winter.

Council member Brennan: Thanked all those involved with the Belmar Elementary musical. Also thanked everyone for the birthday wishes.

Council member Nicolay: Congratulated Kelly and Billy Williams on the birth of their son. Wished Dennis Witkowski a Happy Birthday. Summer Camp is sold out. Announced upcoming St. Rose School, Arts Council and Belmar Elementary School events. BBP will be running a Belmar commercial again this year.

Mayor Doherty: He and Council member Magovern missed the last meeting because they were at the Whitehouse for the President’s St. Patrick’s Day celebration. Tomorrow is the ground breaking ceremony for the rebuilding of Taylor Pavilion. Thanked the current Council and former Council member Claire Deicke for their support in the rebuilding. Also thanked resident Tom Burke for making a tough political decision last year by supporting the referendum to rebuild the pavilion. He put people ahead of politics and has faced a tremendous amount of personal attacks which took courage. The senior luncheon scheduled for tomorrow is being moved to April 13th.

PUBLIC SESSION: Public Session on resolutions only on the Agenda. We will continue to have a Public Session at the end of this meeting.

None

Mayor Doherty made a motion to close the public session, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters listed in the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT:

Mayor Doherty offered the following resolutions for adoption:

2016-72

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

PAYMENT OF BILLS: certification that the vouchers listed on the warrant register numbering 65254 thru 65335 are as follows and comply with requirements of State Law and Borough Ordinance as to content and form, that proper and sufficient appropriations exist for the payment to be made and that there is legal authority as provided in N.J.S. 40A: 5-17(a)(1) for the payment to be made.

01 General Account	\$315,398.37
05 General Capital Account	\$207,319.00
11 Water/Sewer Account	\$407,435.65
21 Beach Utility Account	\$12,985.35

23	Parking Utility Fund	\$6,984.23
55	Trust Fund Account	\$8,843.50
61	Tourism Development Account	\$2,426.38
Total:		\$961,392.48

2016-73
RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND CONFIRMING A PLANNER FOR THE AMENDMENTS TO THE SEAPORT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN PROJECT AND THE MASTER PLAN RE-EXAM

2016-74
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR LEASES FOR ONE KITCHEN TRAILER ON THE BELMAR BOARDWALK

2016-75
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT AUCTION

2016-76
RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLASS I BUILDING SUBCODE OFFICIAL

2016-77
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS

2016-78
RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR MACLEARIE PARK RESTROOM TRAILER

2016-79
RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, DIRECTING THE PLANNING BOARD TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER CERTAIN PROPERTIES SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE SEAPORT VILLAGE REDEVELOPMENT AREA WITHOUT CONDEMNATION (NON-CONDEMNATION REDEVELOPMENT AREA)

2016-80
RESOLUTION PERMITTING SPECIAL EVENTS

ORDINANCES: None

PUBLIC SESSION:
Claire Deicke, 1017 14th Avenue, thinks a discussion on the need for parking is a good thing. It means the town is thriving. Also thanked the Mayor for the Code Red that went out Saturday night about the high winds.

Patty Cavanaugh, Lake Como, stated she was happy to hear the outdoor dining ordinance may be amended to prohibit it in the rear of properties.

Aileen Fahy, 400 River Avenue, asked if landscapers could be prohibited on Sundays throughout town.

Mayor Doherty made a motion to close the public session and adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio
Municipal Clerk