

“GOD BLESS AMERICA”

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 4, 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 Magovern, Councilman Brennan, Councilman Levis, Councilman Walsifer, Borough Attorney Greg Cannon, Esq., Business Administrator Colleen Connolly, and Borough Clerk April Claudio

ABSENT: Councilwoman Nicolay

“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 7, 2017 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

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

Council member Brennan stated the plastic bag ban goes into effect in 2019 and would like the Council to consider a ban on plastic straws. California doesn't do a total ban, restaurants can have them, but a patron must request a straw. Council member Walsifer stated Sweet Tease uses paper straws now and wanted feedback from other businesses. Council member Levis stated he would like to investigate further and get feedback as well. Mayor Magovern felt it was a good idea. He asked about a ban on Styrofoam too.

PETITIONS:

Claire Hayner, 221 18th Avenue submitted a petition to have Snyder Avenue changed to a northbound direction. She approached 97 homes, 46 agreed with the change, 3 did not have a preference, 4 disagreed, and 43 were not home when she approached them.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council member Walsifer made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2018 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Levis and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Levis and Walsifer

ABSTAIN: Brennan

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Council member Levis: The Belmar Sol was a success. Thanked DPW, Police and Recreation. Raised about \$3800.

Council member Walsifer: Need to work on having lifeguards that can work through Labor Day for next summer. BBP Had two great car shows and a sidewalk sale this year.

Mayor Magovern stated there have always been issues keeping lifeguards through Labor Day because most are teachers and college students that have gone back to school. Other towns have the same issues. Ms. Connolly stated they have spoken to the Lifeguard Director about recruitment strategies for next year.

Council member Brennan: There are many options for recycling plastic bags, information has been posted on the Borough's website and Environmental Commission Facebook page. Working on getting more reusable shopping bags made.

Mayor Magovern: Pat Roddy concert at Pyanoe Plaza is Thursday. Last week's Friday Night Concert in the plaza is rescheduled for this Friday. Saturday is Jaws on the beach. Sunday is the Surfers Healing event. There will be a 9/11 memorial service at the senior building. The Historical Society is having an event at Taylor Pavilion on the 12th. San Gennaro Festival is the 15th. On October 13th Silver Lake will be rededicated as Feruggiaro Park. Beach badge sales down 2.2% this year.

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.

Mayor Magovern 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.

Mayor Magovern offered the following resolutions for adoption:

2018-127 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILL

PAYMENT OF BILLS: certification that the vouchers listed on the warrant register numbering 2857 thru 2926 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	\$350,274.98
11	Water/Sewer Account	\$3,075.04
21	Beach Utility Account	\$10,135.52
41	Dog License Account	\$1,464.00
55	Trust Fund Account	\$13,956.00
61	Tourism Development Account	\$1,650.00
Total:		\$380,555.54

2018-128 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS

2018-129 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT PURCHASE OF A TRACTOR

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

AYES: Magovern, Walsifer, Levis, and Brennan

ORDINANCES: None

PUBLIC SESSION:

Claire Hayner, 221 18th Avenue, asked why you get an IVR when you call 681-1700 and not a dispatcher. Council member Walsifer stated it was set up that way a few years ago because the dispatchers would get many calls for the detectives or records office.

Robert Dietz, 1907 Surf Avenue, stated there is a constant flow of water on his street due to a neighbor’s sump pump. Even on a day with no rain it is still pumping water which means it’s probably set too low. Concerned about water pollution and ice in the winter.

Mike Campbell, Director of Public Works, stated he is aware of the situation and Code Enforcement is involved as well. Mayor Magovern stated he too is aware of this and understands the homeowner doesn’t want to make the repairs needed. Council member Levis suggested looking into the ordinance to prevent situations like this in the future.

Mark Fitzgerald, 1902 Surf Avenue, stated many people might not know they can connect their sump pumps to the storm drain.

Chuck Peters, 202 19th Avenue, stated the water table in that area is very high and feels their problem can be fixed by calling a plumber.

Bill Karatz, 90 Inlet Terrace, stated this year was the worst coverage of lifeguards on the beach. Felt the new lifeguard director is in over his head.

Mayor Magovern 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