

**“GOD BLESS AMERICA”**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 10, 2018**

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

**PRESENT:** Mayor Doherty, Councilman Brennan, Councilman Walsifer, Councilman Magovern, Councilwoman Nicolay, Borough Attorney Greg Cannon, Esq., Business Administrator Colleen Connolly, and Borough Clerk April Claudio

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to The Coast Star, the official newspaper of the Borough of Belmar, and the Asbury Park Press on March 12, 2018 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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** Arbor Day

**WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:** None

**PETITIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council member Magovern made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2018 meeting, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved unanimously.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL:**

Council member Magovern: This Saturday, Belmar Historical Society is having an open house. Union Fire Department will also be giving a tour of the building. DPW working on pot holes and painting lines on the streets. Hasn't seen any goose nests at Silver Lake so far, this year. Shout out to Maryna Mabrey who plays for Notre Dame who won the women's college basketball championship. There's a bald eagle nest on top of the water tower. Thanked Mayor Doherty for 7 years of being Mayor and for all his hard work.

Council member Walsifer: Congratulated Chief Huisman for graduating from the FBI Academy. Attended a fundraiser for Colton and Friends on Saturday night, Fran Hines does a great job bringing autism to the forefront and helping the kids.

Council member Brennan: Belmar school play was outstanding; kids did a great job. Congratulated the Mayor on his new position. The Mayor's leadership during Sandy really made a difference on the community. He leaves the town in great shape.

Council member Nicolay: Visit Belmar Arts Council for Juried Art Show. Harry Potter Day is at the Library on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Congratulated Mayor on an exceptional 7 years. Thanked him for all he has done.

**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 Nicolay and approved by the following vote:

**AYES:** Magovern, Walsifer, Brennan, Nicolay and Doherty

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Council member Magovern offered **2018-60, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**, for adoption, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved by the following vote:

**AYES:** Magovern, Walsifer, Brennan, and Nicolay

PAYMENT OF BILLS: certification that the vouchers listed on the warrant register numbering 1945 thru 2007 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	\$777,757.98
11 Water/Sewer Account	\$1,231.49
21 Beach Utility Account	\$20,840.88
55 Trust Fund Account	\$3,812.22
61 Tourism Development Account	\$1,462.36
Total:	\$805,104.93

Mayor Doherty offered, **2018-61, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS**, for adoption, which was seconded by Council member Magovern and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Walsifer, Brennan, Nicolay and Doherty

Mayor Doherty offered, **2018-62, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF SUMMER TAXI OWNERS LICENSES AT AUCTION**, for adoption, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Walsifer, Brennan, Nicolay and Doherty

Mayor Doherty offered, **2018-63, RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR 2018**, for adoption, which was seconded by Council member Magovern and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Walsifer, Brennan, Nicolay and Doherty

**ORDINANCES:**

*Second Reading & Public Hearing:*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-03**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR AMENDING REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 23: "GARBAGE AND WASTE" AND CHAPTER 26: "HOUSING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE" TO ELIMINATE SPECIAL MONDAY COLLECTIONS AND ACCORDINGLY MODIFY CERTAIN SPECIAL REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO SUMMER RENTALS**

Public hearing: none

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

Mayor Doherty made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-03, which was seconded by Council member Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Walsifer, Brennan, Nicolay and Doherty

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Ms. Connolly thanked Mayor Doherty for the last seven years, six of which she has been here for. Presented a photo slide show of all the things the Mayor has done over the years.

Hannah Doherty, Mayor's daughter, said she's very proud of the Mayor. He was a wonderful Mayor and will be a great person in Atlantic City. Thankful for him being such a wonderful father. Belmar will miss him a lot.

Mike Campbell (with DPW staff) proud to be a part of Belmar. Mayor's leadership was the best after Sandy. Mayor has been a great boss. Charlie Vanderlinde thanked the Mayor for everything he's done for him personally and putting the marina on the map. Sal Circelli thanked him for everything he's done for the DPW. Sean Connelly thanked him for everything he's done for the department and allowing them to grow, wished him luck. Colton Hines stated the Mayor has been very helpful to him and his family and thanked him for everything. Several other DPW employees thanked the Mayor for hiring them and for everything he has done for the town and their department. John Maguire thanked the Mayor for putting Belmar back on the map after Sandy and for allowing their department to be able to be successful.

Bob, Carol, and David Cupoli, Circle of Friends HYDAS, thanked the Mayor for being there for them

personally and for Circle of Friends. Presented a certificate of appreciation to the Mayor.

Several members of the police department were present. Captain Tina Scott thanked the Mayor for all his support and stated it will be strange not having him around. Captain Tom Cox stated it has been a pleasure working with the Mayor and the Mayor has always had a great relationship with the police department. Lt. Mike Campbell stated never once did any of them think the Mayor didn't have their backs. Former Chief, Tom Palmisano, congratulated the Mayor.

Dave Hallman, Belmar Elementary School, stated it has been a pleasure working with the Mayor and the students thank him for his support.

St. Vincent DePaul Society stated they strive to help the community and the Mayor has always supported them.

Bill Young, former Business Administrator, thanked the Mayor for all he has done. His management style worked. Talked about a lot of things the Mayor accomplished: no tax increases, lakes fixed, no more flooding, beach, boardwalk and pavilions rebuilt after Sandy, new development in town, and new Borough Hall in the works. Colleen Connolly, Chief Huisman and Mike Campbell get things done and lead a good workforce, all due to the Mayor's leadership. Mayor's leadership after Sandy was a model for other towns. Glad he was our Councilman and Mayor.

Krista Sperber, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Thankful for the Mayor's act of kindness with Home by Summer. His generosity meant a lot to her family. She's trying to pay it forward by working with an organization to help others affected by Sandy and other storms. The Mayor did a lot that other Mayors didn't do.

Spencer Heulitt stated the Mayor always supported the Historical Society and gave the Mayor and a lifetime membership certificate.

Fran Hines thanked the Mayor for supporting the First Aid and Water Rescue as well as the Beach Bash for Autism. Was proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with the Mayor during and after Sandy. Thanked the Mayor for giving his son Colton a place in this world.

Belmar Woman's Club thanked the Mayor for his support.

Claire Deicke, 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the downtown has been wonderfully revitalized thanks to the Mayor.

Gene Murray, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, thanked the Mayor for everything he has done for the seniors. Also thanked the police department for helping them.

Maggie Moran, Mayor's wife, stated what is most amazing about the Mayor is what people don't know; when he leaves the house late at night because a senior called about a noise issue, or there's a fire in the middle of the night, or he goes to the Circle of Friends dances. He is a remarkable public servant that's never let anyone down and she is very proud of him.

Margo Walsh, Jersey Shore Partnership, stated they advocate to keep beaches attractive and the Mayor has always supported them. The town has been a great partnership.

Mike Ryan, former Lake Como Mayor, stated the Mayor got into this business not to get something but to give something. He led a lot of Mayors in recovery after Sandy. Thanked him for rebuilding the boardwalk and using union laborers.

Tom Burke, 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, stated he is the opposite party of the Mayor and they always didn't see eye to eye but appreciates the Mayor sitting down with him and his willingness to listen and share ideas.

Mark Levis, 904 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, stated the Mayor was there during and after Sandy and will never forget that.

Luis Pulido, 304 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, stated it has been a wild ride and he has met a lot of people because of the Mayor. He's been a great mayor and wished him well.

Sherry Russo, 1218 Briarwood, stated she is sad it's the Mayor's last day. She moved here from Cherry Hill and could have picked anywhere, but chose Belmar because it is the best. Her neighbor, Maria, stated she chose Belmar because of all the parks and the family friendly energy.

Brian Wilton, Mayor of Lake Como, stated it has been a pleasure serving with the Mayor. The two towns, while separate, have come together to form a community.

John Hutchinson, 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, thanked the Mayor for all he has done and his leadership. Remembers all the debris after Sandy and how quickly it was removed.

Gene Cory thanked the Mayor. The crowd at the meeting is a true tribute to the Mayor and what he has done. Thanked the Mayor's family for what they had to give up over the years.

Sister Cathy, St. Rose High School, thanked the Mayor for supporting the school and allowing the students to be involved in the community.

A bartender from D'Jais stated every interaction he had with the Mayor, he was accountable, pleasant, professional, and approachable.

Council member Walsifer on behalf of the PBA stated the Mayor always worked well with them and wished him the best.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Doherty thanked the Council, his family, Dave Hallman, and Sister Cathy. Thanked Mike Campbell and DPW staff for making the town look fantastic. Thanked the Police Department, it has been a privilege to be Mayor with them. Thanked Mayor Wilton for coming. The staff is tremendous, April Claudio, Kelly Williams, Ray Claudio, and Mary Brabazon. Thanked Colleen Connolly. She is intelligent, caring, dedicated and he could not have accomplished as much as he did without her. We have fun, enjoy and support each other and trust each other. "If you're lucky enough to live in Belmar, you're lucky enough". He stated he is grateful and thankful for the opportunity to be Mayor and feels no matter where his career takes him, his most memorable and rewarding moments will be from his time as Mayor.

Council member Magovern made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Council member Nicolay and approved unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio  
Municipal Clerk