

**“GOD BLESS AMERICA”**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 20, 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:** Councilwoman Nicolay, Councilwoman Keown-Blackburn, Councilman Magovern, Borough Attorney George McGill Esq., Business Administrator Colleen Connolly, and Borough Clerk April Claudio

**ABSENT:** Mayor Doherty and Councilman Brennan

“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

Council member Magovern requested to rearrange the order of the agenda to allow the resolutions to be adopted first while there was a quorum. Council member Nicolay may have to leave the meeting early. He would also like to table ordinance 2016-10. Council member Keown-Blackburn made a motion to change the order of the agenda and table the ordinance, which was seconded by Council member Nicolay and approved unanimously.

**PETITIONS:** none

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council member Keown-Blackburn made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016 meeting, which was seconded by Council member Magovern and approved by the following vote:

**AYES:** Magovern, Keown-Blackburn, and Nicolay

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

No Comments.

Council member Magovern made a motion to close the public session on the resolutions, which was seconded by Council member Nicolay and approved unanimously.

The Council decided to vote on the resolutions as a 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:**

Council member Magovern offered the following resolutions for adoption:

**2016-154**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** certification that the vouchers listed on the warrant register numbering 66044, 66061 thru 66169 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	\$906,685.46
05	General Capital Account	\$458,942.63
11	Water/Sewer Account	\$82,580.42

21	Beach Utility Account	\$37,320.43
25	Beach Capital Account	\$277,716.46
23	Parking Utility Fund	\$23,314.42
31	Public Assist I Account	\$200.00
41	Dog License Account	\$1,464.00
55	Trust Fund Account	\$26,251.14
61	Tourism Development Account	\$10,019.14
	Total:	\$1,825,494.10

**2016-155**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING FIRE MARSHALL AND FIRE OFFICIAL**

**2016-156**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE NO. 1306-33-002-004 TO TWO DAWGS, INC T/A THE BOATHOUSE BAR AND GRILL FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2017**

**2016-157**

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING SPECIAL EVENTS**

Seconded by Council member Nicolay and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Keown-Blackburn, and Nicolay

**ORDINANCES: (Tabled)**

*Second Reading & Public Hearing:*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-10**

**ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE SEAPORT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN TO INCLUDE BLOCK 106, LOTS 1-3, 5-6, 10.01, 10.02 AND 11; BLOCK 116, LOTS 1-2; BLOCK 117, LOTS 1-4, 6-9, AND 12-15; BLOCK 67, LOT 4.01; BLOCK 86, LOTS 1-7; BLOCK 86.01, LOT 1; BLOCK 87, LOTS 1-3; AND BLOCK 96, LOTS 1 AND 3-9**

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Marcus Kirschenbaum, Wall Township, gave a packet to the Council that he prepared regarding the property tax revaluation. He explained the revaluation Wall is going through and all of the problems he has had with the assessment on his property. He spoke to the Borough's Tax Assessor and Tax Collector today about the cost to value ratio that is being used and has concerns.

David Schneck, 302 C Street, stated he finds what Mr. Kirschenbaum is saying is interesting and feels there should be a special meeting where everyone can learn the facts about the revaluation. Council member Magovern felt the Tax Assessor should maybe come to a meeting and explain the process.

Claire Deicke, 1017 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Genaro Festival was lovely. Cancelling Sunday was the best call that could have been made for everyone's safety.

Council member Magovern made a motion to close the public session, which was seconded by Council member Nicolay and approved unanimously.

**WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:**

Chief Huisman stated because of the events on Saturday they heightened security at the San Genaro Festival. As the day progressed and other events unfolded there was a need for bomb sniffing dogs. Then based on the event in NYC he decided it was in the best interest of everyone to cancel the festival for Sunday. He did confer with the County and Homeland Security before making this decision.

Council member Magovern asked about the upcoming fall festival. Chief Huisman stated they are reevaluating all of the remaining events in Belmar and Lake Como and making adjustments as needed. Will work to supply enough security and safety to our residents so we don't have to cancel anymore events.

Council member Nicolay asked if the State could ever ask us to cancel an event. Chief Huisman stated they could and if they did then it's probably for a good reason.

Council member Keown-Blackburn stated the police did a great job handling the situation.

Mike Campbell, Director of Public Works, added that they continuously emptied garbage cans and removed extra ones to assist the Police Department.

Council member Magovern asked what would have happened if a dog found something. Chief Huisman stated there is a protocol they have to follow and have done so before.

### **REPORTS OF COUNCIL**

Council member Keown-Blackburn: Thanked Rite Aid for giving flu shots. Thanked Jersey Shore BBQ for sponsoring senior lunch. Commended Police Department for doing a fantastic job this past weekend. Woman's Club is having a blood drive on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Library is hosting a seminar called Medicare 101. Still working on the possibility of a senior center.

Council member Nicolay: Discussed upcoming Arts Council events. Tonight is Back to School night for Belmar Elementary School. Also this week is Scholastic Week. St. Rose has a fundraiser coming up at Darcy's Tavern.

Council member Magovern: Historical Society is having a "Preserve Your Memories Day" on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Also having a discussion with an author regarding submarines at war on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Also having a fundraiser with Boscovs on October 18<sup>th</sup>. They are working on taking photos of all the houses in Belmar, up to 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue now. Got a disc from the tax office back when the last revaluation was done that has pictures of all of the houses from 2003. Can go to the historical society to look at them.

Council member Nicolay left at approximately 6:25 pm.

Council member Magovern made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Council member Keown-Blackburn.

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio  
Municipal Clerk