

“GOD BLESS AMERICA”

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 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 McCracken, Councilwoman Nicolay, Councilman Walsifer, Borough Attorney Greg Cannon, 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 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:

- Jet Ski and Kayak Rental Rates for 2019
 - o Bob Lynch of the Harbor Commission stated our rates are lower than a lot of other places and there is a high demand for rentals. Suggested increasing the out of town rate and keep the Belmar rate the same.
 - o Council member Nicolay suggested adding kayak storage on the beach for those that take theirs out into the ocean. Would like to keep it family friendly and affordable.
 - o Mayor Magovern was concerned about chasing away renters if the rates are raised.
 - o Council member Walsifer stated he is in favor of raising the nonresident fee.
 - o Council member McCracken asked if residents have priority on the waiting list. Mr. Lynch replied no, it's first come first serve.
 - o Council member Brennan remembered when he was on the Harbor Commission they had decided to keep rates low to attract renters with the intention to raise the rates eventually.
 - o Mr. Lynch stated the Harbor Commission has been discussing whether to raise other fees.
- Kerry White and Johanna Roper-Robinson from the Library Board were present to discuss some things they need to do so the Board is following state regulations. The Mayor or a Council member should be present at their meetings. Community Center has been hosting many of their events and they hope that continues. Ms. Connolly stated the lease has been extended through June 30, 2019. They should have a full-time director, a treasurer, a bookkeeper, and their own funds.
 - o Council members Nicolay and Brennan stated the Library does a great job with their programs and activities. Council member Walsifer agreed. Council member McCracken would like to see the feasibility study when it is completed. Mayor Magovern stated his father was a fan of the library and would be pleased to see how far it has come.
- Chris Brandl of Brandl Restaurant would like to store a vehicle in the Plaza near his building. He has decorated it for the holiday and thought it could be a good photo op. Mayor Magovern was concerned about other people decorating their vehicles and parking them on public property or at one of the parks. Council member Nicolay stated she likes it and thinks it would be interesting. Mr. Cannon stated Mayor Magovern is correct that if this were allowed other businesses might want to do it as well. He was concerned that this may have to be bid out to allow other businesses the option. He felt there needs to be more discussion and research on this. Captain Cox of the Police Department stated they would oppose the vehicle being in the Plaza because of security concerns. Council member Walsifer felt this should be done through a special event application like the antique car shows. Mr. Brandl stated he was just looking to do something different but doesn't want to make it a big ordeal out of it.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council member Nicolay made a motion to approve the November 20, 2018 meeting minute, which was seconded by Council member Brennan and approved unanimously.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Council member McCracken: Attended the Menorah lighting last night, which was well attended.

Council member Walsifer: Harbor Commission discussed there are six or eight parking spots near the fuel pump they would like designated for boat owners. Mayor Magovern suggested looking into some shared parking in the trailer parking area between the boat owners and restaurant goers.

Council member Brennan: The Menorah lighting was lovely. Thanked Chris Brandl and DPW for their work. This past Saturday attended a program at the Library that was very well attended. The presentation was about climate change and it was very disturbing information on what’s going to happen in the future. He gave some highlights from the presentation.

Council member Nicolay: Belmar Arts Council has an Affordable Art exhibit going on right now. The Santa toy delivery will be on December 18th and 19th. Next Thursday is the Belmar School Holiday Concert.

Mayor Magovern: The Shade Tree Commission has qualified the Borough for the third year in a row to be a Tree City. The Christmas Tree Lighting is this Friday at 5:30 pm in Pyanoe Plaza.

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 Magovern made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Council member Nicolay 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 was concerned about the language in the special events resolution regarding the St. Rose polar bear plunge. He would like to see more details on how they are going to run it and how they will protect the bathers in the water. He was concerned that lifeguards wouldn’t be enough, that there needs to be experienced people in wet suits in the water and boats. Council member Brennan made a motion to remove that event from the resolution, which was seconded by Mayor Magovern and approved unanimously.

Council member Walsifer stated he would abstain from voting on payment #16856 on the bill list.

Council member Brennan made a motion to adopt the following resolutions:

**2018-160
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

PAYMENT OF BILLS: certification that the vouchers listed on the warrant register numbering 3413 thru 3498 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	\$222,995.21
11	Water/Sewer Account	\$6,547.66
21	Beach Utility Account	\$7,889.96
31	Public Assist I Account	\$700.00
55	Trust Fund Account	\$29,185.84
61	Tourism Development Account	\$4,985.48
Total:		\$272,305.35

**2018-161
RESOLUTION APPROVING ELECTION OF DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT 2019**

**2018-162
RESOLUTION PERMITTING SPECIAL EVENTS**

**2018-163
RESOLUTION APPROVING DRIVERS OF FIRE APPARATUS FOR HOOK & LADDER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 FOR 2018**

2018-164
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES FOR 2019

2018-165
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS

2018-166
RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR 2018

2018-167
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2018

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

AYES: Magovern, Walsifer, McCracken, Nicolay and Brennan

RESOLUTIONS:
Mayor Magovern offered, **2018-168, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION**, for adoption, which was seconded by Council member Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Walsifer, McCracken, Nicolay and Brennan

After the Executive Session:

Mayor Magovern offered, **2018-169, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH 10TH AVENUE FREEZE OUT**, which was seconded by Council member Walsifer and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Magovern, Walsifer, McCracken, Nicolay and Brennan

ORDINANCES: None

PUBLIC SESSION:
None

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

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